

Hunshelf Chat

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WIND TURBINE GENERATES COMPLAINTS

Plans to build a wind turbine at Windy Bank, next to the Isle of Skye at Green Moor were passed by BMBC Planning committee even though Planning Officers had recommended that the application be refused on several grounds, including that it was too close to local housing.

Hunshelf Parish Council and a number of local residents had written letters of objection to the Planning Committee. These were very closely followed by a similar number of emails of support from people who did not live in the area.

On the balance of this correspondence and to support Barnsley's green energy targets, planning consent was given by the Committee with councillors from the more central Barnsley wards voting in favour of the turbine by 14 votes to 9.

In February, the 19.5 metres high wind turbine was built next to the Isle of Skye at Green Moor. Following immediate complaints of noise and pressure disturbance from some local residents, the Planning and the Environmental Health departments of Barnsley were involved. It was agreed that Hunshelf Parish Council would carry out a survey of local residents in the Green Moor village area to find out if sensory effects were being experienced in this discrete, measurable area.

Throughout March and April, 54 houses were surveyed which fall within a range of 244 metres to 556 metres from the turbine site with the majority sited between 244m and 416m. 53 surveys were

completed, giving a 98% return. Returns were anonymous but logged within zones according to distance and direction to compare effects.

Survey results and interpretation

Some houses, falling away from the turbine site, are protected from direct line of sight or sound of the turbine by a disused quarry face or by the shielding effect of other houses higher up the slope. However, responses within zones reveal that some households at a lower contour and more distant are as similarly affected as some nearer. Some houses lie in direct line of sight of the turbine with no shielding effects.

More time spent at home may account for a marked rise in effects recorded in comparison to those who work away from home.

Wind speeds and directions during the survey period may account for some differences in responses. One household requested to amend their survey after wind speeds increased and direction changed towards the end of the survey period.

Most respondents answered the survey questions directly to record the sensory effects on their houses and themselves. Some respondents

questioned the survey's purpose and answered questions by contributing personal opinions regarding energy sources per se. A good range of effects and opinions were recorded evidencing independent interpretation and use of the survey. 36 households included written statements expressing opinions which are included in the full report

Roughly, a quarter of people living in the survey area reported significant negative effects inside their house with over three quarters experiencing negative effects outside. Most reported that the effects increased when the wind was blowing from the south and west.

Support for the turbine reduced significantly after construction while those opposed to it increased.

Parish council action

Hunshelf Parish Council accepted the findings of the survey on 7 July and agreed to approach BMBC to have the wind turbine declared a statutory nuisance under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. This process is now underway and residents within the survey area may be contacted by the department in the near future.

Following the parish council meeting, parish

councillors Kathryn Austin and Barry Tylee, along with a local resident, met with Angela Smith, MP for Penistone East, to present the survey findings and to lobby for an investigation into the planning process. Similar representation has been made to Penistone East ward councillors who have received copies of the survey report.

The Parish Council has also written to the Chief Executive of BMBC to request an investigation into the planning procedure of this case.

Information for residents

Residents who are affected can apply to have the wind turbine designated a statutory nuisance, under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, through the Magistrates Court.

The Parish Council has prepared a process and proforma letter for parishioners which can be obtained from Kathryn Austin at Rock House Farm.

Free copies of the full survey and report can be obtained from The Clerk to the Parish Council at: david@oberwald.fsnet.co.uk. Printed copies are available from The Clerk at Oberwald, Forge Lane, Wortley, S35 7DN at a cost of £3.

Green Moor Sports Club

It is hard to believe that the season is nearly two thirds over and we have had very few games called off for rain. The juniors have almost completed their fixtures. At the time of writing the U'11's have one game left and look like being league champions. U'13's have 2 games left and hopefully will finish as runners up. U'15's have completed their league fixtures. This has been a difficult season for them because all their players from last years team except one moved up to the U'17's . This meant they had to start again with younger players . They have done okay and

will be more "of age" next season and will be able to compete better. U'17's have finished third in a strong league. Joseph White is playing with the Huddersfield Joe Lumb team(U'17) and doing well . They have reached the semi-final of their tournament. Joe Goddard Has been playing with the Huddersfield U'13 Taverners team and they also reached the semi-final stage. We are pleased with all our juniors.

Harry Howlett, Jamie Dixon and Sam Askey have all played with the Huddersfield league team. All these players



have come through our junior teams so we are pleased with the progress they have made. We have lost 3 of our better players to Cawthorne(who play in the District league - a higher league than ours) this season Ben Simpson, Jake Rodgers and Chris Matthewman had all been with us from U'13 level and have all matured into good first team players. We are not happy that they have been "poached " by Cawthorne but look upon it as we are doing a good job with our youngsters

and wish them well. This left us with a big gap in our 1st team which filters through to the 2nd team. Some of our other youngsters have had to move up earlier than anticipated but they are doing well and our 1st team are holding their own in the premier league - even though the holiday season is causing a bit of a headache. We will get through - they will soon all be back and things will be back to normal. See you soon.

