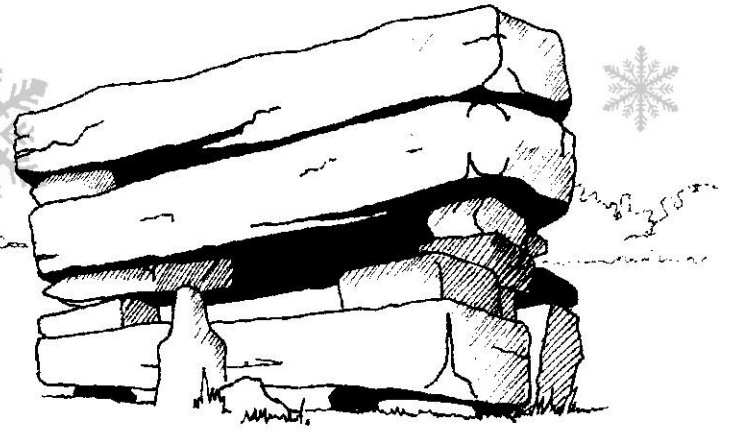


Hunshelf Chat



December 2007

Christmas is coming!

I know, we do not want to know about it yet. However, this promises to be the last Chat before the beginning of December, and on Saturday 1st December is the Hunshelf Parish Senior Citizens Christmas Entertainment and Tea. This will now be referred to as the "Christmas Tea", but sometimes one needs to use the Sunday name.



Christmas 2006

All parishioners over the age of 60 years on December 1st 2007 are invited, as long as we know who they are! If you have recently reached the Silver Age, please let us know and we will send you an invitation. If either partner

is 60, then of course we invite the other half as well. The start is at 5:30 with a reception in the Providence Room in the Green Moor Methodist Church, followed by a traditional Christmas meal prepared and served by the Green Moor Sports Club. The entertainment this year is supplied by Barnsley Metropolitan Band under the baton of their Musical Director, John Grinnell.

Finally we all finish off the mince pies and coffee in the Providence Room and the gallant workers can then

relax and put everything away until next year.

Anyone who was 60 years old when resident in the parish and who has then moved away is also invited to the "Christmas Tea". This means that they can renew old friendships and catch up on all the gossip. Again, if you know of anyone who should be invited and has not been, please let us know.

David Horsfall
Clerk to the Parish
Council

Christmas Tale

Christmas, well it comes round faster every year, but that is a sign of increasing years. Christmas has changed since I were a lad as they say, but still, especially in Green Moor and environ, the traditions are very much in evidence. There are the carol services to attend, the Christmas Tea in the Church, the trees lit with lights imported from China etc. And of course we have presents. Some arrive mysteriously from Father Christmas. Can any parent ever forget the excited voices of young children in the middle of the night opening presents from Father Christmas? Other presents

are gifts to loved ones at a special time of year. Very often these presents are stored under the Christmas Tree waiting the happy day.

I have known of families where non Father Christmas presents are opened at one minute past midnight on Christmas Morning, others where they are left until Boxing Day. Young children are notorious for wanting to open their presents as early as possible, but most of us older ones open our gifts to and from each other sometime after breakfast

When our son was at home, we had a tradition of opening our gifts after breakfast and after a cup of

coffee when the youngest member of the family fetched each parcel from under the tree and handed it round. It started as an incentive to reading and just stayed.

The lad went off to University for his first term and arrived home at term end ravenous and tired out. After a period of recovery that took several days, we broached the subject of Christmas Day. Family some 40 miles away had invited us over for a meal, and I was specially invited to go to church with my sister. To arrive in time would mean leaving home at 08:00 on Christmas Day so we suggested to our son that we should leave all our gifts to each other until we got home that evening.

Our son was quite adamant, that was not our

tradition and we always open presents after breakfast with a cup of coffee! But that would have meant getting up before 06:00 on a cold winter morning in the dark. Still adamant, he insisted.

So, we set our clocks for 05:45 and retired to sleep.

The alarms went off, we got out of bed somewhat reluctantly, and then without consulting each other, we ran into his bedroom, jumped up and down on his bed and shrieked, "He's been, he's been" at the top of our voices. To give the lad his due, he laughed. Such is the power of tradition, long may it last.

