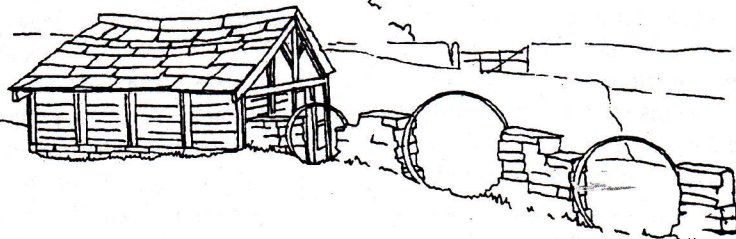


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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A Christmas Message

It's not a good year for anyone who wants to show faith in humanity. The events of September 11 and the subsequent war brought additional horror to the commonplace scenes of human fallibility filling our television news.

Even on a more mundane level, people can disappoint us. It's a common experience. Relationships fail. Those we thought close to us let us down. It is very easy to become disillusioned. It would be all too simple to dismiss humanity and all its fallibilities and become cynical. It is easy to look at the worst in people and expect very little.

But before we become too pessimistic, we need to remember one thing. While we might be ready to give up on humanity, God isn't.

As we approach Christmas, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christians believe that in this event God became a human being. This is what we mean when we talk about the incarnation. It is the incarnation that should make it impossible for us to be pessimistic about humanity. For the incarnation tells us very firmly that God believes in us.

Humans at the time of the birth of Jesus weren't any better or any worse than they are today. God hadn't missed the wars, the murders, and the

injustices that were rife at that time. Yet he still chose to believe that we are capable of good.

God's faith in humanity tells us that there is great potential for good in each of us. This potential can be fulfilled through him. At Christmas we are reminded that we are made for better things. Whether or not we respond is up to us.

May you have a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Nick White

A Message from the Editor

Have a good time! May all your presents be large, your hangovers small and remember, you've got to face everyone the next day!

Claire Derrick
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Green Moor. Tel. 0114 288 7903

Crime, Injury and Death on Penistone's Railways

Neville Roebuck's book, under the above title, and as mentioned in our last issue, is now available from him.

Price £7.

Telephone 0114 288 5768.

They're Back, So Watch Yours

One of our most recent newcomers to the village has had an unwelcome introduction to our community, by having their caravan stolen from their driveway.

This happened only recently, so if you saw anything unusual or suspicious on 20 November, on or around Delph Edge, please contact either Brenda Mangam, our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, or Claire Derrick and they will forward the information on to the family concerned. They, of course, do not wish to be named, however, they are willing to give a reward for any information leading to the return of the caravan.

One witness actually saw a white van towing the caravan away, but naturally thought it was the owners due to the speed in which the operation took place. Also, an old white escort car was seen parked outside the house and moving along the road with two men inside on that day.

Does any of this jog your memory, or do you know of anything else which may help?

Contact: Brenda Mangham Tel. 0114 288 2346
Claire Derrick Tel. 0114 288 7903

Children's Brass Band

There will be an evening of Christmas carols and music on 20 December starting around 8.30 - 9 pm in the Rock Inn, Green Moor. The accompanying musicians are a group of children making up a brass band. So get out your best vocal chords for this one.

Boxing Day Walk

Most of you will probably be ready for a breath of fresh air on Boxing Day morning - late morning, that is.

If you would like to join a group of walkers on that day, they will be meeting at the Rock Inn, Green Moor at 11 am for a 5 mile walk via the Bridge Inn at Thurgoland.

Here the group will stop for lunch and a drink, be it hair of the dog or teetotal, and then continue on the walk, finishing at the Rock Inn at 3.30 pm.

Please contact Barry Tylee on 283 0056 if you require lunch. Otherwise, just turn up.

