

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 15 November 2014

Ultra Violet (UV) Pens

You should find a free UV marker pen with this copy of the Chat, courtesy of the Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch team. If it is missing, please contact me and I will get one delivered to you.

These pens are to mark your valuables in case of loss or theft. The marking fades very quickly in visible light but remains highly visible to UV light. So, if some of your property is marked and is then lost and the police find it, they can scan with

Hunshelf Dig

We are carrying out our own 'Time Team' archaeological investigation. Wharncliffe Estates have given us permission to carry out a dig on the Tin Mill site (in Tin Mill wood, by the river). The Parish Council has obtained a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund which will enable us to contract ArcHeritage (an archaeological consultancy) to oversee the process for two weeks which started 6 October. All are welcome to participate and we will also be working on Saturday 11 October (10 am to 4 pm). There will be other tasks to get involved with, other than digging - washing/ cleaning of finds, helping with surveys, cataloguing, photographing of finds and exposed areas - so come along.

Further details from Barry Tylee 0114 2830056



an UV light and identify its ownership.

It might not be how the Neighbourhood Watch people look at matters but my personal feeling is that if something of mine was stolen, I would not necessarily want it back. What I do want is for any thief to be caught and deterred from stealing again (deportation to Australia, manacles or any other suitable punishment!). So, an identification of ownership of stolen goods will enable the police to make a case for court.

The most logical system is to mark goods with your post code and house number or first couple of letters of your house name. Regrettably, it washed off skin, so you cannot mark spouses, partners or children with any success.

We do have a few Neighbourhood Watch "Meerkat" stickers if anyone would like them. Please ask me for one.

David Horsfall

A Diamond Day

Growing up with three younger brothers it's likely to be no surprise that organisation often became my responsibility. Over the years I developed a system of remembering family birthdays and anniversaries etc, but my diary updates failed spectacularly in the run up to my parents' Golden wedding.

In my defence I was engrossed in making the quilt for Doris' surprise celebration, which took place the same weekend.

According to my diary their special celebration wasn't until the following year – oops.

Auntie Jean counted correctly and could've put my straight but had no reason to think I'd mess up.

This year's diamond wedding was my chance to regain some credibility.

I was less than a year old when Auntie Jean and Uncle Willis were married. I'm usually regularly reminded that I was a handful at their reception which was in the chapel at Ingebirchworth.

Mrs Jones, one of the chapel ladies, took me from my mum and wrapped me (straightjacket-style) in a shawl and tied me to her body like a papoose. She carried on pouring cups of tea and I was happy because I was where there was action.

Not sure what Elf and Safety would say these days. Auntie Jean lived at Willow Farm, Ingebirchworth. Uncle Willis was born in our Parish and except for a stay in hospital in his childhood has lived and farmed at Snowden Hill.

The postman has a special delivery on 10 June – a message from the Queen.

Kathryn Austin joined my to present a floral basket, with sparkles, on behalf of Hunshelf Parish Council. Congratulations and All Best Wishes.

Kathryn Battye



Diamond Anniversary celebrations for Jean and Willis Battye



Jean and Willis on their wedding day



Albert and Gwen Battye with baby Kathryn

(G)Astronomical

In our search for using less carbon fuels, we measured our gas consumption. Sorry if you are in the half of the parish that is not on mains gas.

It turns out that the pilot light on our gas boiler, running 24/7 uses about 3 Kilowatts of power every day. Over the year that is about 1,095 Kilowatts a year, and that is ignoring the quarter of a day over the 365! Gas costs us about £ 0.04 per Kilowatt, so our pilot light is using over £45.00 worth of gas a year. Just a thought