**A Happy Christmas
and a Healthy and
Prosperous 2008**

Don't lighten up, lighten down!

The Parish Council has recently set up an environmental subgroup. This subcommittee will be concerned with all aspects of the environment, including conservation, and incorporates the previous work of the footpath group. At the first meeting a number of items were discussed, including the issue of light pollution.

As you may be aware, there is growing concern with this issue. Local authorities now have statutory responsibility in the following areas:

- Planning controls over the type of lighting installed by homeowners/business owners, where the local authorities have some control over the provision of new exterior lighting mounted on buildings.
- Glare affecting motorists; and this would be particularly important with regards to streetlights; there is a BMBC policy to use low pollution lanterns, which do not emit any light above the horizontal.
- 'Statutory Nuisance' classed as a 'nuisance affecting the enjoyment of another's premises';

The above are statutory areas, but of greatest concern is low level pollution, so called 'urban glow phenomena', from millions of lights, many too bright, or not properly shielded, which are illuminating the night sky, and yearly reducing the ability to see stars and comets etc. It is everyone's responsibility to consider their own outdoor lights, and you could also, of course, reduce your electricity bills.

The general advice is:

- Use only enough power as required
- Angle the light downwards
- Consider where you shine the light; will it affect others?
- Consider limiting the time, use motion sensors etc.

I think that one issue for the parish is the new, security lights on the electricity substation near Mucky Lane, which are much brighter than before. They are, in my opinion, a distraction to motorists, and would adversely affect wildlife in the area. The council has written to BMBC for its opinion.

If you wish to raise any issues concerning the environment please contact Barry Tylee on 0114 2830056

Energy Conservation, a Case Study

The original anti burglar advice some 40 years ago from the police was to have a light on all night and every night. So we had two 60-watt bulbs lit from dusk to dawn controlled by a light sensitive switch. This latter eventually gave up the ghost and needed to be replaced. Conscious nowadays of a

different climate, we had the light sensitive switch replaced with a movement sensor switch (P.I.R.). This is now the preferred police recommendation for all houses; apparently it is more of a deterrent to the anti social if a light comes on unexpectedly, it draws attention to their presence.

Feeling very "green" with our adoption of a more friendly system, we mused over any possible cash savings. Assuming that the lights were on 8 hours a day for 365.25 days to the year, at 120 watts total, divided by 1000 gave a kilowatt consumption of some 350 kilowatts. At 10p each

(approx to help the maths!) this is a cost of £35 p.a. The new lights are on a few minutes a day, certainly less than 30 minutes. The saving in cash terms must be in the order of £30 a year, every year. In our case the payback is less than one year, as we had only to replace one switch.



Friends of the Earth

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We have been asked to draw your attention to the "Climate Change Question Time" at 7:30 p.m. on the 26th of November 2007 in St Andrew's Church Penistone and sponsored by the Friends of the Earth. The panel includes Chris Stamper, Peter Roderick, Richard Starkey and Rev Brian Jenner. More details are on the parish notice-board, but you can also contact the organiser on PenistoneFOE@hotmail.co.uk



Green Moor Sports Club

Our annual dinner and presentation evening was held on Saturday 17 November at Cubley Hall. Prizes were presented by Dale Kerruish - Cricket Development Manager for South Yorkshire. Prize winners were:

1st team

Batting J Bates
Bowling N Bramall
Catching A Howe
M.O.M C Matthewman

2nd team

Batting H Howlett
Bowling J Haigh
Catching B Simpson
M.O.M J Haigh

Under17

Batting H Howlett
Bowling J Rodgers
Catching J Rodgers
M.O.M M Elsworth
Young player M Sykes
Wooden Spoon N Bramall
Club effort J&D Bates

U'17 team were presented with their league championship trophy. Jake Rodgers won the area league prize for bowling and catching as well as the outright winner of all 3 areas for bowling. He also shared the catching award for all 3 areas. Harry Howlett won the area batting award.

Long service awards was presented to Andrew Matthewman and Robert Fieldsend.

Club President and founder of our junior section David Dowkes was officially presented with our Club Mark certificate.

