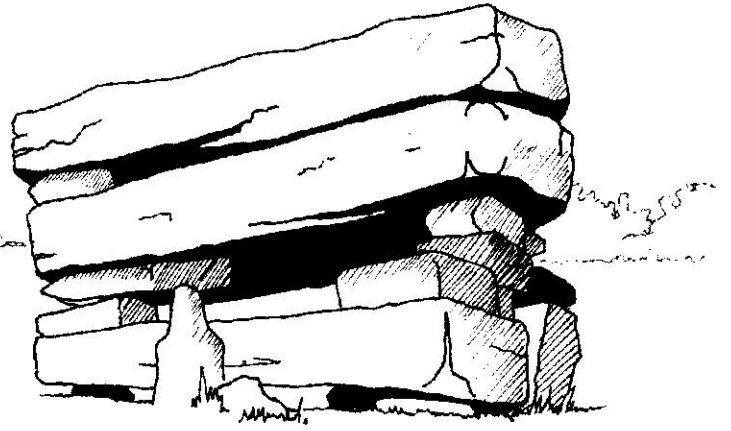


# Hunshelf Chat



June 2007

## Fell Race and Fun Runs

The 16th of June at 11.00 am the fell race sets off round the parish boundaries. All land owners will be contacted before the event, but can we ask that anyone with animals in fields on the route bear in mind that approx 70 people will be running the course that morning

Barry Tylee could do with some help in marshalling the course. Please contact him if you can help

Stephanie Thorpe is organising the two fun runs on the same day. At 11:10 a "Challenging Fun Run" of approx 2.5 miles for over 12 years old, and at 11:15 a "Fun Run for All" of less than one mile and with considerably less climb and descent. In a village like Green Moor, we do not have flat fun runs: all our runs are serious, but the young children seem to like the challenge. Medals for all finishers in the fun runs. Entry fee £1. Stephanie will be out encouraging a full entry. Parental permission is required for all under 18s. Sorry all you teenagers, but it is the old bugbear of insurance again. We think that you are responsible citizens, but Allianz Cornhill does not: They of course do not know you.



Photo by Ian Wragg,  
Penistone Footpath Runners

### IT'S A BOY!

We are delighted to announce the arrival of a baby boy to our Parish at Little Black Moor.

Rhys Thompson Williams was born and the end of May and all are doing fine, particularly a very proud grandma.

### Wheelies

Now that Hunshelf Parish has joined the rest of the country and received their 'wheely bins', maybe we ought to take stock and get some feedback on them. Questions such as: Are you happy with your wheely bin? Is it big enough? Is it too big! (did you know you can request a smaller one). There are so many questions. Some may think that this subject is of little interest to them. However, I know folk who have an almost unhealthy interest in their new acquisitions. I will mention no names but she knows who she is.

Also, any suggestions on what to do with the old ones,

albeit that yours wasn't taken away. Mine's just sitting there waiting for me to think of a use for it. I know something will come to me. Already suggestions have been given but they do nothing for me: A deep potato grower; a receptacle to blanch forced rhubarb (don't ask, I've no idea); coal holder. The list must be endless. If you do have questions you want asking I can pass them onto a member of the Parish Council who will, do doubt, find the answer.

That will do for now. However, if you don't like your wheely bin I know a woman who would love another one.

Editor



### Neighbourhood Watch Warning

There has been a 'phone scam going around recently, whereby the caller informs the 'victim' that he is from a charity and reels off a variety of stories that are aimed at pulling at the heartstrings. He then requests donations and the victim's bank details.

Don't be duped into this. It is, of course, an attempt to get your bank details to clean you out. If you receive such a call please contact the police.

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# A Day in the Life of...

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## The Parish Clerk!

**Not exactly one day, but it is typical. First off the mail arrives, two planning applications to look at. These always arrive just after the last parish council meeting, and have to be back with BMBC Planning before the next one. So a round robin sets off to all the councillors. Usually they are non-controversial and do not need special treatment, merely a comment or two on the colour of windows or materials for walls etc. If they are difficult, a letter sets off to BMBC asking for a delay. This is always granted**

An appeal for a contribution to deserving causes is in the mail as well. Nowadays we have a policy that all such appeals are turned down and councillors decide it they will make donations to charity from their own pocket. Next an invitation to the Sunday Service of the Mayor of Barnsley. We get several of these: two from BMBC and one from Penistone town Council. The Clerk and his wife attend the two at Christmas to represent the parish. It is felt important that we should be there, you never know when you may need help from either Barnsley or Penistone, and all the councillors are in full time employment.

Telephone call from the solicitor to say that there is still trouble over the purchase of The Isle of Skye. Ring back with more information. It is now twelve months since we embarked on this project. We are working on it!