**Ann Matthewman
Secretary**

GREEN MOOR SPORTS CLUB – AN INSPIRED FACILITY?

As part of the Olympic bid Lord Sebastian Coe made a pledge to use the Olympics to inspire two million people to take up sport. In order to fulfill this pledge and deliver a London 2012 legacy of increased mass participation in sport, Sport England's Inspired Facilities is investing £50 million of National Lottery funding in up to 1000 community sports projects.

Inspired Facilities is focused on making it easier for local community and volunteer groups to improve and refurbish sports clubs. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to apply for funding to extend and modernise our club house. We would welcome the support of the Community both with our application and any suggestions you may have of improvements that would encourage you to use the facilities.

**Please send any suggestions to
greenmoorsportsclub@talktalk.net**



The Under 13 cricket team who finished runners up. From back left to front right: Justine Bates, Jack Bishop, Joe Goddard, Harry Steele, Declan Dowkes, Anthony Godley, Jacob Steele, Jack Berry, Henry Oliver, George Watts, Byron Grant.

SO YOU THINK ENGLISH IS EASY'

Read on:

- 1 The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2 The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3 We must polish the Polish furniture.

- 4 The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 5 Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present .
- 6 A sea bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 7 The insurance was

- invalid for the invalid.
- 8 They were too close to the door to close it.
- 9 After going out after having done some sewing, a sewer fell into a sewer.
- 10 Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.

By kind permission of the Editor of the Vine.

Which reminds me
"A man lay by a sewer,
And by the Sewer he died
And at the Coroner's
Inquest
They called it sewericide"



WILLIS SQUIRES (23rd May 1926 – 7th July 2011)

Willis was one of six children born to Emma and Thomas Squires, in Thurgoland. His lasting connection with Green Moor came when he met Winifred Davies at a dance. They were married in 1948 and, although they lived 'miles away' in Thurlstone for the first few years of their life together, they soon returned to the village – initially to Office Fold. In 1965 to they

moved to Castle View, where they enjoyed 50 more years together until, sadly, Winnie passed away in 2005. It was here at No. 5 that we, Kath and Karen, were brought up in an atmosphere of love, care and respect.

As a child, Dad was a quiet boy. He regularly went to church and, when he was old enough, joined the choir. Encouraged by his music-loving mother, he also learned to play the violin. His love of classical music stayed with him throughout his life. Growing up in the Depression was far from easy yet, under the careful guidance of Emma, Dad and his siblings were given a strong sense of morality and family values.

Dad joined the Royal Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) in 1944 and was posted to Italy. Although he never travelled overseas again, this was a period which opened his eyes to other ways of life and cultures. He learned to ski and to speak Italian. It was a time which he would speak of with nostalgia and pride.

Dad was a man with high ideals and morals. He was always there to help others, whether it be mentoring young people at Stocksbridge Youth Centre or a neighbour with car trouble. Although 'dismissed' academically at school, Dad had a lifelong commitment to learning. He had patience and empathy for those children who struggled with the conventional

education system and strove to make their lot better by advocating a more vocational approach.

We too were also the recipients of hours of tireless 'private tuition' which he gave to ensure that we would have opportunities that he never had. His old Vauxhall Viva ferried us (and other village children) to swimming lessons, acrobat class and school functions. He took us for walks and taught us to play tennis (once breaking his arm in the process), to do percentages, English, art, chemistry, music, astronomy (the list is endless). Dad was always there for us, encouraging us to try new things and do our best to "make the grade" (whether we did or not!).

Always a man of the village, Dad got involved. He served on Hunshel Primary School PTA and was a member of the Parish Council. He helped to make Green Moor the Best Kept Village in 1967 and improved life for the village's children with his involvement in the play-park. Up until quite recently he annually painted Mr Stonebanks' seat at the bottom of Chapel Lane.

Dad did not confine

his desire to help others to local issues. He had a 'hobby with a difference' as he used to say, as a political and social commentator. To this end he would write countless letters to politicians, chief constables, presidents and even Her Majesty, in the hope that he could help change the cultural climate and improve society. Sadly although many of his ideas were sound, he didn't have a recognised academic or political platform which meant that his many worthwhile ideas went unacknowledged.

