

# Hunshelf Chat

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**Deadline for stories for the next Hunshelf Chat is 15 May 2018**

## Hunshelf Parish Council

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## HUNSHELF PARISH COUNCIL Parish Council Elections 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

**The present parish council terminates in May of this year. There is therefore an election for all five seats. Any registered elector of the parish, and certain other qualifying persons, may stand.**

The timetable for election is as below. Nomination forms need to be completed, seconded and handed in at the Elections Office in Barnsley before the closing date below.

The Clerk has a limited number of nomination forms that he will distribute on a first come first served basis. Extra forms can be obtained from the Elections Office at Barnsley MBC.

- 26<sup>th</sup> March – Notice of Election
- 27<sup>th</sup> March – Nominations Open
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 4pm, Nominations Close
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 4pm, Deadline for Withdrawal of Candidature
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Polling Day

## Young Fundraiser of the Year competition

**Joshua (aged 8) and Amelia (6), of Office Fold farm, Green Moor have been entered into the Young Fundraiser of the Year 2019 competition run by Barnsley Chronicle.**

Joshua and Amelia have been fundraising for Thurgoland Primary school. Since starting in September 2018 they have raised over £200 themselves by selling eggs via a honesty box at home, at school and to family and friends, donating 25p from every half dozen eggs sold to the school. They have also secured £180 from Penistone round table after their egg box was robbed, and donations came from people within the village. They have also received the young fundraiser badge from Cubs and Beavers group at Stocksbridge.

They look after the chickens, feed and clean them and fill up the egg box before school. We rescued the 30 battery hens as babies.

They are now fundraising for their next project at school!

**Please nominate them** by emailing Barnsley chronicle: [Abk@barnsley-chronicle.co.uk](mailto:Abk@barnsley-chronicle.co.uk) Include their names, ages and a brief explanation of why you think they deserve this.

Many people from the village buy their eggs and support their school.

**Massive thanks from Louise and Ian Goss**



# Nature Table



## BATTLE OF THE BRAMBLING

**Forget the Six Nations and the impressive stadiums of Twickenham, Murrayfield or the Stade de France, because there's currently a bigger competition going on in Green Moor at the moment, and the arch rivals are some of the residents of Delph Mews.**

Forget the Championship Trophy, the Grand Slam or the Triple Crown, because the "Grand Prize" of the Green Moor tournament is the joyful presence of an unusual and astonishingly beautiful winter visiting finch called the Brambling. The goal of each competitor, the Dixons (Peter and



Christine), the Garritys (Pete and Mal), the Wards (Mike and Carol) and the Wylies (Dugald and Louise), is to attract as many of these stunning birds into their gardens as possible during the current influx across our Parish.

The first news of the arrival of these birds in early January was "leaked" by Dugald, which was his first mistake - this was shortly followed by a claim of foul play when the Dixons declared "they were first to the ball" and had seen the birds feeding in their garden a few days earlier. Following this the game was on!

To gain a tactical advantage various methods of attraction are being deployed, and these vary from installing a myriad of bird feeders with different food types, the broadcasting of sunflower seeds and hearts onto lawns and the encouragement of common bird species into gardens which in turn make the normally wary Brambling feel more comfortable. Allegedly there are also dirty tactics afoot! The Wylie's cat has changed its position on the field of play and is definitely making more forays forward to the Garrity garden and there does appear to be more dog walking going on at strategic feeding times as the Wards have paid a significant transfer fee for a classy four legged scrum-half. Accusations and red cards have also been threatened as a mysterious photographic hide appeared (not sure where from????) in the Dixon garden and unfairly scared all the Brambling away. It's not all one-sided though and suspiciously, the Grey

Squirrels that normally frequent the Dixons garden, are forming a marauding pack and terrorising the poor Brambling on the Garrity garden.

