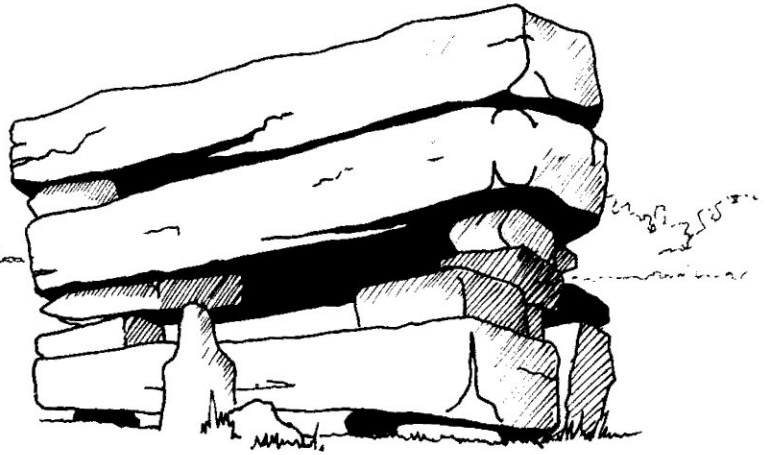


# Hunshelf Chat



December 2003

## Merry Christmas

### Vital Villages Community Action in Parish and Village

The title may be strange, but the Hunshelf Parish Questionnaire that you have recently received is part of this initiative, and is funded. This means that the parish will get back all the money that is spent on this part of the programme

The first thing to do after getting back all the questionnaires is to sort out all the ideas. The small group that has devised the questionnaire has been very careful indeed to make it a non "Nosy Parker" set of questions. We tried out a Social Science computer programme that insisted on us asking for ages, ethnic

origins and gender. This we refused to do and so we have devised our own survey techniques and we sent the computer programme back to the suppliers.

Each and every comment made by the parishioners on the questionnaire will be recorded and analysed. Then a report will be written and a copy given to every house in the parish. This is your survey and you will be kept informed

Step two is to isolate those items over which we as a parish have little or no control, but we can and will make representation to the bodies that can deal with them. There has been such a rush to get this survey and its questionnaire under way that we have not thought exactly how we will lean heavily on Barnsley MBC or the Highways Agency etc, but we shall let you know how and when at a later stage.

Then we will be left with a whole raft of ideas and suggestions that we must take on board as they say and find out how best we can do something. So how? Well, first off is the task of

prioritising the ideas, putting them into a list that reflects not only the importance of the project as perceived by YOU the parishioners, but also and crucially if they can be funded.

The lady from Yorkshire Rural Council who came to our meetings to help and advise (and get us the grant for the questionnaire/survey) also told us that there is a "tidy sum" of money, and I use her term "sloshing around" in South Yorkshire and it must be allocated and spent by the end of 2005 other wise it is lost to us for ever. Never slow on the uptake in Hunshelf, we said immediately that we could use it all, just send us the cheque for £3 000 000! Yes there is £3M waiting for "good causes" in South Yorkshire and we want some of it for our Parish

Some projects are the "flavour of the month" and for them funding will be easier than for others. The parish has fallen foul of this syndrome in the past and regrettably it is a fact of life that some things are more easily obtained than others.

For sorting out "achievable" we will be relying heavily on the expertise of Judith Fozzard of Yorkshire Rural Councils who can advise us on funds available.

Judith also said that we should set a timetable for getting things done. Then you can all come along and throw brickbats at us all for not getting there in time!

For getting the work done, i.e applying for grants, helping with projects, making decisions on projects, then we will need some more help from everybody. In the report on the questionnaire there will be a bit asking for anyone who is interested in helping to come along. As they say, watch this space!

**David Horsfall  
Hunshelf Vital Village  
Project**

*PS I assume that you all kept the extra large jumbo paper clip which held the questionnaire and other papers together. These come in at 3p each, never say that you get nothing from the parish!!*

# Maurice Bradwell

I have known Maurice since his family first moved into Green Moor Village and enjoyed many conversations with him when I used to meet him as I walked my dogs. He was a familiar sight to many each morning sitting on the seat near Pond Cottage "Just having a minute!" – one of his favourite sayings. We shared a great love of animals and Maurice would do anything to protect his creatures. He gave his life for his horses. I attended Maurice's funeral at Bolsterstone Church on Tuesday 18th November and found the sight of the glass funeral hearse led by four magnificent, black horses dressed in black and purple, with black plumes on their

heads, extremely dignified and very moving.

