



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.derrick288@gmail.com (please note the new email address)

Deadline for stories for the next Hunshelf Chat is 15 August 2016

Yorkshire in Bloom Social Events

A huge THANK YOU to all those who came along to the first and second community social events. The first event, Call My Bluff was a fantastic fun evening. The winners being the editor of this magazine, Claire and our very own Doris Stubbs. The second event, was a Quiz Night with a fish and chip supper - worth the wait when it came. The winner of this event was Peter Allot, second prize Kathryn Austin and third prize went to David Rose.



These events have raised money for some of the equipment and materials we will be needing.

The YIBs third event will be a family event on 3rd September: 'The War Years' - you'll need to find your war years clothing, accessories and cookery books - food for the night to be cooked by you BUT only using your "weekly rations"!!! Come along for a rousing sing-a-long! This time we're holding the event at the Boys Brigade Centre opposite the Providence Room on Chapel Lane.

Please keep coming to these social evenings - 50 years ago Green Moor won the 'Best kept Village in South Yorkshire' - no longer in existence. **In 2017 we want to have a bash at 'Yorkshire in Bloom' starting with a path cleaning morning on Saturday 4th June, 10 am to 12 noon. Meet at Castle View, Green Moor Road** with your best 'getting rid of moss' equipment. If nothing else we can have a chat and a cuppa and decide how we might progress the plans to win this award!!

Best regards, Kate Goddard

Watch out for the notice going up in the parish notice box in the church grounds, and see the attached flier for details.

Hunshelf Parish Council

Members:

Mrs K Austin
Miss K Battye (Chair)
J Kerr
R Popplewell
B Tylee

Contact via the Clerk on 0114 288 3684 or david@oberwald.fsnet.co.uk

Nature Table



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Memories of Red Squirrels

I'm sure that many parishioners have seen Red Squirrels although I expect that these days they will be when visiting Scotland. I can recall seeing my very last Red Squirrel around Agden Reservoir near Bradfield over 40 years ago and I was 13 or 14 years old at the time.

Sadly the population declined many years ago from most parts of England and the remaining strongholds are currently in north England, south and central Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The decline has been linked mainly to loss of habitat and disease and the Squirrelpox virus, carried by Grey squirrels, is usually fatal to Reds. Deforestation in the UK was a significant factor in the historic reduction of the Reds before the introduction of the North American Greys in the late 1800s early 1900s. A survey undertaken in 1991 estimated that 30,000 Reds remained in England, 10,000 in Wales and 121,000 in Scotland. In 1999 a survey in Northern Ireland estimated a population of circa 10,000.

The forestry commission confirm A few small pockets of Reds remain in the south of England, on the islands in Poole Harbour and the Isle of Wight but the biggest population is in the far North. The Welsh population is mostly confined to discreet woodland patches, predominantly in large coniferous forest blocks such as Clocaenog forest and on the Isle of Anglesey. Scotland is a stronghold for the red squirrel with a habitat that favours them over the grey squirrel such as the native Caledonian pine forests and the large sitka spruce-dominated conifer plantations.

Red Squirrels still occur over a wide range of territory in Northern Europe, Siberia and Southern Europe and it is thought that thousands of years ago they migrated across to the UK and populated our region following the ice-age.

Recently as my wife and I have been visiting Dumfries & Galloway on a regular basis we have encountered a few Red Squirrels as far West as the North Rhins near Stranraer but one of the main populations can be found in the Galloway Forest Park where I took the attached photographs. If you are heading in that direction and wish to see Red Squirrels then contact me at pete.garrity@btinternet.com

Yorkshire in Bloom Clean-up

Saturday 4th June at 10am - 12pm
Meet at Castlevew on Green Moor Road

The YIB team will start with a clean up part of Green Moor. Any volunteers wanting to take part please contact Kate on 07873702365 or Claire on 07753523909.

Beetle Drive

Friday 10 June at 7pm in the Providence Room
Green Moor Church

Proceeds to support villager Sara Kerr in doing humanitarian work in Ecuador. This is a family event suitable for all ages.