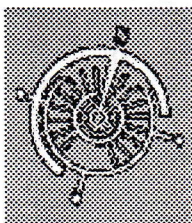
Antiques Quiz Night

If you're interested in an Antiques Quiz evening, then come along to the function room at the Rock Inn, Green Moor on Friday, 25 January, around 7.30 - 8 pm.

Mr Dowkes, renowned auctioneer, will be there on the night, along with an array of antique items for you to quiz over.

Ivy Millennium Green Trust

There will be an open meeting of the Trust at the Rock Inn, on Friday 22 February 2002, at 7.30 pm.

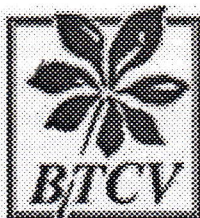


Trans Pennine Trail

Whether you are a dog walker, a runner, jogger or cyclist you have a delightful facility in the area, the Trans Pennine Trail. However, not everyone has the same ideas about how to use this track, so Bamsley MBC are trying to sort out some of the problems. The most dangerous one is the thoughtless riding of motorcycles along the tracks. Attached to the Chat you will find a report form to fill in if you come across any anti-social behaviour of this sort.

There is also a form to send off if you have any difficulty in using the trail, i.e. if access is too difficult for you with a pram or a horse. The Clerk to the Parish Council has some more forms if you run out!

David Horsfall
Clerk to Hunshel Parish Council



Conservation Volunteers Funding

The Hunshel Parish Council has for many years had an association with the British Trust Conservation Volunteers, an organisation which has carried out work in the area, such as improving footpaths, building steps etc. They regularly run training courses/work weekends in areas of conservation such as hedge coppicing, dry stone walling and woodland conservation. If any young people would be interested in attending these courses the Parish Council would be happy to consider providing funding.

For more information and a list of courses please contact Barry Tylee on 283 0056.

Area Forum



Bamsley MBC reorganised its structure last year and the bit that affects us was the introduction of Area Forums across the Borough. These forums are a means of monitoring the activities of Bamsley MBC, and of influencing decisions.

The relationships with other bodies such as the Road Safety Committees, the Parish Councils and the Tenants Associations are still being worked out, but the forums seem to be successful. At each meeting the officers of BMBC and the politicians report on what is happening, then there is an opportunity to question the representatives and to put forward new ideas.

If you would like to represent the Parish at these meetings, the Parish Council would be delighted to hear from you. Meetings are held once a month in various parts of the forum area, and the atmosphere is usually very friendly and pleasant. If you are interested, would you please contact one of the Parish Councillors?

Children's Chat

COMPETITION WINNERS

We have had 3 winners for the last issue's competition, and although one entry is not really from our Parish, we thought she still deserved a prize for the effort.

Prize winners are:

Charlotte Watts
Samantha Cheetham
Hollie Lashmar

Here are the answers to the questions...

- Q. Name all seven dwarfs in 'Snow White'?
- A. **Happy, Grumpy, Sleepy, Bashful, Doc, Sneezey and Dopey**
- Q. Name all four of the Teletubbies and match their name to their colour.
- A. **La La (Yellow); Po (Red); Tinky Winky (Purple); Dipsy (Green)**
- Q. In Toy Story and Toy Story 2, what are the names of the Cowboy and the Astronaut?
- A. **Woody and Buzz Lightyear**
- Q. In Thunderbirds who chauffeurs Lady Penelope around in a big pink car?
- A. **Parker**
- 5 What is Bob the Builder's cat called?
- A. **Pilchard**

Your tickets are on their way... or already with you. Congratulations.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU



Winter Jokes

What do you get if you cross a snowman with a vampire?
Frostbite.

What do elves learn at school?
The elf-abet.

Knock knock
Who's there?
Wayne
Wayne who?
Wayne in a manger!

What's an ig?
An eskimo's home, without a loo!

What's white, furry and smells minty?
A polo bear.

What do you call a penguin in the Sahara desert?
Lost!