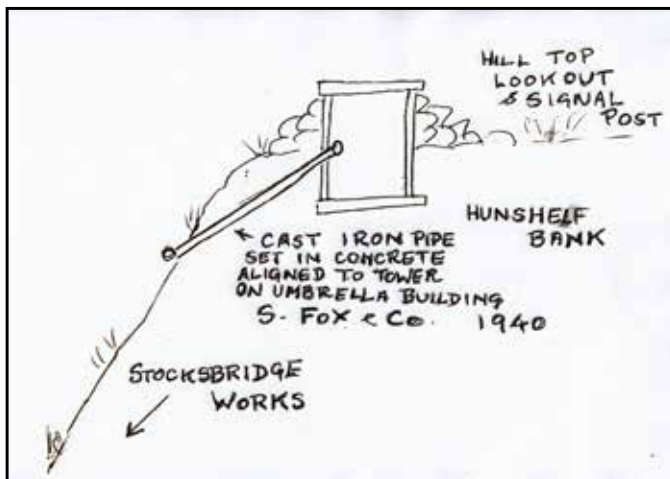
that if the gas boiler had been designed properly, we could have used all this power to heat the water, and 3 Kilowatts is enough to heat the water for a full day under normal circumstances

David and Wyllan Horsfall

When Hunshelf defended Britain (Part One)

An effective method of signalling by Morse Code was used by members of the Stocksbridge Works Home Guard and A.R.P. (Air Raid Precautions) in the early Nineteen Forties.

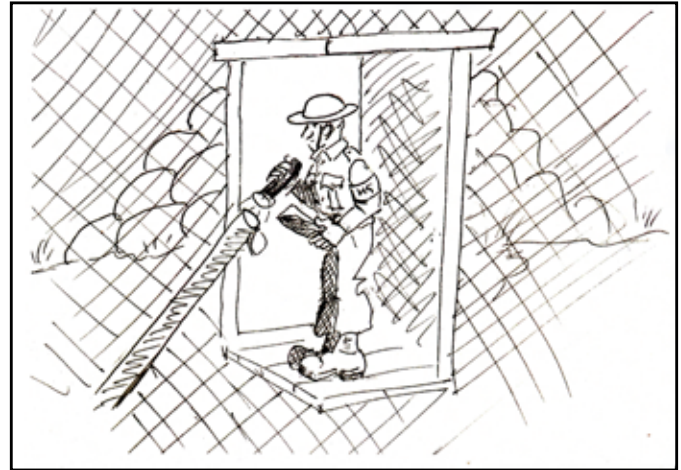
A trench was dug in the brow of the hill at the top of Hunshelf Bank between Windy Bank Hall and the trigonometrical point. Into this was placed a three and a half metre long cast iron pipe. It was aligned in position to point exactly at the tower on top of the umbrella buildings of Stocksbridge Works –Samuel Fox and Co. (This building, complete with tower and flagpole displaying Tata Steels standard, is still there (2014)). The tower was used as a meeting place and headquarters by the Home Guard and A.R.P. members.



I was told of the pipe used by the home guard by Mr Clement Smith who helped to install it on Hunshelf Bank. He did not mention anything about installing one on the tower to shine back towards the hill top. Knowing Mr Smith I am sure he would have told me if this was so.

He explained in great detail the difficulty of aligning the pipe to the tower. I don't think there was a pipe on the tower for returning messages. It was only necessary to keep this system of messages hidden from anyone in the valley and hillside to the south (Stocksbridge), thus the pipe. Looking the other way (north) towards the top of Hunshelf there would be little chance of anyone seeing it.

Once the pipe was in the correct position it was secured by concrete. Then the trench was filled in. I believe some sort of small hut or building was constructed to cover the top of the pipe. It was probably camouflaged and large enough for two or more people to send any signal required. Messages were sent using Morse Code by flashlight (hand-held torch). When in use it was only possible to see the light from the pipe at the tower, eliminating any evidence of use. It would also be possible to return messages from the Works tower to the top of Hunshelf Bank.



Although this was set up by the Home Guard it was mainly used by the A.R.P. for spotting aircraft and to give warning of an air raid. From the top of Hunshelf Bank it was also possible to signal to a lookout post at Waldershef Low. This was a small 7 metres square red brick building (still there now in 2014 but derelict) above Stocksbridge Golf Course very near to Bolsterstone. From this structure there was a direct telephone line to Deepcar Police Station.

This observation post would not have used a pipe, but it was possible to signal to Hunshelf without too many people seeing it. There is a window facing north towards Hunshelf. There was also an electricity supply. My father, who was an electrician, told me he was sent up there often to repair the electric kettle, or do some re-wiring jobs occasionally. This building was used by the A.R.P. most nights.