It is difficult to tell who will win the competition but I'm sure fair play rules and sporting camaraderie will win through in the end, and all the teams will experience a wonderful encounter with this incredible species which have travelled thousands of miles from northern Europe and Siberia to grace us with their presence this winter.

The Brambling, which is a medium



*Female Brambling*

sized finch and similar to the common Chaffinch, breeds across the sub-arctic regions of the Western Palearctic, Scandinavia and Russia. It is commonly a winter visitor to Western and Southern Europe and has historically bred in the UK (Scotland). Occasionally, due to lack of food availability in their breeding grounds and in a similar manner to the Waxwing, there are eruptions of millions of birds in a South Westerly direction. Consequently

we now have an influx of large numbers into Britain this winter. We have lived in Green Moor for 15 years and we have only seen a handful of Brambling during that time, perhaps less than 5 birds with the last sighting around four years ago. This year the numbers have been incredible with over 40 birds feeding at once on our lawn along with good numbers of Yellowhammers, Greenfinch, Chaffinch and a few Siskin, Bullfinch and a single Lesser Redpoll.

As you can see in the images, the key identification features include:

- Iridescent Orange throat, shoulders and wing-bar
- A stubby yellow/orange bill
- White belly with loose dark spots on the flanks
- White rump - very obvious in flight (Chaffinch do not have this)
- Males have dark heads and back (black in summer) with a grey nape
- Females have a brown head but two dark stripes over the crown towards the nape
- Black wings with flashes of green/yellow in the primary feathers



*Male Brambling*



## Pat Prince

22 August 1943 - 1 December 2018

**Pat was born in Otley on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1943 but had moved around because of the early death of her father when she was 13. She moved many times in her early years around Leeds, Bradford and Durham where she met Gwen, her friend who lived with Pat and her mother for a while in Green Moor.**

When Pat was 16 she joined the Safety in Mines Research Establishment (SMRE) Photographic Unit in Sheffield where she met Pat James who taught her to drive. During her time in Sheffield Pat Prince's mother had remarried and unfortunately, in 1966, her second husband died. Pat invited her mother to live with her and they moved to Stocksbridge to be near her brother, Mike and his family.

In 1981 Pat and her mother moved to live in old Mill Lane but in 1987, because the house on Old Mill Lane was damp, they moved to Chapel Lane in Green Moor.

During this time Pat, having been awarded the MBE for her Service to SMRE and, as part of this, being the first woman to be allowed down a coal mine since the early 1800's when it became illegal, Pat left SMRE to work for the Forensic Section of West Yorkshire Police. Here she developed a system of Video Identity Parades which is now used in many police forces.

Pat took early retirement from this post and became active in the community. She did a spell as a Parish Councillor and served on the Museum Committee and was a regular helper at the Senior Citizens' Tea and a familiar figure around the village walking her much loved dogs and attending the Yoga Class.

Being a competent computer user, Pat was able to help Ted Spencer with his historical publications and complete a detailed Family Tree. She was a person who could turn her hand to anything, doing her own car maintenance, painting and a skilful wood turner. She joined the Open University and studied Oceanography, Maths, Astronomy and Geology.

Unfortunately in 2002 Pat was diagnosed with Dementia and at the end of 2015 moved into Loxley Park until needing more support when she moved to Buckingham house in Penistone where,



photograph by John Kerr ©

after a very difficult time she passed away peacefully on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

Pat was a busy, warm, friendly person, intelligent and creative who, until her illness lived a full and productive life and contributed to the community around her.

**Doris Stubbs**

## TRIP TO LONDON --- a stitch saga ---

**Two friends and I stitched sections of a long kneeler for the Nave in Westminster Abbey from September 2011 to March 2012.**

In 2015 I stitched a cushion for a chair to complete the set. My stitched piece was awarded first prize at Penistone Show and was subject of an article in December edition of Penistone Living magazine.

When the stitching organiser checked her pieces before sending to the upholsterer she found an unworked piece so my needle was again "active" from November 2016 to February 2017.