Dad had a varied career, including working at Netherfields in Penistone, where he cared for the elderly, with empathy and insight. Later, in a move we relished more than he did, he worked at the Bassets Liquorice Allsorts factory (how we loved the Friday afternoons when he came home with sherbet and pincushions!). His 'trade' was, however, as a metallurgic chemist

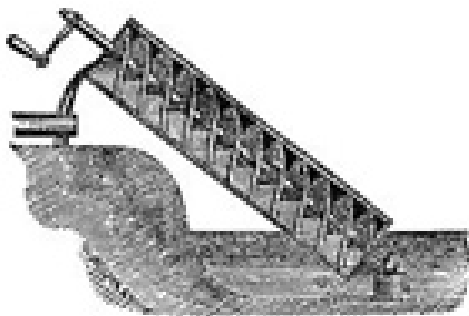
and he was employed at a number of steel works. In 1981, however, like so many others, the axing of jobs in the steel industry made him redundant. Unfortunately at 55, despite continued effort, he was unsuccessful in finding other employment.

Thus, he went back to class. He continued to write – stories, poems, plays, letters, his autobiography. He took up buying and selling – Sunday morning car boot sales and the 'yeller' were all part of the weekly ritual – and kept food on the table. He learned and mastered computer technology and was still in e-mail communication with us every day at 85! His daily words of wisdom are something else that we both miss dearly!

On summer evenings Dad would wander the Delf, or sit on the seat and chat to passers by. When he died, Green Moor lost one of its characters and we said goodbye to our lifelong mentor and loving father.



Hydro-electricity



An Archimedes Screw – In reverse action, water enters the top of the screw, and will force it to rotate. The rotating shaft can then be used to drive an electric generator. It has the advantage of operating with greatly varying flows of water (which might be dirty and sediment-laden).

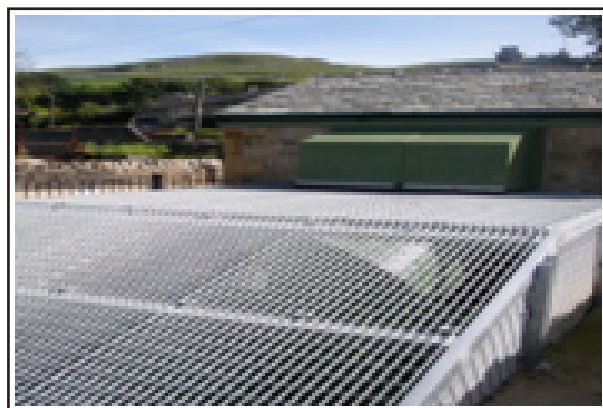
In a previous issue of the Chat I mentioned that Friends of the Earth and local parish councils, including Hunshelf, were interested in investigating the potential for generating electricity from small-scale hydroelectric schemes on the River Don. These schemes would utilise the existing weirs, and might be similar to the schemes existing at New Mills and Settle, where reverse Archimedes screws are used. Other schemes in the UK use more conventional turbines or even water wheels, which are surprisingly efficient. The River Don was, of course, a reliable source

of power before steam took over, as is shown by the sheer number of mills along its path. As our parish has the River Don on its northern and eastern boundary, we were interested as to whether there was any potential for this technology. In June some funding was granted to carry out a survey on the potential for hydropower at existing weirs on the upper River Don. The company – Power From The Landscape – carried out the survey in spring of this year and looked at 15 recorded weirs from the start of the Don, at Dunford Bridge, down to Deepcar. The survey looked at (1) the state of

the weir (as rebuilding is very expensive) (2) the amount of flow and fall of the water, and (3) the access to roads and 3-phase electric supply. As you will be aware this has not been a great year for rainfall and the river has remained very low since the end of winter. Basically, most of the water in the upper Don is the result of that released from the 7 reservoirs, 4 at Winscar and 3 at Scout Dyke, and can be fairly accurately recorded. This is called ‘compensation water’ and Yorkshire Water is legally obliged to release a certain amount to maintain river flows. There are also releases from the sewage treatment plants, particularly at Cheesebottom, and a few small streams. The results from the study show that 5 out of the 15 weirs have potential. Many of the weirs were in bad condition (and in a couple of cases had disappeared!). Others had poor access to roads or 3-phase supply. The respective owners of Catshaw and Bullhouse weirs, west of Penistone, have started investigating the use for their weirs for generating electricity, and

the owner of the millpond situated after the Black Moor Common weir has already installed a 9kW Archimedean screw, and it is not therefore possible to use the weir directly. The next weir downstream, at New Mill, Old Mill Lane, has potential as has the Top Forge weir. The one that we had hoped would have potential, Tin Mill Rocher weir, although in good condition and with a large water drop and flow, is unfortunately too far from 3 phase supply and has too difficult an access to make it viable. The owners of the respective weirs and the land on which any generating equipment might sit, have been given the survey reports, and ‘Power From The Landscape’ would be happy to advise them if they were interested in developing a scheme. Although the contribution from these schemes would be small, it would be there for many years, particularly generating in the winter months, where water flows are greater and electricity is needed; but more importantly being less intrusive than wind turbines.

