

Hunshelf Chat

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**WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND
PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR**

Christmas Tea Postponed

The Hunshelf Parish Christmas Entertainment and Tea (The Christmas Tea) has been postponed due to safety concerns in the bad weather. It is intended to invite everyone who was invited to the Christmas Tea to another event in the New Year when hopefully the weather will have improved.

David Horsfall
Clerk to the Parish Council

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

(So say the kids)



Photograph by John Kerr



Green Moor Sports Club

We held our annual dinner and presentation evening on Saturday 20 November at Cubley Hall. Paul Schofield (Penistone butcher) presented the awards. Winners are as follows

First Team

Batting	Ben Simpson
Bowling	Jake Rodgers
Catching	Andy Howe
M.O.M	Ben Simpson

Second Team

Batting	Matt Rodgers
Bowling	Mark Elsworth
Catching	Ben Armitage
M.O.M	Mark Elsworth

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Batting	Joe Morfitt
Bowling	Joseph White
Catching	Liam Burkinshaw
M.O.M	Sam Askey

Young player

Joseph White

Jean Fieldsend trophy for club effort

John Bradley

Wooden Spoon

Sam Askey

This brings a conclusion to the season. Indoor nets are already booked to start in the New Year. The juniors will be at Kingstone on Saturdays at 1.00 - 2.00pm also at Penistone Sports Centre on Mondays, straight from school. Adults are at Penistone Sports Centre on Tuesdays 8.00pm - 9.00pm.

We are always looking for new players so if you are interested please come along and join us.

Wishing you all a happy Christmas

Ann Matthewman

On this moor, free and wild
I loved to wander as a child.
Picking berries as I roam,
For on this moor was my home.
Amongst the heather I would ramble,
Many scratches from the bramble.
Then sit a while, sometimes lie
My just reward a berry pie.
Happy hours spent by myself
on this moor called The Delf.

by **E Steel**

Bugle player wanted!

Any buglists out there? The parish would like to enjoy the service of a bugle player for our Remembrance Sunday service next year. This takes place on Ivy Millennium Green.

For further information please contact David Horsfall on 0114 288 3684.

Barnsley 0 Rochdale 1

The announcement said that there were 4001 at Oakwell, of which 407 were away fans from Rochdale. This was wrong, I was there as well to swell the numbers. It

must be over 50 years since I last went to a Rochdale match, but my fanatical Barnsley supporter neighbour persuaded me to go with him and sit in the stand surrounded by avid Barnsley-ites. I must admit to keeping very quiet, one in a stand full

is no odds for an old man. To my utter surprise, Rochdale, newly promoted to division 1 matched Barnsley, Championship League in all aspects of the game, but I did not believe my eyes when Rochdale scored. This galvanised the Barnsley attack, and for some 20

minute the game was poised on a knife edge, as they say. A fun evening, but I will not be going again, possibly for another 50 years or so, unless Rochdale get promotion again?

David Horsfall

Trick or else...

I wasn't sure which day would be Trick or Treat
and I found myself treat-less

i.e. no sweeties.

So I put money in some bank bags,
in a shopping bag
and waited, and hoped the kids wouldn't mind
the lack of sugar.

No-one came.

So next day I went to Stocksbridge and bought
plenty of sweeties.

All mixed up so **plenty of choice.**

They came!

**The first two grasped the money...
The second two grasped the money...
The third three grasped the money...!**

Let that be a lesson.

Anybody want lots of sweeties?

Pat Prince



Young ones lining up. The photographer's grandson centre stage



Sunny days... remember?

Sports Day

It seems like such a long time ago... actually it was! Way back in summer Green Moor's Sunday School held their annual sports day on the Delf.



Now what were these buckets for?



Mums go for the winning line.



Digital Television Switchover

Transmitter group	Area served	Stage one (BBC Two analogue off)	Stage two (all analogue channels off)
Belmont	Lincolnshire, Humberside and East Yorkshire	3 August 2011	17 August 2011
Oliver's Mount	the Scarborough area	3 August 2011	17 August 2011
Chesterfield	the Chesterfield area	10 August 2011	24 August 2011
Sheffield	the Sheffield area	10 August 2011	24 August 2011
Emley Moor	West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire	7 September 2011	21 September 2011

DID YOU KNOW...

police are giving on the spot fines to drivers who have not cleared snow from the roof of their car. There is a £60 fine along with 3 points on your licence!

Heating a House: an alternative - and it's GREEN!