Cutting a very long story short we heard last summer that the finished kneelers were at the abbey and in use.

When we began our stitching challenge we promised ourselves a trip to London to see the results of our time and effort.

I am delighted to report that we've completed our mission and have photos to prove it.

Westminster Abbey is the burial and memorial place of kings and queens and of other notable figures in the nation's history from writers and musicians to politicians and scientists.

King Henry V11's Lady Chapel is the crowning glory of Westminster Abbey. The banners hanging there belong to the Knights Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. There are 34 stalls to accommodate 34 knights. We were pleasantly surprised to see the kneelers we'd stitched from September 2013 to Easter 2014 had been made up and were also in situ.

It was an added bonus to see The Queen's Window by David Hockney which was installed and dedicated last year.

**Kathryn Battye**





## Green Moor Sports Club

This is a quiet time of year for us but at the time of writing there are just 7 weeks to go to the start of the 2019 cricket season. Fixtures are out and the first match at home will be on 20th April. Both the first and second teams will be playing in higher divisions after being promoted last season. At present the winter nets are ongoing at Penistone Grammar School

on Thursdays 7.30pm - 8.30pm. The U'9's and 11's are attending Stocksbridge High School on Monday nights 6pm - 7pm. Anyone interested can come along and join us on these dates.

Once again we are doing the catering at Wyllan's antique fair on 7th April at St Johns Community Centre, Penistone.

We hope you will come and join us for morning coffee and cakes, or sample our lunches of pie and peas, jacket potatoes, soup, quiche. Everything is home made and freshly cooked.

We hope you will get to give us a visit once the season has started.

**Ann Matthewman, Secretary**

## Village in Bloom Update

**For those of you who are not aware, you live in the Best Small Village in Yorkshire (according to the RHS).**

This year you may be living in the Best Small Village in Britain.

Team Green Moor has done its planning and starting to work around the village, however:

- We are short of volunteers
- We are short of funds

We intend to make the village look its very best in time for 'Best Village' judging in July/August.

If you can help in any way contact Claire Derrick on 07753523909

### The Grass Cutter

### Team Green Moor - RHS Britain in Bloom FUNDRAISING EVENT

Saturday 9 March, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

**Green Moor Activity centre**  
(directly opposite the Green Moor church)

Come along to our fundraising event and support Team Green Moor - nominated to represent the Yorkshire region in the RHS Britain in Bloom 2019 event.

**Admission is free.**

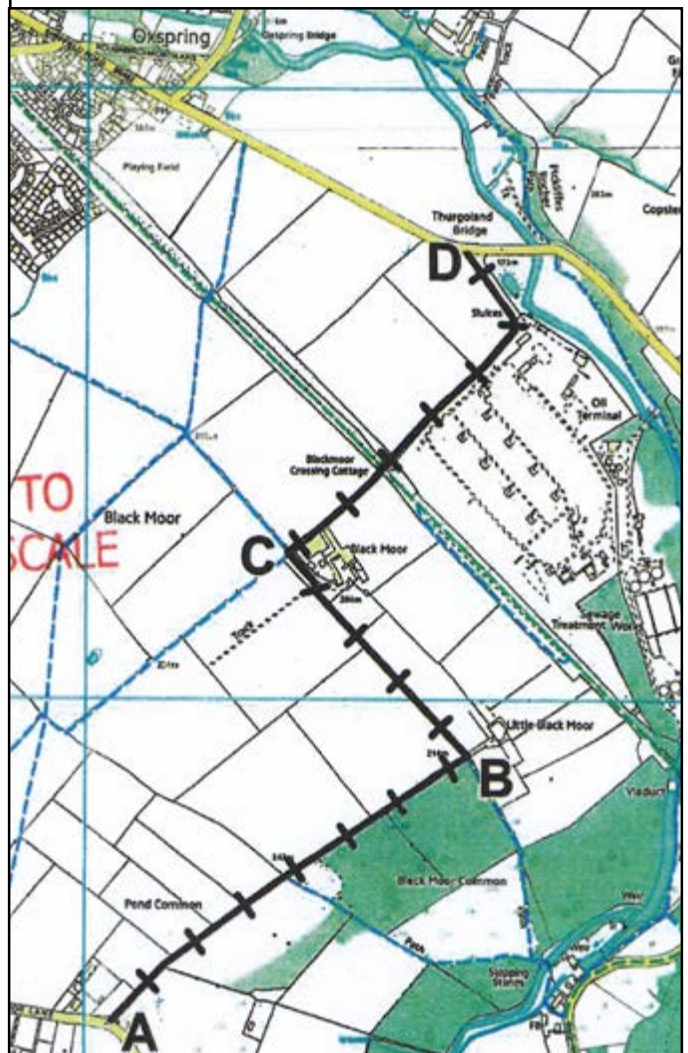
**Refreshments, cakes and bacon sarnies available.**