When during the funeral, his daughter, Joanne, read "Footprints" a familiar picture of Maurice came into my mind – that of him scooping up his dogs to save



them from harm. It was an appropriate reading. I shall miss seeing him walking down Chapel Lane to the Rock and he will be sadly missed by his family – his wife Margaret, sons Kevin and Darren, daughter Joanne and especially his grand daughter Maya or "My pal" as he called her. He loved

children and it is fitting that the donations at the funeral were split between the British Heart Foundation and the NSPCC.

The family would like to thank the people in Green Moor for their cards and messages of sympathy.

**Doris Stubbs**

## Words, Worth What? No 4

The stranger came and sat upon the low wall in front of the small terraced cottages. By his side were two heavy suitcases. He looked cold, tired and hungry.. This was before the police "Beware of the Stranger" campaigns. Strangers were at that time treated with respect, not suspicion, "Are you cold?" shouted a youngster from the cottage doorway. "Dad and mum says you can come in for a warm if you want." "Yes please" replied the man. "We're having some beef pobs do you want some?" It is not known whether he had heard of beef pobs before but he was certainly glad of them, even though they were merely diced bread soaked in a pint mug of "OXO" When he had finished them. He thanked them for their kindness, then began to give his reason for being there.

He explained that since the war (WWI) he had tried to make a living by selling

books but as the recession had bit deeper into the social life it was harder to find any customers. He volunteered to show them just in case they knew anyone who wanted any. The family gathered round to look They had never seen any books like them.

The books were bound in beautiful leather cloth. The set was very heavy, weighing near ten kilos (20 Ibs). "It's no use showing anyone round here books like them no one can afford them," they said. "How much are they?"

"Six pounds ten shillings but we are offering them on easy payment terms of six pence a week" At that time a weekly wage was one pound for seven full days work so on that basis it would take nearly five years to clear the cost. Maybe less if one could pay it off quicker if circumstances change.

"Sorry, but they are too expensive,"

"Well they are dear if you

have only one child, but as you have six, it only works out at a penny per child per week." At that they decided to sign up for a set.

The term easy payments was however a great big lie. Circumstances, did change and for the worse. From seven days per week the work dropped to five then to three. There were many tears shed before the contract was complete. For thousands caught with the similar problems the phrase NEVER EVER BUY ON THE NEVER NEVER was coined and the advice is still applicable today.

The stranger was however quite correct about the value of the books. but how do you calculate the worth of words? Eleven hundred pages of them, three columns to a page, ninety lines with five words per column width. This gives an estimate of more than one million four hundred and eighty five thousand

words. All that for one pound and ten shillings (£1.50 in new money.) That was the price paid in 1933 for the dictionary which contained them. This works out at 49,500 words for a shilling (5p). In addition to the dictionary there were a set of six encyclopaedias. Each volume had over three hundred pages. These too totalled more than two million words and cost five pounds. The words therein are still as useful today as when they were first written seventy years ago.

The salesman however did not tell them for he could not know that if rearranged the words could create "A Town Like Alice" or "Campbell's Kingdom." He had never heard of "Not a Penn'y More" or Harry Potter or any later works which have generated millions of pounds. With still more stories therein yet to be published, one can only conclude that they were superb value for money.

**W Squires**

# Green Moor Sports Club

Well, the cricket has finished on the field but there has been plenty of activity off the field since the end of the season. On Friday 3 October the Juniors held their presentation evening in the function room at the Rock. Brian Thorpe presented the awards.

## Winners were:

Batting	Jake Rodgers
Bowling	Gary Broadhead
All rounder	Mark Hinchliffe
Most improved	Harry Howlett
M.O.M	Jake Rodgers
Fielding	Ben Simpson
Hunshelf Trophy	Jake Rodgers

## Single wicket

Infants	George Howe
Runner up	Matthew Evans
Junior	George Howlett
Runner up	Joseph White
U 13	Matthew Dent
Runner up	Harry Howlett
Ladies	Carol Schofield
Runner up	Joanne Rodgers

The U 13, 8-aside team were runners up in their league. Ben Simpson & Jake Rodgers were both chosen to play in the Barnsley Taverners U 13 team which reached the final. Chris Matthewman played in the U 15 team.

On Saturday 1 November the ladies - with help from the men- prepared and served refreshments for the charity bonanza held at the Community Centre Penistone.

On Saturday 15 November once again we served all day refreshments at the Antiques Fair held at the Community Centre - thanks to the invitation from Wyllan. These are very busy but enjoyable days for us and are our main fund raising events.