As most will know it can be problematic (and expensive) to heat your house in Hunshelf, when we do not have access to mains gas. Originally, we used electric storage heaters to heat the house, but after 18 years these were coming to the end of their life. With a desire to avoid adding to climate change (and large electric bills) we have opted for an air-source heat pump. This essentially works the same way as a refrigerator but in reverse. It extracts (large amounts of low-grade) heat from the air and converts it to

(small amounts of high-grade) heat for a normal circulating water system. How is it possible, I hear you ask, to extract the heat in winter from the tropical Green Moor air! For the technical amongst you the details are as follows:

Stage 1 - The refrigerant in the heat pump is compressed and becomes a hot gas.

Stage 2 - The refrigerant is then condensed, cools and changes to a cold liquid.

Stage 3 - This liquid still

has a high pressure and is passed through an expansion valve, dropping in pressure.

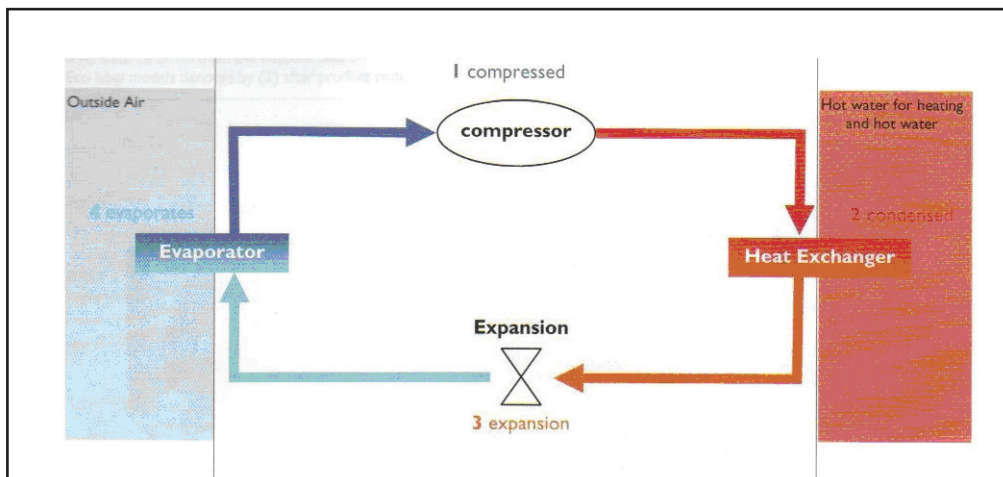
Stage 4 - The liquid is passed into an evaporator. The evaporated gas is much colder than the outside air and absorbs heat from it, over a large surface area.

Typically air-source heat pumps have an efficiency of 300 – 350%. That is for a 2 kilowatt input of electricity (from the mains) it generates an extra 6 kilowatts of heat from the air. Older ones used to have noisy

fans, but modern ones are quiet and compact, and there are now many manufacturers of them. A ground source heat pump is similar and with a slightly higher efficiency (as the ground is warmer on average than the air) but more expensive to purchase and install. If anyone would like further information, I'll be happy to oblige.

So far its working very well heating the hot water and all the rooms; I'll let you know if it can cope with a winter like the last one (and of course save on fuel bills!)

Barry Tylee



Planning Matters on Wind Turbines

Hunshelf Parish Council is a "Statutory Consultee" on planning matters. So, every time anyone in the parish applies for planning permission, then the parish council gets a copy of the plans and can make observations. Note

that the powers of the parish council are limited to making comments, but we do take very seriously each application and try to consult with affected neighbours etc.

This last year has been a quiet one for

planning matters apart from the Sheepphouse Heights Wind Turbine Farm. This application, as most parishioners will be aware, failed at the BMBC Planning Board. We have heard that there will be another similar

application from a firm called ENZ, but details are sparse at the moment.

An application for a 15 metre mast height wind turbine at Windy Bank Farm was submitted to Barnsley MBC. It has been given approval.

The Ivy Millennium Green Trust

Ivy Green did not just happen! Mrs Ivy Bacon gifted the paddock at the side of her home (now Rock Cottage opposite the telephone box in the middle of Green Moor) to the parish to be used in perpetuity as an open space. The late Neville Roebuck was instrumental in making sure that Ivy's gift was used to full advantage.