There will be stalls selling pre-loved scarves and handbags, as well as home-made produce and goodies. For the children we will be staging a pre Easter 'Eggbola' where all the prizes will be chocolate eggs. All are welcome, so please come along and support this event.

## Bridleway

**Barnsley MBC has just confirmed that the track from Pond Common Lane to Black Moor Farm is a bridleway. This means that you may ride your horse on this track.**

An even more recent email from BMBC states that the route from Well Hill through Tin Mill is being assessed to see if that is a bridle way as well. Further information in the next issue.



## South Yorkshire Transport Executive

**I am currently not driving and not able to easily use public transport and discovered that South Yorkshire Transport Executive provide a service for people who find it difficult or impossible to use other public transport.**

You have to apply for this on line ( Google South Yorkshire Transport Executive) or obtain further information from 01142766148.

These are some of the questions asked:

- I find walking difficult
- I need to use a walking stick
- I find it difficult to stand for any period
- I am registered as partially sighted or blind

I am going to explore this further for my own use and thought it might be useful for others in the parish.

**Doris Stubbs**

### The milestone birthdays

Yes, the dreaded 40, or even older marks on life's long journey. For some, the step from one day to the next is something to be feared as the end of all that is good.

So one day you are 39.997 years old, the next you are 40. The difference is 0.003 years, or three thousandths of a year. This is statistically insignificant and can be disregarded. Just get on with life!



## Another Local Walk

### Langsett and WW2 remains

During WW2, the Langsett area was used as a training area in preparation for the 1944 Normandy landings. In addition to a training range for tanks, armoured cars and artillery guns, it was also a test range for experimental shells. This walk takes you past two brick outlines which are the remnants of winch houses which were used to move targets across the shooting ranges. Both are made of bricks produced by the Barnsley Metallic Brickworks. The works, on Summer Lane, were founded by John William Bottomley

in 1904. Bottomley was responsible for many improvements and patents in clay-working machinery. He died in 1929 and the company was dissolved in 1936. The targets, known as hornets, resembled tanks and were made from wood and canvas.

Initially sheltered by trees, you progress onto moorland, before returning to the start point. Full details are available from Stocksbridge Walkers are Welcome <http://www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk/> Short walk, S1



*Barnsley Metallic bricks*

**Dave Pickersgill**



*The remains of a WW2 target training winch house with Langsett Reservoir in the distance*

# Parish Matters



## Village in Bloom

The parish council wishes to acknowledge the efforts of the Team Green Moor/Village in Bloom volunteers in achieving such remarkable success in 2018. As Green Moor is now entered into the Britain in Bloom competition (representing South Yorkshire!), the ante has been upped! The parish council would ask all the residents in Green Moor to take up the challenge and to help to make and keep the village clean and tidy ready for the

judges' visit. Any member of the group will be happy to advise residents on what needs to be done so that our village is shown to its best in the summer.