Tickets £4 for adults and £2 for children - available from
Doris Stubbs on 07960306539 or Sara on 0114 2887903

Talk on Local Geology and Birdlife

17 October
at the Providence Room
Green Moor

Pie and peas

Cost £5

Contact Barry Tylee on
0114 2830056
for tickets



Big Garden Bird Watch Results 2016

The results of the survey are finally in and the RSPB have worked through the huge amount of data and produced the statistics for the whole of the UK. Over 7 Million birds were counted in England alone over the weekend of the survey in January.

It is thought that the mild weather during the winter allowed more small birds to survive and be counted which changed some of the rankings and allowed the pretty Long-tailed Tit to enter the top 10 list. Although populations have declined, the House Sparrow still remains the top bird in the survey with around four birds per garden recorded on average. Whilst numbers of Blackbird have declined, the RSPB still confirmed that the Blackbird was the most widespread bird appearing in 88% of gardens surveyed. In

Scotland the Chaffinch featured strongly coming in second place whereas in Northern Ireland the Starling achieved top spot. The tables below show the top ten birds in the overall survey for the UK, the top five for each country and then the final table below shows the top ten for South Yorkshire.

The results for our region agree with the top six birds for the UK, albeit the Blackbird and Blue Tit rankings are reversed, but interestingly both Collared Dove and Magpie appear in our list but not on the national list. There are other regional variations and if you wish to look at the detailed data then please visit the RSPB website to access a downloadable spreadsheet. Alternatively email me at pete.garrity@btinternet.com and I will send you a copy.



Rank	Overall Survey	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
1	House Sparrow	House Sparrow	House Sparrow	House Sparrow	Starling
2	Starling	Blue Tit	Chaffinch	Blue Tit	House Sparrow
3	Blue Tit	Starling	Starling	Starling	Chaffinch
4	Blackbird	Blackbird	Blackbird	Chaffinch	Blue Tit
5	Woodpigeon	Woodpigeon	Blue Tit	Blackbird	Blackbird
6	Goldfinch				
7	Chaffinch				
8	Great Tit				
9	Robin				
10	Long-tailed Tit				

County	Species	Mean Count	Rank	% of gardens
South Yorkshire	House Sparrow	4.13	1	63.5
South Yorkshire	Starling	2.96	2	35.8
South Yorkshire	Blackbird	2.87	3	91.3
South Yorkshire	Blue Tit	2.25	4	72.3
South Yorkshire	Woodpigeon	2.18	5	77.5
South Yorkshire	Goldfinch	1.74	6	30.3
South Yorkshire	Magpie	1.37	7	61.4
South Yorkshire	Robin	1.31	8	80.3
South Yorkshire	Great Tit	1.22	9	50.1
South Yorkshire	Collared Dove	1.20	10	46.0

Dialect Poem by Freda Watts

Gardens an' Dogs

To enter for't Best Kept Garden,
Wi' a garden like mine needs some cheek,
But I've trails an' tribulations,
An't'rubbish is nivver to seek.

For one thing we live on a farm,
An' we keep a two o' three hens,
Folk like to come for free range eggs,
But I wish they wor shup up i' pens.

An' then another mistake we've made,
We got us sens a young pup.
It does not matter what yer plant,
Young begger sooin has it dup up.

A Greated bone Janet bought it,
An' in two minutes flat it wor gone.
Arnold says that's what these 'oils are abaht,
It's lookin' for that thunderin' bone.

He says if it wor a reight bone,
They can smeill 'em they know where they are,
But o' course this bone has no smell at all,
So that's why we've 'oils near an' far.

So we's ha' to put up wi' this nuisancece,
'Cus it wain't allus be silly an' small,
They say a young pup 'at neer does ownt wrong,
Whenit's older neer doe owt at all.