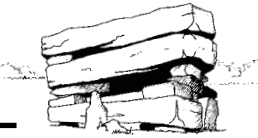
Robert Penistone

*This article appears because I meet Robert and Jenny on the bus to Barnsley on Saturday mornings. **D Horsfall***

The Signal System

If you have difficulty in envisaging how such a primitive system and such a puny light as a hand held torch could be effective over such long distances, you have to realise that in 1942 Britain was a very dark place indeed. No street lights, no shop displays, headlights on the few cars or lorries around were so shaded as to be almost absent (pedestrian deaths were at an all-time high!). House windows were swathed in thick black curtains (blackout material) and industrial premises' doors and windows were shielded to stop light leaking out. All of this to avoid giving enemy aircraft any guidance. A torch beam would have been clearly visible for miles.

Parish Matters



Kerbs

In the centre of Green Moor the main road runs alongside a high retaining wall. This wall also supports the old parish water supply under the pump house. With the increased traffic, both at present and in the future when the shopping development in Stocksbridge opens, it is a concern that vehicles pulling onto the grass verge will irreparably damage the wall. Should this wall fail, we would lose not only the pump house water source, but also the use of the road for an extended period, possibly permanently. It would cost such a huge amount to repair the wall and road, that the borough might well accept that it is beyond repair, and like some authorities in Derbyshire, just fence it off. This is undesirable to say the least!

So, with a lot of help from the Penistone Ward Alliance devolved budget, the parish council has ordered 200 metres of kerbs to be laid along the road edge from Rock Cottage towards the bus stop. The intention is to stop encroachment onto the verge. The work should commence shortly and be finished this year.

Broadband Speeds

Councillor Robert Barnard of BMBC told the last parish council meeting that "From the end of the year, the telephone cabinet at the junction of Soughley Lane and Finkle Street Lane will be upgraded to "Fibre to cabinet". This will increase the speed of internet connections to those houses served from this cabinet". As far as we can tell, this includes the whole of Green Moor village and houses to the north. It is anticipated that speeds might well double, but the major constraint remains as the length of the copper wire from the cabinet to homes. Those nearest the cabinet will get the best speeds. The cabinet is at the side of Cherry Tree Cottages, about 100 metres down Soughley Lane and hidden in the hedge.

Delf Paths

A working party is to undertake some more work on the paths in the Delf

following the last efforts. So, on Saturday 25th October at 10:00 anyone able to help is invited to meet at the telephone box in Green Moor together with any hand tools they may wish to use. Unless you have an appropriate certificate of training, our insurance company will not cover us to use anything other than hand tools, so, please do not bring power tools.

Bacon sandwiches will be available for workers! Tell us if you are coming so we can order your butties!

Audit

The parish council accounts passed the external audit for 2013/14 without comment. As our turnover was quite low that year, we were not charged for the external audit, however, our turnover in 2014/15 is already well over the limit (lots of grant money has arrived!) and we will be charged next year.

Message System

The Hunshelf Message System (part of the South Yorkshire Informer System and Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch Scheme) is up and running and by this time everyone registered should have received at least one message. If you have not received anything please contact me on 0114 288 3684

For the system to be of most use, we need members of the parish to tell us what is happening around. So, if you have something that should go out to the entire parish, or you see some anti-social activity, please contact one of the following in this order

- 1 David Horsfall 0114 288 3684
- 2 Kathryn Austin 0114 288 5888
- 3 Barry Tylee 0114 283 0056

Trees at Wortley Top Forge

At the last but one parish council, a resident asked if something could be done about the trees overhanging the bridge at the foot of Well Hill and obscuring visibility. Within a couple of days of asking, the Wortley Top Forge volunteers removed the tree altogether. Our thanks to them.

Christmas Tea

The annual Christmas Entertainment and Tea is to be held on Saturday 6th December in the Providence Room at 5:30 p.m. Anyone living in the parish when they turned 63 should be invited to this event. If you have recently turned 63, or have been missed out in previous years, please contact me to be put on the list.

Christmas Event at the Forge

The Wortley Top Forge is opening for an event on Sunday 7th December. More details to follow later, but we hear that it will run from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or until it gets too dark to see!