## New Clerk

Liz Wright has been appointed as Clerk from 1st April 2019. We welcome her to the post and hope that the experience of working with our parish is both enjoyable and fulfilling.

At a recent meeting of the Parish Council it was agreed that the Parish Plan, which is now a number of years old, should be updated. This plan covers all issues of relevance to the parish such as housing, environment, traffic etc. and all parishioners will have the opportunity to influence this in the coming year.

**David B Horsfall MBE**  
Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council

## The Clerk's Life

**More than 23 years ago, I agreed to act as unpaid Clerk to the parish council for six months. On the 31st of March and after 23 and a half years I am joining an illustrious list of past Clerks. Going backwards from the present the list is:**

- Me
- Frank Sheldon
- Me (short term between Clerks)
- Ted Spencer
- Neville Roebuck
- Mr Walton

Noticeably all male, perhaps we might get some gender equality this time round.

Times have changed in Hunshelf in my time, only one thing has remained constant, the quality and commitment of the parish councilors. Believe me, you as parishioners are very fortunate in having the present set of five. They are, without exception, dedicated hard working and intelligent (even though they do not always agree with me on some matters). The two Kathryns, Austin and Battye, John Kerr, Richard Popplewell and Barry Tylee have all served the parish with distinction for many years.

Over the past years, others have also given valiant service. I am sure that I have omitted some who deserve mention, but Doris Stubbs, Pat Prince, Joan Firth, Mick Flanagan, Mac Moffatt, Pat James, Barbara Wragg and Cath Godley all come to mind

immediately. A thank you to them all.

In addition to the elected members, Hunshelf is fortunate to have a substantial number of unsung workers to help at everything from washing up to cleaning the streets. Good-neighbourliness is rife in the parish! Long may it continue.

Highlights of twenty plus years? The playground refurbishment had little to do with me. The ladies of the parish rallied round and found the £50,000 to get our old, dilapidated and dangerous playground replaced with new equipment and safety flooring. The pump house was sorted out. The telephone box was bought and fettled. The Pump House was sorted out, again with little help from me. Kerbs on the verge installed, the Delf field drained, walls rebuilt all over the parish and the Christmas Entertainment and Tea, in one form or another, ran for all of my years as Clerk.

The purchase of the Isle of Skye and the rebuilding of the walls took a huge bite out of my life. It was a fascinating and interesting time. Hopefully, the labours, commitment and dedication of the nine who bought the land and suffered a financial loss of interest for three years will be rewarded by having the Isle of Skye remain as it was intended, a place of peace and tranquillity for all to enjoy. The Peak and Northern Footpath Society operating the Ward Trust loaned the parish council

£ 6,000 on a no interest loan. The loan must be repaid, with interest, if any changes to the nature of the Isle of Skye take place

Ivy Millennium Green was donated to the parish by the late Ivy Bacon. Much of the hard work making the Millennium Green what it is today was undertaken by the late Neville Roebuck. Again, an example of volunteers undertaking a role in our parish.

Life moves on, we have an enthusiastic lot of volunteers entering the Village in Bloom competitions. We all wish them luck this year in the national event.

Then, finally, I was made a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) by the Queen for services to the community in Hunshelf. This was an honour that came out of the blue like a bombshell and made me feel very humble.

All my good wishes to my successor and everyone in the parish.

**David B Horsfall MBE MSc BSc**  
Soon to be Ex Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council



# What's on

Check the event websites for further information and updates

## Green Moor Church

**Chapel Lane, Green Moor, Sheffield S35 7DW**

**Sunday School** 9.45 - 10.45 am. We have a great time. Do give us a try; adults are welcome to stay.

**Church Service** Sunday 11 - 12 noon. A warm welcome awaits you.

**Family Service, third week in the month** 10 - 11 am. No Sunday school on these days

### Special services

**Mothering Sunday** 31 March 10am

**Joint cafe service at Christchurch (HH)** Sunday 7 April 6.00 pm

**Palm Sunday** 14 April 11.00 am.

**Easter Sunday/Boys' Brigade Parade** 21 April 11.00 am.

## Providence Room

The following groups meet in the Providence Room (next to the church):

**Crafts, Jigsaws and Chat** Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.30 pm. If you are interested just turn up. All ages welcome.