Barry Tylee



The 50 kW Archimedes Screw at Settle, North Yorkshire



The 63 kW Archimedes Screw at New Mills, Derbyshire



400,000 Years of Climate Change

On Saturday 4 June over 40 gathered in the Providence Room to hear a lecture '400,000 Years of Climate Change' given by Professor Valentina Zharkova of Bradford University. This was the first time, I believe, that the Parish has played host to an eminent academic, and her audience enjoyed a rare treat.

Professor Zharkova explained that her aim is to make the public more aware that there may be many factors influencing the Earth's climate, that man-made pollution may not be the sole or direct cause of climate change and that recent research into the effect of solar activity is throwing up some interesting ideas.

Showing photographs of the sun taken over the last few years, and also using the evidence from observations taken by astronomers over the last 500 years, Professor Zharkova stated that the number of sunspots on the sun's surface is constantly changing, and that periods of low and high activity seem to follow a pattern, on average about 11 years in length. At times of high activity our planet is bombarded with cosmic rays, which distort the magnetic field, make changes to cloud cover and could affect our environment – and ourselves- in many ways.

The Professor went on to say that in the last 20

years or so, predictions of global warming have been based on the close similarity between the increase in global temperature and the growth of CO2 emissions – a graph showed almost identical curves. However, she said, when those forecasts were made, scientists did not have the information about sunspots available to them, so it could be that their computer simulations are inaccurate. Also, when the cycles of solar activity are compared with periods of warmer and cooler temperatures on Earth, there does seem to be a correlation between them. Some scientists believe that because recent solar cycles have been shorter than the average length, cosmic rays could be causing a particularly warm period –and not only on Earth: some fascinating recent images of Jupiter and Mars showed 'tropical storms' on Jupiter, and the Martian CO2 ice-caps melting. Another interesting graph, based

on cores of Antarctic ice, suggested that the Earth's climate has never been stable but has had many periods of warmer then cooler temperatures, going back at least 400,000 years, long before modern man was on Earth. So, although there is strong evidence that man-made pollution is causing serious damage to the ozone layer, the case for fuel emissions as the sole cause of global warming is less clear cut.

Professor Zharkova also said that some evidence indicates that, if no other factors distort the pattern, we could be soon entering a cooler period. I have to confess that I was selfishly disappointed at this as it would mean that we in Hunshelf could be back to woolly jumpers in July and digging out in December.

It was constantly stressed that our knowledge of the effects of cosmic rays is still very slight, and that much more research still needs to be done.

Recent studies, however, have put forward some unusual theories. It could be, for example, that as cosmic rays disturb Earth's magnetic field, our bodies respond to these changes and we could experience mood-swings or physical symptoms. Is there a connection between cosmic 'storms' and an increase in heart attacks and strokes? If you work for an insurance company perhaps you should be having a closer look at those sun-spot charts.

All in all we had an enjoyable and thought-provoking evening. Professor Zharkova presented new ideas in an impartial and open-minded way, and gave the audience a lot to talk about – as you could tell by listening to the many animated conversations going on as everyone rounded off the evening by tucking into some excellent pie and peas.

Can we do it again? Does anybody know Brian Cox?

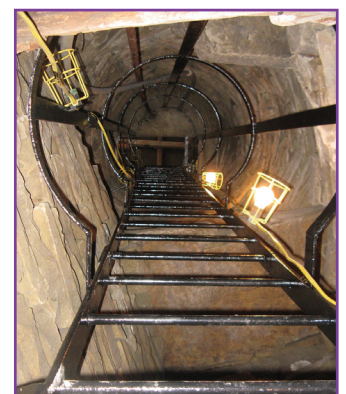
Angela Fox

Green Moor pump house open day

Once again Green Moor's pump house was open to the public to climb down the 30 ft ladder and walk down to the well. The event was well attended by young and old, local and further afield; one visitor coming from as far as Belgium.



Green Moor Pump House (well), originally built in 1904, provided water for the village until 1951. A 30' vertical ladder and a 20' stone passage provide access to the well head.



Calling all Carollers

During the past year the Parish has suffered the loss of a number of talented men and women – Neville Roebuck, Douglas Walton, Phyllis Crossland, John Hurst, Willis Squires, Joan Firth and Pat James – who, through their talents and activities, enriched the life in our area. They were also a link to the earlier years of the C20th, when community life was stronger than it is today, when the changes in the seasons were celebrated more publicly; and with their passing we could be in danger of breaking ties with our heritage, of forgetting some of the traditions that have enhanced our local society.