The external audit wants more information: why have we so much money? We have not so "much money" at all. The parish council holds money for various activities, but we have to explain this again. The parish council accounts are scrutinised first of all by the councillors before they put their name to them. Then Miss L Mott goes through them with a fine toothcomb to find any errors of my making, they the external audit gets a set of figures that they OK. They charge £141.00 for saying, "Yes". The parish councillors and Miss Mott do it because they are part of our community.

New Model Code for councillors arrives. We should adopt this by the end of September, but if we do not, then the government will adopt it on our behalf. Perhaps it is better to jump than to be pushed. Annual Meeting of the parish follows. Called by the Chairman this is open to all and sundry to throw brickbats or bouquets at the councillors. I can hide behind the parishioners as I do not have to minute this one, but probably I will be asked to do it to keep a record of all the decisions.

I have done the minutes of the last meeting, drafted up the agenda for the next one,

copied the accounts, the new code of conduct, the minutes of sub committees, the bank statements, a list of cheques to be paid, a list of income received, risk assessment and a set of envelopes. Must remember to update the web page with the new minutes and eventually some photos etc. Sunday a group from Chesterfield is passing through the village of Green Moor on a charity walk and I will toddle along to greet them and point out the Isle of Skye, the Ivy Green (probably the smallest village green in the UK) and the new playground as well as our unique well. At the same time I will deliver the "summons" to the parish council meeting. Yes our councillors are "summonsed" to meetings. It is archaic, but then all tradition is archaic by definition. Hand delivery also means that councillors cannot claim that they have not received their invitation to the meetings. I know it is a double negative, but no one is perfect.

About 10:00 a parishioner rings up to complain that there has been some fly tipping on Mucky Lane. It is probably in Sheffield, but as Barnsley is much better at getting rid of fly tipping, I ring BMBC and ask for Neighbourhood Services to clear it. This system is very good indeed. If you see any rubbish, ring 01226 770770 and ask for Neighbourhood Services. They usually shift it in less than three days.

The a visit from a resident of Wortley pointing out that a planning application for grass track racing has been made for the edge of Wortley, This would affect all of Hunshelf Parish, so a hasty letter is sent forth to Barnsley objecting and

complaining that we knew nothing about it. Coming home from Stocksbridge on a Friday afternoon my wife spots a derelict car at the side of Tofts Lane. Again we are on the phone to BMBC, and again, even on a Friday afternoon, we get a positive response. Two telephone calls saying that neither BMBC nor the police can find the car, apparently Tofts Lane does not exist in BMBC's records. I shall write! Saturday a trip round to see if it is still there and report to BMBC again.

Back at the computer a ring of emails from other Clerks appears on my inbox. Some of them are complaining about the behaviour of councillors. I feel very smug; our councillors are extremely good, hard working and conscientious.

The tree feller rings to say that he will be in the Delf in October to coppice the trees. Must remember to tell the grant people that we are delayed because of nesting birds etc.

The Fell Race is coming soon. Publicity is out and the councillors have all rallied round. The worst job, that of Car Parking has fallen to Richard Popplewell again, the course marking is undertaken by Barry Tylee, Kathryn Austin stands and times in the runners, John Kerr helps with the fun runs and Kathryn Battye helps with the judging. As I said, all our councillors work for our parish.

If I did not enjoy this job, it would be onerous, but I do enjoy it and I am looking forward to another few years at it before I retire

**David Horsfall  
Proud to be Clerk to  
Hunshelf Parish Council**

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# Playground: Open & Fully Functional!



Some, if not all of you, will be aware that the playground in Green Moor has been up and running since April.

Previous to our official opening we had the ITV Calendar team up to see how we were going. They were introducing their 2007 'People's Millions' event and we were shown as one of last year's winners. In fact we were the group which were nearest to completion and in some cases the community teams hadn't even begun their projects! Mustn't blow one's own trumpet too loudly but we were pretty quick of the mark.

We had the Official opening ceremony on 13 April. The ribbon was cut by a *The Easter Bunny*, who took time out of a busy schedule to celebrate with us. The Bunny also was generous enough to give every child a bag of chocolate eggs and sweets - very thoughtful. People were invited back to the Providence Room for tea and buns but many couldn't be dragged away from the playground. Since then, whenever I pop my head around the wall it's rare that it's empty.

We got what we wanted; a place where the community - adults and children - can meet and chat and have a good time. It was well worth waiting for.



Claire Derrick, Editor

# Green Moor Sports Club

## The cricket season is now well under way with all teams having mixed fortunes

- the weather also playing its part. This has caused us some problems getting our cup games played before the next round. Three of our youths (U.21) - Chris Matthewman, Jake Rodgers and Mark Sykes - have been chosen to play in the Huddersfield White Rose team.