Standing Orders

With all the recent legislation, it has become necessary to revamp all the parish council standing orders. The Clerk has been asked to present to the annual meeting of the parish in May of 2015 a complete set of standing orders to include all aspects of the work undertaken by the parish councillors.

Parish Council Elections 2015

The four year cycle of parish council elections will come round again in 2015. Any person living in the parish or within a stipulated distance of the parish boundary may stand for election. Anyone interested should speak to one of the present parish councillors.

Caravan Site

The parish council has just learned that permission has been granted for a small caravan site at Windy Bank. We are assured by the Caravan Club, the body responsible for granting permissions of this sort, that there should be little if any impact on the parish.

Remembrance Service

This will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday November 9th in the Green Moor Church. After a short service the congregation will proceed to the Ivy Millennium Green for the Remembrance Service itself. After the service, everyone is invited back to the Green Moor Church for refreshments.

David Horsfall, Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council

Nature Table

Hummingbird in Green Moor?

Well it's true, but not of the Avian (bird) kind!

Over the last two years, to my knowledge, we have been visited by Hummingbird Hawk Moths during July/August, coinciding with relatively good weather and the peak in flowering plants such as the favoured Red Valerian.

We had at least one Moth in 2013 which visited Delph Mews on a number of days and which I managed to photograph due to its habitual visit to Red Valerian in our neighbours garden. This year I have just had one record of a smallish individual visiting flowering Thyme on our rear garden.

If you have been to North Africa or Southern Europe you may have seen these moths as they are fairly common but in more recent years, and partially due to less harsh winters, they have been more frequently recorded in the UK. Classed as migrants, their status is described as "stable" and they can be more commonly found in Southern/Eastern England, South Wales and the Midlands.

With a two inch wingspan the Humming-bird Hawk-moth feeds during the day on the nectar of flowering plants whilst hovering with extremely fast wingbeats, hence the similarity with the avian Hummingbird. I managed to get a few decent shots of the moth in Menorca and you can see the identifying features clearly. They have orange-brown hind-



wings, evident in flight, with forewings that are greyish-brown and a black and white chequered body.

If you see the Moths then please report them to the following survey web-

site as the data is used in order to monitor the distribution within the UK.

<http://butterfly-conservation.org/612/migrant-watch.html>

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Grass on You!

A resident of Green Moor was seen and recognised as she tipped grass cuttings over the wall onto Trunce Farm land.

PLEASE, PLEASE do not put garden rubbish into fields; it can be **LETHAL** for animals.

Green Moor Baby and Toddler Group

This is held each Thursday Morning, 9.30 to 11.30am. We do not close in the school holidays but will be closed on October 30th for Voting Day, December 18th and 25th and January 1st 2015.

We charge £2 for the carer and one child. £1 extra for each additional child but babies are FREE. Coffee, tea and biscuits are available free of charge and a substantial

snack for the children served free of charge also.

Your help is needed

We have just lost three of our helpers owing to medical conditions and if there is anyone who would like to offer to help, we would be delighted and very grateful. Please contact Brenda 0114 2882346. The Police Certificate we get for our helpers will be dealt with by us and your help would only be called upon approximately once a month.



Stocksbridge Walkers are Welcome

Stocksbridge Quilt Square to become part of national display

Thanks to Christine Rowett, for completing a quilt square to represent Stocksbridge. This will become one part of a much larger tapestry which will be unveiled at the forthcoming 2014 National Walkers are Welcome gathering. This will be hosted by Chepstow Walkers are Welcome and takes place in mid-October.

The square is designed to reflect our local area. The main industry steel: the first steel maker in the valley was Samuel Fox who created the first umbrella frame. Our local landmark is the Clock Tower and other aspects display the beautiful scenery of valleys, hills and water in the area. Photographs and images were printed onto cotton. These were then laid out and sewn onto the quilt before quilting.

The aims of the group are to encourage recreational walking in the Stocksbridge area and to help boost the local economy. For more details contact Gill Wolff on 01142830713 or email: gillwolff@yahoo.co.uk. The group can also be found on Facebook (search using Stocksbridge Walkers). Detailed instructions for an increasing number of walks are available on our website: www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk



HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY DORIS!