One of our strongest traditions has been the preservation of many old carols which have died out in most parts of the country, but have survived in parts of South and West Yorkshire (and, I believe, Dorset).

As a child in the '50's I can remember the carol singers coming to our house on Christmas Eve, as part of their progress around the Parish: the anticipation of their arrival was every bit as great as the anticipation of a visitor in red hoped for a few hours later. We would be playing games but listening with one ear for noises outside. Then there would be the sound of many footsteps, the shuffling of feet as the singers arranged themselves around the door, a few low mutterings and coughs, before a full-throated first verse of

'Christians Awake'. My dad would go to the door and would stand there, poised, until we heard the ritual greeting – from Neville or one of the Waltons- "We wish you a Merry Christmas", at which point Dad would fling open the door and everyone would troop in.

In those days there would be around 30 people, all familiar with the old carols and able to provide and sing correctly all the different parts. My Aunt Ada (Matthewman) and Audrey Mallender had lovely soprano voices and could keep the high parts going, contraltos and tenors were well represented while the bases provided a rich underlying volume. My dad had a great deep voice. Granted he only had about three notes but he acted as a steady drone-line. For many years we also had

musical accompaniment –Leslie, Annie, Douglas and Ethel Walton on violins (and violas?) and Stanley Walton on cello.

After we had sung 'Back Lane', 'Eastern Star', 'Jacob's Well' 'Good News' and 'Hail Smiling Morn' alongside the more widely known carols Mum brought out glasses of sherry and punch. There were quite a few committed Methodists who abstained, but several sinners would linger with Dad before moving on to the school house for singing and supper into the early hours.

As the years have gone by numbers declined and some years have seen no singing at all. A few of us would like to preserve knowledge of the old songs and pass them on to the younger generation, so we are thinking of holding some

'practice sessions' in October and November, to really get to know the parts and to get more younger people involved. You don't have to be a good singer –its numbers that are important at the moment. (Any three-noters can sit with me as I have inherited my dad's range.) We just want to meet informally and have fun learning. There may be buns too. The venue will be the School House. Chris is on holiday at the moment so we can't fix a date, but if you are interested in maintaining this tradition – and perhaps extending it to a 'sing' in The Bridge – you can phone Kath Austin on 28858888, Angela Fox on 2883581 or e-mail angela.fox@gmail.com. And we'll sort out some convenient dates and times.

Angela Fox

Edie Wilson 1925-2011

Edie never lived in Green Moor but was a regular visitor for many years, from her home in Leeds until the journey got a bit too much.

For those who didn't know her, Edie is probably best remembered in Green Moor for helping with the senior Citizens' tea - and especially the

marathon washing up sessions - which she did for several years. She enjoyed coming to Green Moor because of the way people just got on with things - as well as making her welcome, of course. The tea was always on the weekend nearest her Birthday - and it was always a close run decision; help with the tea or go for

dinner with the family? Mostly Green Moor tea won - unless it was one of those big 0 or 5 birthdays.

For a few years Edie also marshalled for the Fell Race - perched on a chair (kindly supplied by Neville - along with a cup of tea) at "Molly's Bungalow Corner".

Edie was born and brought up in north

Sheffield. As a child she thought Halifax must be so beautiful - because Halifax Road lead to such lovely countryside. Perhaps that's why she felt so at home in Green Moor.

Edie moved to Abergavenny in South Wales, three years ago, to live with her son and daughter-in-law. Another lovely part of the world.

Come and here about the latest developments at Wortley Top Forge

Wortley Top Forge is thought to be the oldest surviving heavy iron forge in the world, it is a scheduled ancient monument and is listed grade 1. Privately owned by the South Yorkshire Industrial History Society and situated in Forge Lane adjacent to the River Don it is in Hunshelf Parish. Last September a meeting

was held at the Forge to discuss the Conservation Plan for the site and a follow up meeting has now been arranged for the morning of Saturday 17 September starting at 10.30am when all are welcome to hear about how the Plan is developing.

Tea and coffee will be available from 10.30am followed by a short

introductory welcome and the opportunity to view displays highlighting progress and ask questions about the work. Tours of the site will also be available and the event will be free.

The Forge is open every Sunday from Easter until early November from 11am to 5pm, normal admission Adults £3, Concessions

£2 and children 50p. There will be free entry on Saturday 10 September as part of the Heritage Open Days Weekend. If you want to find out more about the Forge take a look at the website www.topforge.co.uk Margaret Tylee, President South Yorkshire Industrial History Society and Forge volunteer

The Tithepenny

For some time now, I have been concerned over the creeping menace to the fabric of our society, called the tithepenny. 'The tithepenny?' I hear you ask. 'What is a tithepenny?'