He oversaw the conveyance of the land to the parish council, applied for grants for the repair of walls etc and he set up the Ivy Millennium Green Trust, a registered charity and appeared on national TV talking to the local artist Ashley Jackson who painted the scene. The painting is on show in the Green Moor Church Providence room

We are all extremely grateful to Neville and all the other members of the Trust who worked so hard to get the Millennium Green

organised. We have in this small piece of land, a place to sit and contemplate, a place to admire the views over the rest of South Yorkshire and a picnic site.

The Trust did its job well, but with the job completed, the Trust began to wind down. Eventually it was agreed that the Trust should come off the Charity Commission's list of charities and letters went forth. We have heard only last month that the process is now complete and this will let off the

hook the trustees who could have been faced with the very onerous task of finding money to look after the Green. The parish council now manages the Green, so any complaints, bouquets or brickbats should be directed to the Clerk who will bring them to the attention of the councillors

Trustees: Neville Roebuck, Richard Woodhall, John Kerr, Claire Derrick, Mac Moffatt, Linda Hinchliffe, Roger Hinchliffe.

Dry Stone Walling Course



The parish council have been approached by the South Yorkshire Branch of the Dry Stone Walling Association which has set up an Academy to develop much needed skills in this area, subsidised from funding bodies. We intend to hold an introductory course in Hunshelf, sometime in the autumn. This is a one or two day event, free and open to anyone. The Stone Walling association particularly wants to attract those wanting a career in this field; one of the few occupations where there is more work than skilled people to do it! [Following on from the introductory course the organisation runs training weeks to achieve the relevant certificates, which although not free, are heavily subsidised.]

Any parishioners wanting to participate should contact Barry Tylee 0114 2830056.

Isle of Skye

Have you been to the Isle of Skye lately? If not, give yourself a treat: the fencing has been removed, the old stile has been replaced with an easier access stile which has a dog gate, the bracken is being trimmed back so the paths don't trip you up...

There's a vast amount to be done. The project is being driven by David Horsfall Clerk to the Parish Council. David and his wife Wyllan managed to get £50,000 from the National Lottery to fund the work. Most of the money will go on

repairing the massive retaining wall that overlooks Stocksbridge.

On a smaller scale, the Slippery Slip down into the Delf has been transformed into an attractive entrance which feels like a floating down a film star's staircase.

We have two more oak trees planted by the youngsters of our village with professional help.

There's so much quiet activity... you might like to join in. Contact David. All help will be most welcome.

**Pat Prince
Friend of the Isle of Skye**

CONSERVATION PLAN FOR WORTLEY TOP FORGE

Wortley Top Forge dates back to the 17th century and is acknowledged as the oldest surviving heavy iron forge in the world and a key site in the country's industrial heritage. The Forge is a scheduled ancient monument and is listed as grade I and it's in our parish! The site on Forge Lane, adjacent to the River Don, is owned by the South Yorkshire Industrial History Society and maintained and managed on behalf of the Society by the South Yorkshire Trades Historical Trust Ltd using all volunteer labour.

The Trust has been developing a Conservation Plan for this important site and a consultation meeting on the draft Plan was held on 23 September with invited participants, including representatives of the Parish Council, Barnsley Council and English Heritage. The Conservation Plan together with the Management Plan for 2011 to 2015 was outlined by Dr Jim McQuaid, Chairman

of the Trust and a discussion followed. Included in the points raised was the need to ensure good water access for the Forge and concern was raised about the state of the weir and sluices upstream of the Forge. There was also a worry about the possible impact of a large increase in visitor numbers on the road access and parking and the risk that volunteer numbers may fall. Overall the opportunity

to see and comment on the Plan was welcomed. The representative from English Heritage suggested that a liaison group should be set up involving local parish councils and Thurgoland School to meet once or twice a year at the Forge to discuss local issues and see for themselves what is happening at the Forge.

Since the meeting work has continued on implementing the Conservation Plan and

it is hoped that the local liaison group can be set up to meet in late spring 2011 after the Forge opens again at Easter.

Volunteers to help with the maintenance and running of the Forge are always welcome. If you want to find out more about the Forge take a look at the website www.topforge.co.uk, and come and visit on 12 December (and meet Santa).

Margaret Tylee

THE PERFECT ANSWER

Many years ago I worked for the Safety in Mines Research Establishment. Speakers with great knowledge would go to talk to miners on various

topics related to mining. Dr Tideswell was a scientist, well known and highly regarded throughout the mining industry.

He had presented his talk to a large audience of miners telling how the plants were laid down

in layers over millions of years, being compressed and hardened until it became coal.