Another Local Walk



This area offers many opportunities for walks which include both extensive views and sites of historic interest. Lots of possibilities are provided by Stocksbridge Walkers are Welcome. One of their circular walks (8 miles) includes Worsborough Mill and Wentworth Castle - you will pass close to a number of interesting and historical sites: Wentworth Castle and Gardens, the Duke of Argyle's Monument, the Rotunda,

Queen Anne Monument, Rockley Engine House and Forge, Rockley Old Hall, Worsbrough Mill and Wigfield Farm. It's worth remembering that Wentworth Park has both Red and Fallow Deer. The deer give birth in June/July. The rut starts in October and stags can become protective of their herds at both these times.

Detailed instructions, including historical details are available at: www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk then local walks/medium walk 20

Dave Pickersgill




FOX VALLEY
SHEFFIELD

Stocksbridge's Fox Valley Retail and commercial development
Opening 16 June 2016

Visit www.foxvalleysheffield.co.uk



JW Garden Services

Please call for a quote on mowing your lawn, cutting a hedge, tree cutting and general weeding. Also:

Logs for sale

£50 for ton bag full
Delivery available

Call 07803536807 or 01142886537



Ecuador trip update

Less than seven weeks before I go! I've still got a bit more time for fundraising, so on 10 June there's a Beetle Drive at the Providence Room (see details in the advert on page 2). I've got most of my kit, just need a few more things but still got a way to go before the cost of the trip is covered. If you want to support me please come along to the Beetle Drive. All sponsorship is really welcome. Thanks to everyone who has supported me so far.

Sara Kerr

Hunshelf Parish Council Chairman's Report: John Kerr 2015-16

Making the many things that happen, actually happen - in the parish of Hunshelf takes team work and lots of it. This year is no exception to any other year. The dedication of my fellow councillors and clerk; the efforts of the many sub groups; individuals who works behind the scenes - have all made lots happen.

The local telephone box, our intimate Library received a complete overhaul. New window panels and a vivid coat of paint with some added interior decoration gave our important cultural centre a well deserved face lift. Even the adjacent post box seemed to bathe in its bright red glow.

As a form of subtle traffic calming and verge protection new kerbs were laid from Rock Cottage to the bus shelter. Volunteers then cleaned up the rough grass and planted wild flower seeds which gave a spectacular first show. Let's hope we can find the funding to complete the scheme along the entire length of the road to the village marker stone. This will be dependent on the will of the Gods ...or Barnsley Highways Department as we call them.

The general day to day running of the parish continues seamlessly. As ever we have a watchful eye on all planning,

making sure that no unscrupulous activities or potential eyesores take place to spoil the natural beauty of our environment. The Children's Playground requires frequent attention to keep it safe and secure. Our news letter the "Chat" now in full colour keeps everyone informed with the local stories and events and a new website for the village will take us into the digital age for those who prefer their information via the computer.

The usual Christmas entertainment and Tea changed this year. Thanks to the efforts of a new subcommittee charged with the task of updating the event to include not only the more senior of our citizens but as a gathering with something for everyone. The children were delighted with games and comedy acts as well as a party with the relevant party food. Everyone was captivated with singing from Kathryn Mountain and sang along with the festive choir of the Sheffield Decibelles. Coffee and mince pies accompanied by traditional carols ended the evening.

Work on the Delf has seen the felling of several trees and the clearance of vegetation to allow light and access to a new RIGS Site on the old quarry wall that replaces the site that was lost when the new houses in Stoneway Mews were built.

The start of a new project to show

the history of the Green Moor Stone has recently begun. This will, we hope, culminate in a plaque or marker being laid at the position of the Green Moor Wharf in Southwark, London where much of our local stone was sent.

Another project recently off the starting blocks is The Yorkshire in Bloom entry. Seen as an attempt to recreate our winning of The Best Kept Village in 1967 it has drawn together a small subcommittee whose intention is to raise funds to achieve this goal. The first event named "Call My Bluff" was a well attended evening based on the popular television show and is to be followed up with a Quiz Night. We are due to enter the Yorkshire in Bloom competition in 2017.

This year, in honour of The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations the beacon on the Isle of Skye was once more lit serving the dual purpose of underlining the recent and well deserved MBE that was awarded to our Clerk – David Horsfall.