The parish would like to wish Doris Stubbs a very happy 80th Birthday for the 21st October 2014

Le Tour de Stocksbridge

In anticipation of 'Le Tour,' 6000 printed copies of 'Le Tour de Stocksbridge,' were distributed in July. This cycle ride is a challenging 25 mile (40 km) ride which circles the town of Stocksbridge, passing through Green Moor. It can be started at any point. A small number of printed copies are still available.

Copies can also be downloaded from the Stocksbridge Community Forum website: www.stocksbridgecommunity.org/news/le-tour-de-stocksbridge-cycling-leaflet

You can see the Hunshelf Chat on on Stocksbridge Community Forum website: www.stocksbridgecommunity.org/news

Your Church - Plus

In addition to the church events mentioned on What's On at the back of this newsletter, the following groups meet in the Providence Room attached to the church.

- Every Wednesday from 6 30 to 8 30pm **Craft, Chat and Jigsaw Puzzling.** This is an informal group. Contact Doris Stubbs on 07960 306 539 for further information or just turn up.
- On Thursday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30am a **Mother and Toddler Group.** Contact Brenda Mangham on 0114 2882346 for further information.
- On Thursday a **Pilates Group** meets from 6 30 to 7 45pm. For more details contact Nina Jolley on 07796851066
- The Hub Pentecostal Church in Stocksbridge runs a **Food Bank.** We have a collecting bin in Church or food can be left at the Hub Cafe on Manchester Road.
- Churches Together in Stocksbridge and District distribute a small Christmas gift to all aged 80. If you are eligible and have not received a gift before please contact Doris Stubbs on 07960 306 539 before November 12th.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Our sincere thanks goes to everybody who helped in any way to make this Coffee Morning, held on Friday 26 September in the Providence Room in Green Moor, such a huge success. Our thanks go especially to Donna Rhodes-Smith who came up with the idea, but also to the many bakers, helpers and those who attended to purchase. We cannot thank you all enough and we raised £600 for the MacMillan Nurses. We so appreciated your wonderful help.



Green Moor Sports Club

The cricket season has now come to an end and I am delighted to say that our first team are the premier league champions. After losing the first two games of the season they carried on without losing another league game. Six games were lost to the weather. Going in to September with three games left to play we were looking to get maximum points (20) from each game to keep us in with a chance of winning the title. The first one was rained off - along with all the others - the second one we got 20 points at Holmbridge which set us up with a winning chance if we could

gain maximum points in our final game at home - and we did! The weather wasn't good - going off for rain at one period - but everyone was determined to finish as news filtered through that Heckmondwike - the other title contenders - were losing wickets and were not able to gain maximum points. Green Moor finished with 225 -6wks bowling Upper Hopton out for 89 giving them the league title. A league official came after the game to present us with the trophy which we have never won before. There was no man of the match, it was a complete team effort. What a

lovely way to finish the season. This team were also losing cup finalists. Making it more satisfying for the club was the fact that out of a squad of approx 15 players there were only three who had not come through our junior section. The second team finished mid table in section B - an improvement on last season.

To move on we need to improve our ground ie. take out the stepped wickets and some of the slope. This is a big project for us to undertake but for the club to move forward and retain our quality players it needs to be done. We are looking to have plans and funding in place to do the work at the end of next season.

We held our junior presentation on the afternoon of Sunday 7th September in the cricket field. This proved to be a success as it was a beautiful day and youngsters were able to enjoy games of cricket before the presentation and faith supper.

We now have an abundance of young juniors so plan on entering an U'9 team in the Huddersfield junior league along with U'11's, 13's, 15's and 17's next season.

End of season work on the wicket areas - scarifying, re-seeding etc has now been completed in preparation for the start of next season.

Our annual dinner and presentation evening will take place at Cubley Hall on Saturday 22nd November, 7.30pm.



