

# Hunshelf Chat

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Stories throughout this newsletter are written by residents of the parish of Hunshelf.

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**Deadline for the next Hunshelf Chat is 20 February 2011**

Merry Christmas to you all

## Local Carol Singing

A group of people has been busy learning, or refreshing their memories of, Local Carols in preparation for touring the Parish on Friday 23 December. There are still sessions left on Thursday 8 and Tuesday 13 December if you would like to join us. It has been traditional that a willing host gathers together family and friends and invites the carollers inside to sing! Once we have received the invites a route will be decided and we will give the hosts an expected time of arrival. Please contact Chris on 0114 2885510 before 20 December if you would like us to call.

**Doris Stubbs**

## What the difference a year makes

Only a few more weeks to Christmas day but you wouldn't know it if you were comparing this year's weather to last year's.

These photographs were taken almost exactly a year apart but look at the difference! Same sky mind you.



*Green Moor Road, photograph taken 1 December 2010*



*Green Moor Road, photograph taken 3 December 2011*



**Who is the bane of Santa's life?**

*The elf and safety officer.*

## Update on Industrial Heritage Project

As many will have seen, the village garden has been renovated and is currently awaiting interpretive panels to be fixed onto the two stands (lecterns) positioned at either side. There are two flower beds which we will plant with a range of (hopefully!) easily maintained plants, including bluebells and daffodils. If any of you have any cuttings, which you would like to see in there, please leave them in pots in the garden. Most of the safety improvements to the pump house have been carried out and this was open on the Heritage Weekend, some of the comments are below. The conversion of the telephone box will be carried out soon.

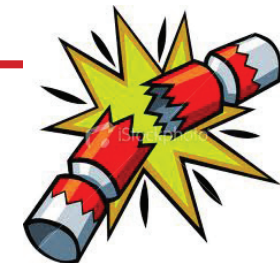
Barry Tylee

### *Pumphouse visitors' comments:*

'Very unusual'; 'Buzzing'; Fascinating and informative'; 'Extremely interesting'; 'Fascinating, well worth the visit, quite unique'; 'How did they build it?'; 'Where's the water gone?'; 'How did they paint the ladder?'

### FOR SALE

'Early History of Hunshelf School'. An opportunity to buy a copy of this document for £2 from Kathryn Austin, tel 0114 2885888 or any parish councillor.



How do snowmen get around?

They ride an icicle.

### New Arrivals in Hunshelf

Paul and Lynn Thorley have left "The Old Saw Mill" on Forge Lane and emigrated to Cyprus. We wish them happiness in the sun!

Graham and Jill Dalton have moved into

"The Old Saw Mill" with their two daughters Alexandra (likes to be known as Alex) and Nikki. Also enjoying the area is Arthur their Basset Hound

We hope that they enjoy being in Hunshelf

### Autumn Fair Success

The Church Members would like to thank all those who supported the Autumn Fair held on 19 November when £700 was raised for Church Funds. All raffle prizes and competition prizes have been claimed.

Concrete flagstones 2' x 2'. Contact Barry on 0114 283 0056.

## History in the Making!

Over a year ago Steel Valley Beacon Arts was asked to help Wortley Hall to commemorate their 60th Anniversary as a Centre for Working People. During this last year there have been a Promenade Summer Show which depicted the History of Wortley Hall, Folk Song Workshops where people could compose their own "work songs", Folk Song performances, an Art Course, a week long Art Exhibition and a Comedy Show by Steel Valley Beacon Arts.

The final events in this programme, requested by the Trustees, are performances of The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists by Robert Tressell written in the early 1910 and performed, soon after its opening, at Wortley Hall. It will later be performed at The Hub, Kirkburton (01484 860077) and The Venue Stocksbridge (0114 2838692)

We follow a group of painters and decorators in the early 1900s as they struggle to make ends meet. They live in a world where poverty is always just around the corner, with no welfare state, no NHS and few employment rights. We see the ups and downs of ordinary working people in a time when unemployment was high, wages were low and

when the work of the many lined the pockets of the few. Doom and gloom, sometimes... but humor and humanity, often.

Directed by Danielle Trigg with design by Sarah Lewis, professionals in their field, with a talented cast of actors from the local area, we are honoured to bring The Ragged Trousered

Philanthropists' back to the region!

The celebrations are funded through the Rural Development Programme for England which is jointly funded by Defra and the European Union.

Tickets are limited, and already selling quickly, so book early on 0114 2882100 to avoid disappointment.

**Doris Stubbs**

## Penistone Young Embroiderers



Embroidery by Lucy and Abby Armitage

These were made by Lucy and Abby Armitage of Holly Hall, at Penistone Young Embroiderers October workshop to be displayed in St John's church, Penistone, at Christmas.