This is just scraping the surface of the activities concluded and those in the pipe line. I wish all the best to my successor Kathryn Battye and I thank all that have helped me in my term as Chair.

**Thank you
John Kerr**

Parish Matters

Delf Woodland

I know it looks as if vandals have been operating in the Delf, but this is not so. The parish council has been advised on more than one occasion to do something about the massive Goat Willows on the edge of the footpath. One was clearly beyond its sell by date and needed urgent felling to make it safe. It had already shed a couple of major limbs with the obvious danger to users of the Delf if any more came off. The second tree was shading the heather and needed removing. BMBC Rangers did the technical work while the volunteers John Kerr, Barry Tylee, Gordon Hodgson, Graeme Johnson and David Horsfall cleared away the brushings etc. The third tree in the line was felled some years ago and is now re-growing nicely as a coppiced tree. We may leave that to grow and coppice it again in the future, say three years from now.

At the same time, the area round the new RIGS site was cleared to allow the site to be visible to passers-by. In due course of time it is intended to have a viewing space and an explanatory sign.

At the time of writing, most of the branches and stems have been removed, but still some need dealing with. The combination of bad weather, lack of time and physical limitations has made it impossible to finish the job yet. It will be done and then Barry Tylee has agreed to treat the stumps to prevent re-growth.

Some timber has been left at the side of the path for members of the parish to help themselves. Please do not use a power saw on parish council land. Insurance requirements state that only certificated persons may use such tools. Beware: it is a long way from the site to a place where a vehicle can be accessed.

Delf Field

After a car got bogged down on the Delf Field, we took a long and careful look at the surface. It is boggy in places, has reeds starting to grow after all the wet weather and is rough and lumpy. Altogether not suitable for running about on.

BMBC Parks Officer Mr P Castell came and advised us that we needed to drain the area, rotovate and re-seed. The cost of

one scheme (mole drains) would be £1,500 or so, the cost of the preferred scheme, (French Drains and rubble infill) would cost approx. £ 4,500.

Neither cost is one that the parish council can bear alone. The Penistone Ward Alliance officer suggested that we could find funds for the work, if we could identify a need that fits in with the ethics and aims of one of the funders. In effect this means finding a use for the field that is compatible with some sporting association. The parish council would welcome any suggestions as to what we should use the field for besides general recreation. In the meantime, the grass will be cut only occasionally.

In general terms funds are easily obtainable if you can match your wishes to the aims of the funders. So ideas please.

Queen's 90th Birthday Beacon

Hunshel joined the chain of beacons and lit up on the Isle of Skye. About 60 parishioners and visitors attended both the lighting and the coffee and biscuits in the Sports Club pavilion afterwards. It seemed a very successful community event. Our thanks go to Greg Godley for his work in supplying the combustible materials and loading them into the beacon from his front loader. Also a thank you to the Sports Club for opening up the pavilion and serving coffee, bacon sandwiches and drinks.

I shall remember for a long time, the sight of Richard Popplewell with his shovel running around late into the evening beating out the heather fires as the embers fell out of the beacon, while John Kerr, keeping him company in the darkness, took photographs

Playground

Mindful of the lady who became wedged in a baby swing in a playground in the south of England, we have requested Barry Tylee not to personally test out all the equipment in the Playground. Barry does a full inspection of the equipment every month and this is reported in the minutes of the parish council.

Barry reported a section of the rubberised surface becoming loose, so

we sent for a specialist firm to deal with it. The man from the firm remarked that the playground was in excellent condition for a 4 or 5 year old set of equipment. He was astonished to hear that it is at least 10 years old.

So the surface has become loose in parts and could be replaced at a cost of £600 plus VAT. Penistone Ward Alliance agreed to a grant for this amount, and in addition organised with BMBC Parks Officer Ms Jo Birch for BMBC to oversee the work and pay for it without the funds going through our books. This might or might not be important if we get a lot of grants as the audit fees rise very sharply if we get over the threshold amount. The work has now been completed.