Circus and plastic bags at The Civic

Our Family Sundays are back. Often no more than an hour long and scheduled to run in the afternoon, they're the perfect way to introduce children to theatre, inspire their creative imagination and provide a few hours of priceless family together time. Following sell out performances at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Circus Evolution brings its hit show L'après-midi d'un Foehn (or 'Dancing Plastic Bags' as we're calling it!)

to Barnsley. Watch in wonder as ordinary plastic bags are magically brought to life by a mysterious ballet master. Moving on currents of air, see them transform into beautiful dancers, capable of astonishing performances, joyously swirling and twirling to the beautiful music of Debussy.

'Dancing Plastic Bags' is at The Civic on Sunday 19 October at 1pm and 3pm, and Monday 20 October at 10.30am and 1.30pm. Recommended for ages 5+, with the running time of 25 minutes. There will also be an exciting magic show in the foyer of The Civic, before and after each performance.

<http://bit.ly/DancingBags>





Penistone Paramount

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

CINEMA

Pride

4 to 9 October and 11-16 October,
 7.30pm, 15 October, 2pm

What We Did On Our Holiday

17 to 23 October and 29 October, various
 times

The Boxtrolls

24, 27, 28, 29, 30 October, various times

Gone Girl

24 to 28 October, 7.30pm and
 30 October, 2pm

Ghostbusters

31 October to 2 November, 2pm

ORGAN EVENTS

A Compton Christmas Cracker

13 December, 2.30pm

Nigel Ogden

8 November, 2.30pm

Robert Wolfe

11 November, 2.30pm

LIVE EVENTS

Rolling Back the Years

19 October, 2.30 and 7.30pm

**A Hard Day's Night with the Magic of
 the Beatles - Golden Anniversary Tour**

17 October, 7.30pm

Hairspray

19 to 22 November, various times
 Razzmatazz Community Youth Musical
 Theatre Company

Forty Years of Abba

performed by GimmeABBA
 6 December, 7.30pm

Last Laugh Comedy Club

12 December, 8pm

Grand Christmas Concert

13 December 7.15pm

The Venue

For details contact 0114 283 8692

www.thevenuestocksbridge.co.uk

Car Boot Sale

11 October from 9.30am
 8 and 22 November and from 9.30am
 Stalls £10 (must be booked and paid for
 in advance)

For information and community classes,
 workshops and events, call
 0114 2838692 or email us on [deborah.
 frith@thevenuestocksbridge.co.uk](mailto:deborah.frith@thevenuestocksbridge.co.uk)

Wortley Hall

For details contact 0114 288 2100

www.wortleyhall.org.uk

Wedding Fair

19 October, 11am until 4pm
 Free admission and free parking!

Traditional Christmas Market

Sunday 30 November 2014 10am – 4pm.
 Free Admission

Christmas Choir and Carvery

9 December from 6pm
 £13.75 per person £8.95 per child under
 12. £5 per person deposit

Senior Citizen Lunch

10 December from 12 noon
 12.30pm lunch £12.95 per person
 £5 per person deposit

Santa Carvery

14 and 21st December from 12 noon
 £13.75 per adult £8.95 per child. £5 per
 person deposit

Christmas House Tour

15 December 7.30pm arrival for an
 8pm tour. £5.95 per guest. Full payment
 required at the time of booking

Brass Band and Carvery

18 December from 5.30pm
 £13.75 per person £8.95 per child under
 12.

Masquerade Night

Friday 19 December 7.30pm
 Dinner and swing band £29.95 per person.
 £5.00 per person deposit

New Years Eve Dinner and Dance

31 December at 7pm

Penistone Community Centre

Antique and Collectors Fair

Sunday 26 October, 10am - 3pm.
 Admission 50p. Homemade refreshments
 by Green Moor Cricket Club. Proceeds for
 the Club.

Miscellaneous

Holmfirth Farmer's Market

Third Saturday of every month.

Penistone Farmers Market

Penistone Market, second 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, every Sunday 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.

19 October - 10am **Harvest and Flower
 Service**. This is a family Service suitable
 for all ages.

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

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

7 December, 10am, **Children's Nativity**
 and at 2pm a **Community Carol Service**
 in St Matthias Church Stocksbridge.

14 December at 11am there will be a
 Service and at 3.30pm a **Christingle**.

22 December at 6pm is our **Local Carols
 Service**

Check the event websites for further information