Actually the term doesn't really exist. I coined it. If you'll forgive the pun, from 'tithe' (meaning one-tenth, as in paying a 'tithe' to the church or local baron, one-tenth of income or produce) and 'penny' (the smallest coin of the realm).

'Well I don't know what it is,' I hear you say, but you're wrong. It's been with us for quite a while and shows no sign of abating.

It first caught my attention on the garage forecourt. The fuel price as £131.9/litre unleaded and £137.9/litre diesel. And there you have it, staring you in the face. Point 9p (or as I call it nine tithepennies).

Now, it must be obvious to everyone that the Treasury must be planning to introduce the tithepenny, otherwise George Osborne and previous Chancellors

would surely have reduced fuel costs by nine tithepennies 0 or, as is more likely, increased the cost by one tithepenny, to round the price off to the nearest whole penny.

What a pity we didn't all latch on to this on April 1. We could have all gone to our local filling stations and bought two litres of petrol (minimum purchase) at £131.9p/litre, tendered £2.64 and demanded our two tithepennies change. Ah well, maybe next year!

But, and here's the warning, we need to be alert. It's not only on fuel that we have this anomaly. Check your gas bills. Not only are costs per unit showing tithepennies, but tenths and hundredths of tithepennies.

Even our most respected institutions, the banks, are getting in on the act, with some interests rates quoted

(though not should from the rooftops) as 0.08 per cent AER, in other words eight tithepennies per annum on every £1 invested.

For my part, I'm struggling to work out how much my life savings of £7.48 will have grown to by this time next year, and what the tax implications will be. Maybe I'll go offshore into a tax haven.

Well, it's not piddling any longer (and you wouldn't be saying it if the cost of 'spending a penny goes up to 1.4p and you haven't got the exact cones).

With the population around 60 million and climbing, it every person had to pay an extra nine tithepennies daily, it would cost us £540,000 0 or a mighty £197.1 million a year.

You have been warned!

(article from Daily Mail)

Village SOS Competition

The Village SOS Competition will give around 250 awards of between £10,000 and £30,000 to kick start community businesses.

They want to support inspiring business ideas to bring people together in villages across the UK and support activities and enterprises that will tackle the challenges they face.

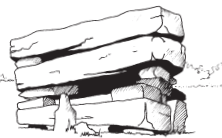
They're particularly interested in ideas that will use the skills of local people, and the area's natural resources, land and buildings. Entry forms will be available to Village SOS members soon. Entry requirements:

- must be a community enterprise
- village must be in a rural area with less than 3,000 people living in it
- One entry per village

In order to have the best chances of success, use all the resources Village SOS has to offer, including the Community and Advice Line on 0845 434 9123.

Visit: <http://www.villagesos.org.uk/competition>

Matters Around The Parish



Sustainability Grant

Now that the Isle of Skye walls are almost complete, we have the chance to apply for some more funding. This is a "Sustainability Grant" to allow The Friends of the Isle of Skye to expand. Some ideas have been floated, to purchase a brush cutter, some training in first aid and the use of machines, wall building sessions, fell race T-shirts etc. Any further ideas would be welcome. Please mention then to any member of the parish council.

New Folk in the Parish

Martin and Gaynor Grant and their two boys, Aaron and Byron have moved into 7 Chapel Lane. Welcome and we hope they enjoy being in our community.

Pickford's Gap Wall

Almost finished. Peter McLeod and a bunch of volunteers have done a magnificent job on this wall and it looks so much better. Thanks everybody.

Playground Wall

The playground wall at the side of Green Moor

Road is due to be pulled down and rebuilt later in the year. Volunteers will be required at that time!

Parish Council Accounts

The parish council accounts were presented to the parish at the annual meeting in May, but anyone who is interested is invited to ask questions of the Clerk who will endeavour to answer them. The notice board has the standard information that goes to the audit, but if you ring David Horsfall on 0114 288 3684, he will try to allay your fears that the parish council is profligate!

Plastic Waste

The parish council is aware that many people hold the Isle of Skye in great affection, and we have noticed that flowers have been laid on the Isle of Skye regularly. This is right and proper, but please, remove any plastic wrappings or ties before you lay them. Otherwise it is a job for someone to remove them later. The flowers die back and disappear, the

plastic lives on for far too long.

Fell and Fun Runs

It seems a long time since we held the fell race and fun runs. Simon Roberts took over part of the organisation of the fell race this year it was better than ever. Thank you Simon as well as the hardy band of volunteers that man the event. The fun runs were a little disappointing in terms of numbers, but all praise to those youngsters who ran. As we have said before, it is not an easy run and anyone who completes either race has done something to be proud of. The fun run prizes were bought at Asda who also gave us a £5 gift voucher as a contribution to the cost!