We now have a short break until January when the indoor winter nets will commence. Any one who would like to join us will be most welcome.

Ann Matthewman

Family Photos

This is a note of thanks to John Kerr for his initiative in offering to take photos of families in the Parish.

John took photos of my mother and me two years ago, a few months before she died. I used his photo for her funeral cards and I have copies in several places which I come across quite frequently and they give a sense of continuity.

It was a lovely thing to do. Thanks John.

Pat Prince



Kate Rusby ON TOUR

For the Kate Rusby fans out there. I noted her tour dates included one in Penistone!

**Sunday
9 December 2007**
Penistone Paramount
Penistone, Sheffield
Tickets on sale at £18.50
01226 762004

Aid for that Senior Moment!

“Yes”, I said, “we would be delighted to include details of Barnsley Council’s help for the elderly and infirm”. After all, about one third of the

residents in our parish are over 60 years old, and as we all get a little older, we get a little more in need of help at times. So, the kind lady in Barnsley sent us a copy of the help that is readily available.

It was too long to fit in the Chat! I was amazed at the complexity and range of the help one can summon up with a telephone call. Apart from the absolutely essential for

everyone such as the “Smoke Detector” (you have one I trust) a “CO2 Detector” (Likewise we should all have one of them); how about a “Bogus Call Button”, (calls for help if a bogus caller comes), “Gas Detector” (sorry not in Green Moor, but some of us do have gas); “Fall Detector”; “Medication Reminder”; “Pager” or even a “Video Door Entry” so you can look

at anyone who calls.

If you think that you, or possibly a relative or neighbour could get some reassurance from having some help, do ring the lady on 01226 775671. This is a Barnsley Council number and the service is called “Telecare”

David Horsfall
Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council

hunshelf web page

Barnsley MBC, anxiously looking after their little parishes, has introduced a web site just for us! If you log onto the following link it will take you to our, as yet embryo web page. More will follow, including a copy of our Chat. Watch this space!

http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/bguk/Council_Democracy/Your_Right_to_Know/Parish_Town_Councils/Parish_and_Town_Councils_in_the_Barnsley_Borough

Something for the Little Ones

Get your crayons out and **BRIGHTEN THIS PAGE UP.**



... and something for the grownups

A teacher in America asked her students to write the words to their favorite Christmas Carols. Here are some of the lines she received... Kids eh.

- Deck the Halls with Buddy Holly
- We three kings of porridge and tar
- On the first day of Christmas my tulip gave to me
- He's makin a list, chicken and rice.
- Noel, Noel, Barney's the king of Israel.
- Frosty the Snowman is a ferret elf, I say
- Sleep in heavenly peas
- Oh, what fun it is to ride with one horse, soap and hay
- O come, froggy faithful

Bus Pass Update (2)

South Yorkshire PTE has now informed the parish council that they will be sending out letters to all their present pass holders by the 15 November asking them to apply for a new style country wide bus pass. If you

have a pass and you do not get a letter by the end of November, contact SYPTE to find out why!

You will need a new passport photo to go on your new pass as there will be an overlap: your new pass will be in preparation while you are using your old one

**David Horsfall
Hunshelf Parish Council**

Entertainment at Christmas

Saturday 1 December at 7:00 p.m. Barnsley Metropolitan Band will be entertaining the Senior Citizens of the parish in the Green Moor Church. Everyone in the parish is invited to attend the entertainment and to take a cup of coffee afterwards. Just turn up and take a pew!

What's On Hereabouts

Kate Rusby

Sunday 9 December,
Penistone Paramount

Les Miserables

Saturday 1 December 2007
2.00 and 7.15pm at Penistone
Paramount

YOUR CHURCH

Christingle

Sunday 9 December, 3.30pm.
Rev E Sanderson

Nativity and Toy Service

Sunday 16 December, 10.00 am
Rev E Sanderson

Traditional Carol Service

Sunday 23 December
December. With local carols
and members of Cawthorne
Brass Band

Christmas Eve Communion

Monday 24 December,
11.45pm. Rev E Sanderson

Covenant Service

Sunday 13 January, 11.00am

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
20 January 2007.
Please keep to this date.**

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