CHOCOLATE PUD CAKE WITH FUDGE SAUCE

In for a penny, in for a pound. How about something a bit saucy for Christmas. Here's one for the slimmers... on their day off!

Pud Cake

6 oz (175g) margarine or butter
6 oz (175g) light soft brown sugar
6 oz (175g) plain flour
2 oz (50g) wholemeal flour
2 oz (50g) cocoa powder
3tsp baking powder
4 eggs
1 tsp vanilla essence

Fudge Sauce

6 oz (175g) light soft brown sugar
7 fl oz (200ml) single cream
1 oz (25g) margarine or butter

Cream the margarine with the sugar until light and fluffy. Sift the flours with the cocoa and baking powder (tip the bran back into the mixture). Beat the flour mixture into the creamed mixture alternatively with the eggs, beating until light. Add vanilla. Turn into an 8 inch (20 cm) round ovenproof dish and bake at 190°C/375°F/gas mark 5 for 45-50 minutes or until a sharp knife inserted in the centre comes out clean.

For the sauce, put the sugar, cream and margarine in a heavy bottomed pan, bring to the boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook for 5 minutes or until its thick.

Pour the sauce over the hot pudding and leave for an hour or so to allow the cake to soak up the sauce.

THEN EAT!

What's On Hereabouts

Pub Quiz Night

Rock Inn, Green Moor. Every Wednesday evening.

Children's Brass Band

Friday 20 December, 8.30 for 9 pm at the Rock Inn, Green Moor.

Boxing Day Walk

26 December, 11 am outside the Rock Inn, Green Moor.

Antiques Quiz Evening

Friday 25 January 2002, 7.30 for 8 pm in the Rock Inn, Green Moor.

YOUR CHURCH

Party Lite Party

Thursday 6 December, 7.30 pm in the Providence Room. Candles and accessories - also suitable for flower arrangers. Orders will be delivered in good time for Christmas.

Christingle Service

Sunday 9th December at 3.30pm.

Children's Nativity and Toy Service

Sunday 16th December at 10am.

Traditional Carol Service

Sunday 23 December at 6 pm.

Christmas Eve Communion Service

Monday 24 December at 11.45 pm.

Sunday School every Sunday at

9.45 except third Sunday which is Family Service at 10 am.

Back Lane

A place famous in the Parish for two reasons, one that we have a Back Lane on the way to Snowden, and secondly because our local carol is 'Back Lane'.

Why Back Lane? According to the Dictionary, Back Lane, is the lane between the houses and the "tofts", and a "toft" is, or more probably was the small piece old land on which was grown the vegetables for the home.

War Memorial

With the 11th of November having recent passed, and noticed that Thurgoland's war memorial had been cleaned ready for Remembrance Sunday, I just wondered about our own Parish. Where, if anywhere, are the men or women of our own Parish remembered, or were we as a Parish particularly fortunate in not having any losses in the two World Wars?

David Horsfall

Antiques and Collectors' Fair

The Green Moor Sports Club had a most enjoyable day in St Johns Community Centre, Penistone on the 17 November when they held the Antiques and Collectors Fair with the famous Green Moor catering.

Approximately 50 people visited the fair, and the refreshments were particularly appreciated.

The next event will be held on Saturday, 16 March 2002.

Wyllan Horsfall

Audit 2002

As Clerk to the Parish Council, I have just been informed of a change in the law as regards our Audit. In future I must publish the complete letter from the Auditor within a short period of time after its receipt. Publish in this respect means "placing in the public domain", and usually for a small parish such as ours, it is a case of putting it in the Parish Notice Board for all to see.

If anyone wishes to see this year's letter from the Auditor, they are very welcome to look at this or indeed any other item of the Parish Council's business by asking the Clerk.

David Horsfall
Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council

WE WANT YOUR Stories/Articles/Local Information

Please send articles for this newsletter to:

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Deadline for articles of the next issue 25 January 2002.

Please adhere to this date.