Next year we might have some money to provide T-shirts etc for all finishers. Watch this space.

Vandalism

Sadly we have to report that there has been some vandalism on the Isle of Skye. Walls newly erected have been damaged and equipment belonging to the contractor interfered with. The police have been informed and we are promised action. If you spot anything, please call the police

Retirement Forum

Barnsley Library is holding a "Retirement Forum" on 3 November 2011 in the main library, offering ideas for how retirees can fill their spare time. Barnsley's

Twin Town Society will be in attendance if you are at all interested in having a German to stay!

TV Goes Digital

As reported in the last Chat, Green Moor goes digital in September. The parish council is asking all residents if they have a problem, and then help will be provided to tune in. If you have any questions, ring the Clerk on 0114 288 3684 and he will try to find someone who knows the answers!

Septic Tanks!

An essential part of our parish, we estimate that approx 44 houses (37%) in the parish have a septic tank or equivalent, i.e. they are not on mains drainage. Not a problem, but now the Environment Agency requires all these properties to be registered with them. The penalty for non registration could be as much as £2, 500, but the major problem for most of us would come if the house changes hands. You will then get a delay while you register.

For most of us, if not all of us, it is free: there is a web site at "environment-agency.gov.uk" with a very easy form to fill in on line. If anyone has any questions, please contact the parish council Clerk, David Horsfall, on 0114 288 3684 and he will either answer the question, or find someone to deal with it.

There s a deadline of the end of the year, so all those affected should register as soon as possible.

Pickford Gap, Green Moor



THE TALE OF THE CHURCHILL TANK STUCK IN THE ISLE OF SKYE, 1942

CHAMBERSTANK

Here lies the Carcase of Chamber's Tank,
Which left the road for a grassy bank,
Such courtesy let a lightweight by,
But left the Tank Bogged in the Isle of Skye,

Men went in crowds to dig it out,
Jack Jeffries, Walt, and Sellars stout,
They worked and slaved all in a bunch,
They got it out and went to lunch.
Renewed in strength , they returned to attack,

Resolved to Warren to tow it back
But on the spot they stood aghast,
This tank had sunk again , stuck fast.

They tried again, it was no good,
The tank was sinking where it stood.
They heaved and tugged it would not budge,
It was settling deeply in the sludge

As through the night they slaved and sweat,
Their thoughts were black, their clothes were wet,
Things were at a pretty pass,
A tank submerged in a boggy mass.

They wondered if the tank would float,
Just like a battleship or boat,
But now they know it is simple folly,
To turn a tank into a jolly.

Inside the tank was blackness , Pitched,
All round, the bog was green,
And from the way that she was ditched,
She looked a submarine,

Jack Jeffries and our Norman too,
Were picked out first to act as crew
And as they stepped on board the tank,
They shook hands twice in case she sank.

They said a prayer and sang a hymn,
They looked all round the light was dim
They wondered if she'd keep her level,
Or send them supping with the devil.

The tow - rope fixed , the cable tight,
Both Jack and Norman had a fright,
For the angle of travel was forty-five,
And they wondered if she was going to dive.
They went through the mud for a mile or less,

Like a corvette bound for Inverness,
And then their speed began to falter,
And Norman and Jack yelled out for Walter,

Walter came and saw their plight,
And shouted "Courage, Land's in Sight"
He looked and found their heavy load,
Had landed them upon the road.

The last we heard of this event,
Reinforcements then were being sent,
As roaring through the night they went,
People watching had a fright
Thought-The Invasion starts to-night.

The moral of this Episode,
Is , don't forget the Driver's Code.
When testing out a heavy load,
Keep definitely to the road,
And should a lightweight wish to pass,
Make sure to make him use the grass
For should he get stuck fast like glue,
Your power and weight should pull him through.

We're not sure it is our Isle of Skye, but someone may know something. If you do, we would like to be told! Let us know for the next Hunshelf Chat.

Phone Box



Here's yet another idea for the old telephone box in Green Moor. This box is a Swiss cherished telephone box in a tiny hamlet near to Interlaken. Although it is difficult to see, there is a complete shower system installed, not, however, in working order!