When he had finished his talk there was an embarrassed pause and one miner stood up and thanked Dr Tideswell for a very interesting talk.

Then he said with great respect that he had to disagree but the miners believed that God put the coal there. Dr Tideswell replied: "oh so do I, but I believe this is how He did it."

Pat Prince

Doing it with stile!

Thank you Barnsley MBC! Perhaps you remember the dangerous stile between the Isle of Skye and Hunshelf Bank. No longer is it a problem because Barnsley Council has re-designed and built a brand-new safer crossing - at no cost to Hunshelf Parish. Not only is it a safer footpath for humans, but by special request it has an integrated dog-gate which our canine friends quickly learned to negotiate

Wyllan Horsfall

Stile approval by Pat Prince and Jo Jo





Green Moor Quarries

In the last issue of the Chat I gave my telephone number, unfortunately I mistyped it which will have confused anyone who tried to contact me. However although I gave my talk on the quarries to the South Yorkshire Industrial History Society on 16 October I know there is more to find out so it is not too late to contact me.

My talk concentrated on the 19th and early 20th century beginning from 1822 when George Brown a Penistone innkeeper and James Rusby a stone merchant from Denby started work quarrying at Green Moor and included an update on what had happened to the quarries since closure. Looking at two sources there were differing dates as to when the last quarry closed. Phyllis Crosland's article "Historic Hunshelf" included in Aspects of Barnsley first published in 1993, gives the date as 1936, but the book Thurgoland in Times Past published by the Thurgoland History Group in 2009 gives the closure as 1946. Perhaps a Chat reader could show light on this? I talked about 7 quarries: Green Moor Delph; California; Victoria, Newbiggin, Isle of Skye; Rocher and the small quarry adjacent to the School House where the children's playground is now situated. The quarries were leased from the Earl of Wharnccliffe by a number of partnerships, the last ones being three generations of Benjamin Brodie Booth. The 3rd Benjamin Brodie Booth lived at Plashwood on Well Hill Road. The stone was used both locally and

further afield. There was a Green Moor stone wharf on the River Thames at Bankside, near where Tate Modern is today and it was taken by cart to the Worsborough Basin on the Deane and Dove canal for onward transport via the canal network and sea to London. When the railway reached Wortley in 1845, a sawmill was established near the station to enable the stone to be cut up before transportation by rail. The quarrying industry was an important employer in the district, in 1896 Victoria quarry had 18 men working the quarry and 38 outside and Rocher quarry 10 working in the quarry

and 14 outside. The population of Hunshelf parish in 1901 was 1680, somewhat larger than today's figure of around 400. There is very little evidence now of the quarries and for those new to the village the associated map shows their approximate location. Also included is an old photograph of California quarry reproduced from the book Thurgoland in Times Past, one of the photographs from the book I was given permission to show illustrating my talk..

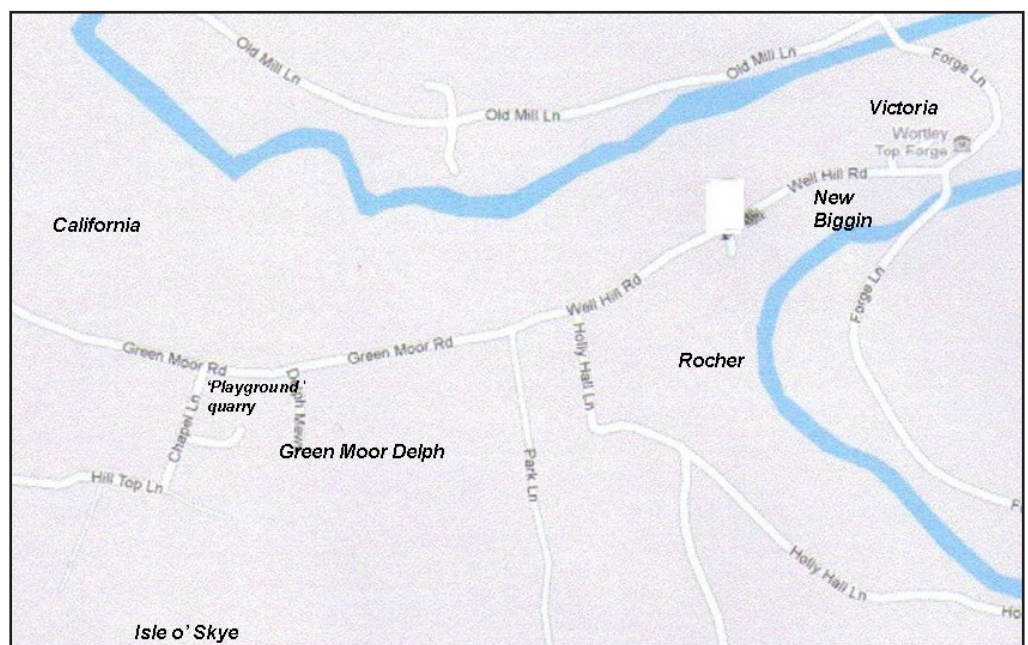
The research is continuing at various local archives, and I would still like to hear from anyone who has

information.