**Baby and Toddler Group** Thursdays 9.30 - 11.30am. £2 for carer and one child; £1 for each additional child; babies free. Includes snack for children and tea/coffee and biscuits/toast for adults. Contact Brenda Mangham 0114 2882346.

**Pilates** Thursdays 6.30 - 7.45pm. Contact Nina Jolley 07796851066.

## Penistone Paramount

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

### CINEMA

- **How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World** 9, 10, 16 17 March
- **The Mule** 10 - 14 March
- **Kes with Q&A** with Dai Bradley and Jonny Mitchell

### NATIONAL THEATRE LIVES

- All About Eve** 11 April
- All My Sons** 14 May
- Small Island** 2 July

### LIVE

**Penistone Ladies Choir in concert with Hade**

**Edge Brass Band** 9 March

**Roy Orbison and the Travelling Wilburys**

**Tribute Show** 16 March

**Roadworks Ahead, Steve Knightly-style** 17 March

**Disney's High School Musical on Stage** 22 - 23 March

**Oh! What a Feeling** 29 March

**Giselle - Vienna Festival Ballet** 4 April

**Soul Train** 5 April

**Memory Lane** 26 April

**The Nat King Cole Songbook** 4 May

**Fairport Convention 2019 Tour** 8 May

**Crooners** 21 June

**Bring it On the Musical** 27 - 29 June

### ORGAN EVENTS

**Penistone Cinema Organ Trust presents their Anniversary Concert** 13 April

**Phil Kelsall MBE** 11 May

## The Venue

For more information or to book please call 0114 2838692 or email us/facebook  
**The Venue Stocksbridge**

**Dementia Cafe** 7 March, 4 April, 2 May

**Mess around party, Rumble in the Jungle** 8 March

**Stocksbridge dementia cafe presents Musical Memories Special** 15 March

**The Venue Folk Club** 16 March, 13 April

**Indoor Carboot** 30 March

**Northern Birman Cat Club Show** 6 April

**Steel Valley Comedy Night** 13 April

## Wortley Hall

**International Women's Day - lunch and lecture** 15 March

**Rouse Ye Women** 20 March - includes

pie and peas from 6.00pm, performance starts at 7.30pm

**Mothers Day lunch** 31 March

**Gin Tasting** 26 April

**Spring Garden and Craft Fayre** 19 May  
11.00am - 4.00 pm

**Italian Wine Tasting** 24 May

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

## Stocksbridge Leisure Centre

For details contact 0114 2883792 or visit [www.stocksbridgeclc.co.uk](http://www.stocksbridgeclc.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.

**Indoor Car Boot** 14 April 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

## Fox Valley

**Macmillan Cancer Information Support Bus** 8 March

**Food and Drink Festival** 15 and 16 June

## Penistone Community Centre

**Penistone S36 6AR**

**Penistone Farmers' Market**

Penistone Market, second Saturday of every month.

**Antiques Collectable Fair**

Sunday 7 April, 10am - 3pm. Admission 50p. Excellent homemade refreshments by Green Moor Cricket Club.

## Civic

Want to know what's going on? Go to [www.barnsleycivic.co.uk](http://www.barnsleycivic.co.uk) or check out the facebook site @barnsleycivic

## Miscellaneous

**Holmfirth Farmers' Market**  
Third Saturday of every month.

**Team Green Moor - Britain in Bloom fundraiser**

Saturday 9 March 10.00 am - 12.00 pm. Boys' Brigade activity centre, Chapel Lane.