*A belated but happy
90th birthday
Mrs Steel*

*Mrs Elsie Steel of Green
Moor, was 90 back in July.*

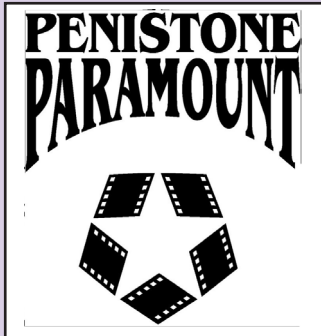
*Late but in earnest, we'd
like to wish her a very happy
birthday and I'll have a pint
of what ever she's on.*

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
10 November 2011**

What's On 'Ereabouts



Tel 01226 767532
CINEMA:

The Inbetweeners

16 Sept, 7.30pm
17 Sept, 2pm
18 Sept, 2pm, 6pm
19, 20, 21, 22 Sept,
7.30pm

LIVE EVENTS:

Rock Around the 60's with Vanity Fare

Fri 16 Sept, 7.30pm

Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band in Concert

Sat 17 Sept, 7.30pm

Razzmatazz Adult Theatre present BRASSED OFF

28, 29 Sept, 7.15pm
30 Sept, 7.30pm
Sat 1 Oct, 7.30pm

The Velvet Burlesque Halloween Horror Show

Sat 29 Oct, 8pm
A Timeless Collection
3 Nov, 2.30pm, 7.30pm

The Nutcraker Ballet

Tue 22 Nov, 7pm

The ELO Experience

Sat 26 Nov, 8pm

Last Laugh Comedy Club

9 Dec, 8pm

ORGAN EVENTS:

Robert Wolfe
Sat 8 Oct, 2.30pm

Nigel Ogden
Sat 12 Nov, 2.30pm

**A Compton Christmas
Cracker**
Sat 10 Dec, 2.30



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Concert in aid of Cystic Fibrosis

Fri 16 Sept, 7pm

Wortley Folk Club

Bernard Wrigley
Sat 17 Sept, 8pm

Car Boot

Sat 17 Sept, 10am

The Lion Works plus support

Sat 24 Sept, 8pm

Rock and Metal Night

Fri 7 Oct, 8pm

Wortley Folk Club Shep Woolley

Sat 15 Oct, 8pm

Band Night

Sat 15 Oct, 8.30pm

Car Boot

Sat 15 Oct, 10am

The Paris Riots plus support

Fri 21 Oct, 8pm

Car Boot

Sat 12 Nov, 10am

Wortley Folk Club Flossie Malavialle & Paul Donnelly

Sat 19 Nov, 8pm

Brass Concert in aid of Cystic Fibrosis

Fri 25 Nov, 7pm

Wortley Folk Club - St Agnes Fountain

Fri 2 Dec, 8.15pm

CLASSES:

Beading, Advanced
Mon 19 Sept - 7 Nov,
6.30 - 8.30pm, £34

Folk Art Painting
Tues 6 Sept - 4 Oct
6.30 - 9pm £34

Cake Decorating, Flowers
Wed 14 Sept - 19 Oct,
6.30 - 8.30pm, £34+

**Cake Decorating for
Christmas**
Tues 8 Nov - 13 Dec, 6.30
- 8.30pm, £34+

**Scrap Booking with
Deborah**
Tues 20 Sept - 18 Oct,
6.30 - 8.30pm £34+

**Scrap Booking with
Sandra**
Fri 9 Sept fortnightly
until 25 Nov, 12.30 -
2.30pm, £5 per session

Flower Arranging
Thur 22 Sept fortnightly
to 1 Dec, 10am - 12pm,
£34

Scrap Book Project Day
Sat 22 Oct, 10am - 4pm,
£20

Craft Club
Wednesdays, 12.30 -
2.30pm, £4 per session

Art Workshop
Mondays, 10 - 11.30am,
£5 per session

Music and Song
Wednesdays, 9.30 -
10.30am, £3 per adult
(up to 2 children)

GREEN MOOR CHURCH

**Havest - Joint Flower
Festival**
9 October

Remembrance Sunday
13 November, 10.30am
at church, 11am walk to
Millennium Green.

Advent Sunday
27 November

Carols on the Green
4 December

Christingle Service
11 December, 3.30pm

**Nativity Service with
Sunday School**
18 December, 10 am

**Traditional Carol
Service**
18 December, 6pm

MISCELLANEOUS

**Antique and Collectors
Fair**
Saturday 22 October,
Penistone Community
Centre, 10am - 4pm.
Proceeds for Green Moor
Sports Club

Steel Valley Beacon Arts - a 'Night of Comedy' at

a variety of venues:
- 'Dastardly Duke Duggie
of Deepcar, by Les Walker
of Stocksbridge.
- 'Who lives in a house
like this?' by Christine
Goodwin of Penistone.
- An extract ('Malvolio's
Tale') from 'Twelfth Night'
by William Shakespeare.
- Two short 'Monty
Python' sketches.
- 'Last Tango in Little
Grimley' by David
Tristram.

£6 or £5 concessions
Available from 2884391.
All performance start at
7.30pm

29 September, Christ
Church, Stocksbridge

30 September, The
Venue, Stocksbridge

6 October, Wortley Hall

7 October, St Ann's Hall,
Deepcar.

8 October, Bolsterstone
Village Hall.