Verges

Fresh wild flower seeds have been bought for the verges on Well Hill. It has been suggested that we sow some of the seeds on Pickford's Gap (The small area of land at the entrance to the Playground. It was originally the entrance to Mr Pickford's Farm, now Rock House Farm). Any comments please to the Clerk

Web Site

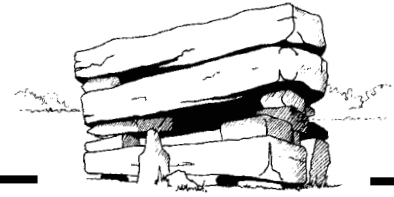
Hunshel Parish Council Web Site It is now on line at last. It remains very much a WIP, or Work in Progress and does contain some errors, but it is there. The address is hunshelparishcouncil.org.uk. It is anticipated that over time it will become a community web site with items added by members of the parish. Please bear with us for a while, the learning curve is steep and time is precious. It really is a case of "watch this space".

Delf Path

One particularly muddy section of the path in the middle of the Delf has been dug out and cleared by a volunteer. The rest of the paths are on a list for a work day sometime in the summer

Heather

Back to the Delf again! The BMBC officer that organised a work day in the Delf to clear the trees has stated that she will organise a second working party in late



June to cut back the heather in the middle and to scarify and re-seed the ground. Volunteers will be required, but as yet we have no further details.

Yorkshire in Bloom (YIB)

Kate Goddard and Claire Derrick organised a very successful "Call my Bluff" evening in the Providence Room to kindle interest in our entry to the YIB competition next year. Our thanks go to them and the three "bluffers" who puzzled us all.

On 4th June the YIB team is to clean up part of Green Moor. Kate will be approaching volunteers. Stiff brooms have been purchased!

Southwark Council

The "Silt to Southwark" project got off to a flying start. Barry Tylee wrote to Southwark Council in London asking if Southwark would cooperate with

Hunshelf Parish Council to recognise the importance of Green Moor stone passing through Southwark on its way all over the world. We have received back a most enthusiastic response suggesting an inscribed Green Moor stone flag be laid in an appropriate place in Southwark. Much to follow on this project as we are waiting for a response on how to deal with Hill Top Lane in preserving the Wagon Way setts at the same time as recognising that this lane is a thoroughfare for people living in New Houses.

The Red Telephone Box

The final stage in the restoration of the red telephone box has arrived. The bits of glass and steel and plastic that we removed from the box before fitting new ones have been sold to a man from Devon who has a red telephone box in his garden which requires some spare parts. Thanks

to Wyllan Horsfall, the parish council is now better off by £50 from items we might have been tempted to send for re-cycling.

High Speed Broadband

I have a "planned date" for high speed broadband coming to my telephone. By the end of March 2017 we should be connected properly. I only wish I could be sure that the rest of the parish will benefit at the same time, but we seem to be on a different line to everyone else

Chairman

Last but certainly not least, the new Chairman of the parish council is Kathryn Battye and Richard Poplewell is Vice Chairman

D B Horsfall MBE

Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council

Hunshelf Parish Council Financial Year 2015/16

It is always a great relief when the books balance at the end of the year. Again this year I am happy to report that we balanced and I presented to the parish council meeting in April the accounts and the reconciliation account, a copy of which is attached here. The full list of payments and income received can be found on our new web site hunshelfparishcouncil.org.uk, but, this is the most important document. It shows how much we started with and how much we have left at the end of the year. Again this year we have received a number of grants to allow us to fulfil the needs and aspirations of the parish. Should you have any questions about these accounts, there is a formal time for all parishioners to look at the books (in September), but the Clerk is always willing to explain any item that you might wish to question at any time.

D B Horsfall MBE, Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council

Hunshelf Parish Council Bank Reconciliation Account 31 March 2016

Opening Balances	
Current Account	£ 24,584.99
14 Day Account	£ 157.23
Less Cheques not then presented	-£ 11,921.00
Plus Income 2015/16 From Accounts	£ 9,966.73
Less Expenditure 2015/2016	-£ 17,373.23
Funds as at 1 April 2016	£ 5,414.72
Balances from Bank Statements	
End month Balances, 1 April 2016	£ 5,273.87
	£ 157.35
Less unpresented cheques	-£ 16.50
Funds as at 1 April 2016	£ 5,414.72

These are the statements of our accounts for the year 2015/2016. Should you wish to see our full accounts, please contact me.