Unfortunately the two

Sundays when they should have played it rained all day so they are still waiting to start a game. Two of our U'13 boys - brothers George and Ben Howlett - have been chosen to play with the Huddersfield Taverners and Julian Bates has again been selected to play as wicketkeeper with the mens Huddersfield league team. It is an honour for the club to have so many league representatives.

We have at last achieved Clubmark Accreditation - awarded to us by the ECB. This confirms our commitment to being a safe effective and child friendly club. We hope to have our certificate presented to us at one of our junior events.

Hopefully we are going to host a mini kwik cricket festival before schools finish for the summer with probably 3 local schools taking part. This will take

place in school time - 10.30am- 2.30pm.

We have organised a club outing to Scarborough on Sunday 26 August. The idea is that anyone who wants to watch cricket will be able to go to see Yorkshire play Surrey while others can spend the day at their leisure.

We are looking forward to the rest of a busy season.

**Ann Matthewman**

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## Hunshelf Junior and Infant School

My wife came across a pamphlet with the above title. The author was W E (Ted) Spencer and the extract below is from the first two pages. The whole is fascinating to anyone who lived in Hunshelf in the early years of last century. Much of it is a reference document being full of names of children taken to task for not attending (mainly due to harvesting) or parents not paying the fees. It goes on to list the various acts of parliament that changed the nature of education in this country over a period of many years. Should we get enough interest to have the pamphlet reprinted, and then we would have to ask Ted's widow, Mrs N Spencer for permission to do so. If you are interested in having a copy, then please let me know

**David Horsfall**

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### THE EARLY HISTORY OF HUNSHLF JUNIOR & INFANT' SCHOOL Green Moor, Nr. Wortley, Sheffield

The Overseers of Hunshelf opened a school, in the cottage, Birken under the Edge (Berton under the Edge), owned and occupied by William Newton and in 1811 a rent of 3 guineas was paid. Benjamin Micklethwaite was appointed schoolmaster and he would be about, 18 years of age.

He was provided with fuel free of charge and occasionally had to be given relief.

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The school was fitted with a range and a table and in 1812 eleven forms were provided.

By 1820 Micklethwaite was married and the first of his 9 children was born at Newton's, 22nd September 1820. The cottage was repaired in 1819 and later the school was moved to Well House close by.

Micklethwaite's second child, George, was born in Jo. Ramsden's yard, 4th July, 1822 and it was baptised by Mr. Harrison at Netherfield Chapel. By this time he was rendering an account to the Overseers for 13/-' for teaching 4 scholars at 3d per week as by arrangement. In 1832 he was appointed teacher at Onesacre School.

In 1836 Micklethwaite was living in the Town House at Green Moor to which a schoolroom was attached by public subscription. He opened a small shop in the Town House to sell groceries and provisions and his wife Sarah baked bread. The property belonged to the Township.

Opposition to the shop opened up in Brownhill Fold and by 1838 Micklethwaite was in trouble and the Overseers were seeking his settlement, a lawsuit must have followed for the accounts show a bill from Smith and Hinde for appeal against the removal order - £48-0-8d.

On 27th September, 1843, Micklethwaite was given the following notice:-

"We do hereby give you notice that you are on the first day of January, 1844 to quit and deliver up in good repair and condition the quiet and peaceable possession of all and singular the school buildings and lands tenements and hereditaments which you rent or hold under us situate at Hunshelf or elsewhere in the County of York with all and every the rights members and appurtenances thereof belonging."

Thos Mitchell  
Wm Smith (Solicitor)  
John Pearson  
Joseph Coldwell  
Jonathan Crawshaw

Benjamin Micklethwaite moved out.

He was followed by Thos Roebuck, ex soldier, who had been usher to Jonathan Wood of Penistone. Roebuck: was helped by his wife. Lucy and he died in 1865. To eke out his school pay he broke stones for road making.'

E. Stacey, who had been at Midhope from 1866-1867 came next' and after him Mr. Fletcher who was deformed. He lodged with Mr. Pearce of Briery Bank, Overhouse - coal owner and coke burner.

Stacey had worked at the Tóntine in Sheffield he was a bachelor and managed to live without having' to go breaking stones. He died in 1879 aged 68 years and was buried in' Penistone and was succeeded by Mr. Whittle.

# Parish Council Meeting

17th May 2007

Very much a business meeting, all five councillors had to sign that they accepted the post as Councillor, and Richard Popplewell was made Chairman with Kathryn Austin as Vice Chairman. If you, as a parishioner have any bouquets to present, then I am sure that any of our parish councillors would be pleased to talk to you. So, I have mentioned Richard and Kathryn Austin, we have also Kathryn Battye from Snowden Hill, John Kerr and Barry Tylee. If you want to throw brickbats, contact me as Clerk on 0114 288 3684 and I will try to sort out any problems.