The clubs annual dinner and prize giving was held at Cubley Hall on Saturday 29 November. Trophies were presented by Philip Watts.

## Winners were:

### 1st team

Batting	Julian Bates
Bowling	Stephen Walsh
Catching	Dave Beachill
M.O.M	Julian Bates

### 2nd team

Batting	Mick Spreadbury
Bowling	John Bradley
Catching	Stephen Peace
M.O.M	Chris Matthewman

Young player of the year

Chris Matthewman

Wooden spoon

John Hardy

Jean Fieldsend trophy for club effort

David Dowkes

Finally the A.G.M was held on Sunday 7 December.

YCR have organised a concert for cancer research for the last 15 years this time it was decided to invite Ladies Choirs and Penistone Ladies Choir, of which I am a member, were honoured to be included. It all started back in the summer of 2002 when I received a telephone call asking if we would like to participate. I put it to the ladies and everyone was in agreement, that was when all the hard work started.

We received our copies of the music that we had to learn, no copies on stage, some we knew, some we didn't, some we had learnt in a different version so therefore we had to re-learn. We duly went to Huddersfield once a month for rehearsals with the rest of

## Yorkshire Festival of Music 2003 for Cancer Research

at the Royal Albert Hall, London  
Saturday 1 November 2003

the Ladies Choirs, we were then sidetracked with a Concert in Huddersfield Town Hall in May, there being something like 300 Ladies and the Yorkshire Building Society Band, what a terrific sound we all made it was a great night!!!

After this of course we had to get down to learning the music for the Royal Albert Hall, which included our own pieces, some with the Male voices and some with the Bands, we still went to Huddersfield but we also had a full rehearsal in

Huddersfield Town Hall with the fellas and two Brass Bands, as you can imagine 1200 men 300+ ladies and the Bands, these being, Sellers International and the Yorkshire BS, we all filled the Town Hall and I am very glad that I didn't have to help organise fitting us all onto the stage of the R.A.H. it must have been a nightmare.

The big day finally arrived and in all there we 56 Choirs from as far away as Hull and Taunton and going the other way Nelson and Teeside and a guest choir from the

Netherlands, the Conductor for the evening was William Relton and the compare was Gordan Kaye of 'Ello 'Ello fame.

It was a wonderful evening, we all sang our very best and I am sure that the audience enjoyed it as much as we did. I haven't heard the final total raised but I do hope that they hit their target. A busking pitch was arranged for the Sunday morning and they were expecting to have raised about £2000 from that. The Ladies are going to repeat their 'Songbird' Concert in the Civic Hall Newcastle in May and the RAH concert is on the 4th November 2006.

**Diana Thorp - Penistone Ladies Choir.**

## THANK YOU

Sylvia, would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped her when her dog, Czar, went missing on Bon Fire night.

Czar had been terrified by the noise of the fireworks that night, much like the rest of the population. He had uncharacteristically left the house by himself in a state of panic and headed off towards Hunshelf Hall.

Two young men from the Hall along with Doris helped return Czar to his home but in the confusion and attempt to calm the dog, Sylvia didn't thank those who helped and would now like to make amends.

Your efforts were welcomed by the whole family. Thank you again.

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## Antique and Collectors Fair

Thank you to all those who supported the Antique and Collectors Fair on 15 November, Green Moor Sports Club provided excellent refreshments and everyone enjoyed the day.

The next Fair is on Saturday April 24th at St John's Community Centre, Proceeds again are for the Sports Club.

**Wyllan Horsfall**

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## Open Meeting

### Ivy Millennium Green Trust

There will be an Open Meeting on:

**Friday 13 February 2004  
at 7.30 pm  
Rock Inn**

The Trust's accounts will be presented at this meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

## What's On Hereabouts

### Silkstone Junior Brass Band

Saturday 6 December,  
7.30 pm - 8.30 pm at  
Green Moor Church.

### Pub Quiz Night

Rock Inn, Green Moor.  
Every Wednesday evening.

### YOUR CHURCH

#### Autumn Fayre

6 December, 10 am - 1 pm.

#### Christingle Service

7 December, 3.30 pm  
Rev. Nick White.

#### Nativity and Toy Service

14 December, 10 am.

#### Traditional Carol Service

21 December, 6 pm

#### Christmas Eve Service

24 December, 11.45 pm



## WE WANT YOUR STORIES/ARTICLES/ LOCAL INFORMATION

Please send articles for this newsletter to:

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