D B Horsfall MBE, Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council

Uncashed cheques as at 31 March 2016

K Goddard	£ 6.50
W Horsfall	£ 10.00
Total	£ 16.50

Funds in hand at the end of the year are made up as follows

Carol Singers	£ 1,500.00
Christmas Entertainment	£ 181.00
Web Site grant	£ 100.00
Ward Alliance Grant	£ 290.50
General Reserves	£ 3,343.22
Total	£ 5,414.72

What's on

Green Moor Church

Normally **Sunday School** meets every Sunday at 9.45am except on the third Sunday of the month when we have a **Family Service** at 10am. **Ordinary Services** are at 11am and all are welcome.

Baby and Toddler Group meet in the Providence Room every Thursday from 9.30 to 11.30 am. Contact Brenda Mangham 01142882346

The Pilates group meets on Thursdays at 6.30pm. Contact Nina Jolley 07796851066

Beetle Drive, Friday 10 June 7pm. Adult £4, children £2. Free drinks and biscuits. Doris Stubbs 07960306539

Local Geology and Birdlife

Friday 17 October. Includes pie and peas. Cost £5, Barry Tylee (0114 2830056) for tickets.

Penistone Paramount

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

CINEMA

Zootropolis 3-5 June

Golden Years 3-9 June

Angry Birds 10 and 12 June

Captain America: Civil War 12-16 June

Alice Through the Looking Glass 17-23 June

BFG 22 July - 4 August

LIVE

The Rat Pack Vegas Spectacular Show, 18 June

The West Yorkshire Savoyards present

The Mikado 3 September

The Last Laugh Comedy Club

3 September

ORGAN EVENTS

Rule Britannia - The All Star Brass

Ensemble and Kevin Grunill

17 September

The Venue

For more information or to book please call 0114 2838692 or email us/facebook

The Venue Stocksbridge

Family Zumba 8 June, 4pm

Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir with the Mastersingers 11 June, 7.15pm

Venue Folk Club presents Scuppered 18 June, 8.15pm

Indoor Car Boot 25 June, 9am

Venue Folk Club present Cacklebread 16 July, 8.15pm

Wortley Hall

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

Live Theatre in The Gardens - Peter Pan 17 June

1940s and 1950s Vintage Dinner Dance 2 July, 7.30pm

Vintage Vehicle and Classic Car Rally 3 July, 12-4pm

Summer Wine Tasting Dinner 8 July

South Yorkshire Festival 14 August 12-5pm

Stocksbridge Leisure Centre

For details contact 0114 2883792 or visit www.stocksbridgecl.co.uk

A wide range of leisure activities including badminton, squash, racketball, indoor bowls, martial arts, gymnastics, trampolining, indoor football, basket/net ball and more. Open 7am-9pm weekdays, 8am-5pm Saturday and 8am - noon Sunday.

Swimming

The leisure centre has a large and small pool. Go online or contact the centre for pool timetables (including sub aqua and zorbing) and membership schemes.

Civic

Want to know what's going on? Go to www.barnsleycivic.co.uk or check out the facebook site @barnsleycivic
Toby Foster's Last Laugh Comedy Club, 30 April, 8pm.

Barnsley Civic

Gallery, Theatre, Comedy, Music, Dance, Family, Cinema, Workshops and Events.

Miscellaneous

Holmfirth Farmers' Market

Third Saturday of every month.

Penistone Farmers' Market

Penistone Market, second Saturday of every month.

Thurgoland Village Fun Day

10 July Sunday

Wentworth Castle Specialist Plant Fair

Sunday 26 June 2016

Penistone Gala Weekend and Mayor's Parade

<http://penistonegala.blogspot.co.uk>
10 to 12 July

Penistone Show

Saturday 10 September

Check the event websites for further information and updates