New Model Code of Conduct for councillors was adopted as was a formal

recognition that there should be session at each council meeting for parishioners to air their views. In our rather informal council meetings, we always take note of parishioners' views, but now we have to formally stop and take note. Bureaucracy!

Footpaths changed its name to Environmental! The Footpath Committee has been expanded to take in a wider role in view of the increasing importance of the preservation and enhancement of our environment. They are to look at a "Parish Walk" in the winter. If you have any ideas on this, please tell a councillor.

The Playground is to be inspected by BMBC once a year: our Playground Committee will inspect the nuts and bolts every week. Again if you spot anything, let someone know as soon as possible, The Sports Club has asked for an extension to the pavilion: the parish council ha no comments.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year.

Approximately we broke even, it was a bit awkward to make an exact comparison as some VAT money is due (we claim all our VAT back each year and about £350 's worth did not arrive until after the end of the financial year) The Fell Race and Fun Runs are on 16th June.

Stephanie Thorpe is organising the fun runs, and we hope for a full turn out of all our youngsters. The short fun run is open to all; even tiny children can take part. The Challenging Fun Run is hard, there is an age limit of 12 and parent's permission must be obtained in writing before the start. Any youngster who finishes this run has achieved something.

The parish council looked at the Risk Assessment document. No change means that they, the councillors think, that we are in no greater risk this year than last. Next meeting 14th June in the Green Moor Church

**David Horsfall**  
**Clerk to the Parish Council**

## Stories from the Isle

### Isle of Skye 1

The Scots in their wisdom,, or otherwise, have decided to rename the Isle of Skye off the west coast of Scotland with a Gaelic name. To us Sassenachs it seems rather silly to swap a world wide "trade mark" for an unknown historical tag, but that is up to them.

What it does mean is that the Isle of Skye in Green Moor, is now the "true" Isle of Skye. We should expect hordes of Japanese or American tourists to descend on the village asking to see it. A sushi bar in the pub would help as would a selection of our less knobbly kneed men wearing kilts, but only in the better weather of course

### Isle of Skye 2

It is with sincere gratitude that the Parish Council reports that an anonymous donor has given the Isle of Skye purchase fund a cheque for £1000. At present the donor, a parishioner, has asked to remain anonymous, but in due course, when we get ownership, recognition will be made. All we can say is thank you very much indeed.

### Isle of Skye 3

The parish council solicitor is still having problems getting a land registry certificate for all of the Isle of Skye. Until this certificate is forthcoming, then the Isle of Skye Committee is working with a handicap, but we can report that applications for grants have been made and we are waiting for a result. When we know, we will let you know!

**David Horsfall**

## Bridge Over Troubled Waters

At the parish council meeting, Barry Tylee reported that the proposed bridge over the river to Old Mill Lane has moved a step nearer. BMBC are waiting for a third quote before they can go to work. The picture is not of this set of stepping-stones, but the

easy ones at the top of Old Mill Lane, but it shows the reason why we need to have something done. The river crossers are those hardy souls that run the Trunce Race and I can not put in print what one rather tiny lady said about how high the water went!

## Campers on the Delf

*It seems there were some campers on the Delf who left a local resident somewhat unhappy about what they left behind. This is the email they sent to me regarding the incident.*

"They were there Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd April. They had thrown several beer cans, a pizza box and numerous other wrappings into the vegetation at the edge of the delf as well as other rubbish strewn on the football field. In spite of having a garden barbecue, which they left tossed at the side of the football field, they also had a fire on the field, damaging the grass, and leaving variously charred and melted bits of rubbish all over the place.

It is such a shame. I thought it was great when I first saw them there that they were getting out and doing something. Shame they turned out to be such an inconsiderate scruffy bunch. I didn't get close enough to identify if they were from the village or not."

*So please, if you're going to enjoy the pleasures this area allows us then remember it should be enjoyed by everyone. Clean up your rubbish, be it pizza boxes, or be it old mattresses or even dog poo. Take responsibility for what you do.*

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## A Fork Tale

A rather modern, stylish stainless steel fork with a square-profiled handle has been found on the lane near Rock House Farm.

It has been washed and is ready for collection by the mobile diner who lost it. Ring 2885888 or call at Rock House Farm.

## What's On Hereabouts

**Fell Race & Fun Run**  
Saturday, 16 June.  
11.00 am. See article on front page for details.

### YOUR CHURCH

**Sunday School Anniversary and Prize Giving**  
Sunday 17 June at 10.00 am.

**Church Anniversary**  
Sunday 1 July at 3.00 pm

**Thurgoland Church Closing Service**  
Sunday 15 July at 3.00 pm

**Coffee Morning to Show Flowers**  
1 September, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

**Flower Service**  
Sunday 2 September, 3.00 pm.

## A Green Moor View



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