As an aside for anyone interested in local history I would recommend the Thurgoland in Times Past book and associated DVD, although the focus is very much on Thurgoland there is also information and photographs about the surrounding area. You can get a preview of it by going to the website www.thurgolandhistory.org.uk. Copies of the book and the DVD are available at £5 each from Maurice Williams, 2 Ivy Bank, Halifax Road, Thurgoland.

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Money is made round to go round

Three pound coins in a sealed envelope, labelled "Hunshelf" and delivered to us by "Edward the Milk", who said, "It came from Christine Oxley in

Thurgoland, and that's all I know!" Strange!

Phone call to Christine Oxley gave the explanation that the envelope had been found in a carrier bag of "Look Locals" delivered to Thurgoland Village Hall. No-one knew why. So it was suggested - "David

and Wyllan will know what to do with it, if it says Hunshelf. Send it to them".

A phone call to Look Local solved the mystery. Bags of the free press had got switched by the delivery man so whoever hands out Hunshelf Bank's papers had not

received payment.

Not to worry. Paul at Look Local said "Don't return the £3 to the office-put it in the Isle of Skye Fund". Thanks Look Local. All donations gratefully received.

Wyllan and David Horsfall

Hunshelf Chat contributions: Anyone who would like to contribute to the Hunshelf Chat; stories, articles, information, events or photographs, please contact the Editor, Claire Derrick on 0114 288 7903 or email claire.derrick@virgin.net

Deadline for the next Hunshelf Chat is 20 February 2011

What's On 'Ereabouts



PENISTONE PARAMOUNT

01226 767532

CINEMA:

The Social Network
12-14 December 7.30pm

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 1
17 December, 7.30pm
18 December, 2pm, 7.30pm
19 December, 2pm, 6pm
20, 21 December, 7.30pm
22 December, 2pm, 7.30pm
23 December, 2pm, 7.30pm

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader
24 December, 12pm, 3pm
26 December, 2pm
27 December 2pm, 7.30pm
28, 29, 30 December, 2pm, 7.30pm
31 December, 12pm, 3pm
1 January, 2pm
2 January, 2pm, 6pm

3 January, 2pm, 7.30pm
4, 5, 6 January, 7.30pm

LIVE EVENTS:

Vienna Festival Ballet present The Sleeping Beauty

8 December, 9pm

Last Laugh Comedy Club with Toby Foster
10 December, 8pm

Christmas Charity Concert 2010
11 December, 7.15pm

Kes
15 & 16 December 7.30pm

Aladdin
27, 28 January, 7pm
29 January, 2pm & 7pm
30 January, 1pm & 5pm
1, 2, 3 & 4 February, 7pm
5 February, 2pm & 7pm

Rob Kingsley - A Vision Of Elvis
11 February, 8pm

Mercury
26 February, 8pm

ORGAN EVENTS

A Compton Christmas Cracker
11 Dec, 2.30pm

Peter Jebson & Matthew Bason in concert

8 January, 2.30pm

THE VENUE

Bookings & Enquiries:
0114 283 8692

Pantomime - Robinson Crusoe
6-11 December

Waldershelf Singers 'Carols by Candlelight'
14 December

Motown and Soul Night with Soul Mates
17 December

Wortley Folk Club - Christmas Concert
18 December

Christmas Disco Special featuring Nite Train
18 December

GREEN MOOR CHURCH

Christingle and 2 Christenings (Martha and Henry)
Sunday 12 December, 3.30pm

Nativity
19 December, 10am

Christmas Carols
19 December, 6pm

Joint Covenant services at Wortley Church,
9 January, 11am

Family Service
16 January & 20 February, 10am

Holy Communion
6 February, 11am

Morning Services
11am on Sundays:
5 & 26 December
2, 23 & 30 January
27 February

Information is correct at time of going to print. Please check for cancellations and changes to programmes.