## Green Moor Sports Club

The sports club rounded off their season with the annual dinner and presentation evening at Cubley Hall on 19th November. 74 people attended and awards were presented by Mrs Claire Fearnley - wife of the late Brian Fearnley who passed away earlier this year. He had represented our club as league umpire for many years. Trophy winners were:



	1st team	2nd team	U'17's
<b>Batting</b>	Julian Bates	John Hardy	Sam Askey
<b>Bowling</b>	Mark Elsworth	Jonathon Haigh	Sam Askey
<b>Catching</b>	Joe White	Philip Simpson	Sam Askey/Ryan Burkinshaw
<b>M.O.M</b>	Julian Bates	Ben Askey	Sam Askey

Young Player of the year - Sam Askey  
 Spoon - John Hardy  
 Club Effort - Kate Goddard  
 Champagne moment - Jamie Dixon

We now have a month off before indoor nets start on 19 January at Penistone Grammar School 7pm - 8pm. This night and time is for both juniors and adults.

Merry Xmas everybody  
**Ann Matthewman**



## Barnsley CAB

- Barnsley CAB is a registered charity that provides free, confidential legal advice on a range of subjects, including: debt; welfare benefits; employment; housing; consumer issues, etc.

• The Bureau is part of the national network of Citizens Advice Bureaux and plays an active role in national and local social policy campaigns.

- In 2010/11 the Bureau helped deal with around 23,000 new enquiries from local people. Debt is the biggest single area of work for the Bureau – in 2010/11 the Bureau dealt with around 12,000 new debt enquiries (around 50 every working day) and helped local people manage over £15 million of debt.
- The Bureau’s core service is provided by trained volunteers – if you would like to volunteer at CAB, with free training provided, please see details on our website.
- Text relay is available for telephone callers to our AdviceLine Gateway. Interpreting or British Sign Language support can also be made available by appointment for face-to-face interviews.
- In addition to its advice giving role the Bureau also plays an active part in local Partnership arrangements, especially those relating to promoting Financial Inclusion.
- The Bureau is based next to the Central Library at 1 Shambles Street in the town centre.
- For more details about CAB and our services visit us online: [www.barnsleycab.org.uk](http://www.barnsleycab.org.uk) and follow us on Twitter: @BarnsleyCAB

## The Light at the end of the Walls!

It is great to report that we are now very close to completion on the walls of the Isle of Skye. David Wadsworth has now finished his contract, and so have Steven and Carl Fretwell.

The photo on page 7 is David Wadsworth laying the last toppler on wall 11. This is the one alongside the footpath over to Stocksbridge. He has finished the wall across the middle of the Isle of Skye (Wall 6), rebuilt Wall 5 at the far end of the Paddock area and dealt with his section of the rampart wall overlooking Stocksbridge.

If you have not yet been up there, do go and have a look.

**David Horsfall, The Friends of the Isle of Skye**



What is Santa’s favourite pizza?

*One that’s deep pan, crisp and even.*

## OIL BUYING COOPERATIVES

Not on mains gas? Struggling to pay for heating oil which has rocketed in price over the past two years? Interested in ways of reducing costs? Then why not consider setting up an oil buying co-operative?

The idea is simple. A group of people in the same area join together and order their heating oil collectively. All members pay the same price regardless of the order size. Such a scheme enables a group of people to order heating oil in bulk for individual homes on a single date. Suppliers save money by reducing journeys which enables them to offer a lower price to customers. These co-operative are already operating in some areas and indicative savings are in the region of 10-12% per order.

If you would like to know more please request an information pack from Cllr. Robert Barnard. Telephone: (07811) 430948. Email: [cllrrobertbarnard@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:cllrrobertbarnard@barnsley.gov.uk)

## Community Carols

This year the Community Carols (alias Carols in the Glen and Carols on the Green) which was forced inside last year by inclement weather, will again be inside St Matthias Church Stocksbridge on Sunday 4 December. Starting at 1.45 on TaTa Steelworks Green, a procession, led by two live donkeys, will make its way to the Nativity Willow Sculpture, created last year by over 70 members of the public. After the reading

of a poem the group will move into the church. Yes! The live donkeys will go in too! We have two because “They like to be together!” to quote their owner.

A few Saturdays ago when I went to view the Donkey Man and his donkeys near Wakefield Cathedral I got the job of holding the donkeys while their owner, Martin, cleared up the donkey droppings. I hope he doesn’t decide to change jobs next time!

The re-enactment of the Nativity starts in the church at 2pm.

**Doris Stubbs**



## THE GREEN MOOR PUMP HOUSE - A Chequered History

The Pump House in Green Moor has once again been repaired and made safe to visit. It has had a chequered career, and the following list is a part record of all the repairs and alterations we know about. These were all taken from parish council minutes at various times. The original minutes can be seen in Barnsley Archives in Shambles Street Library

### March 1909

New Shed to cover Town Pump proposed

### June 1909

New shed completed

### 21 February 1919

Money paid for pump repair-to Mrs Lindley-- (husband who had done the work had died)

### June 1921

Alterations to Pump House floor

### September 1921

Quote sought for iron ladder. Pump repaired

### March 1922

Iron ladder quote accepted. Pump improvements discussed

### November 1922

Bill for fixing ladder and making and fixing a trap door, for £4-18-4 Paid

### October 1923

Pump repairs

### March 1924

Pump shed doorway repaired

### September 1924

Pump repaired and hinged window with thick glass fitted roof of Pump House Shed

### September 1926

A letter was read from Messrs Dransfield and Hodgkinson (Solicitors) asking if any payment had been made by the Parish Council to the Quarry owner in respect to the parish pump house. On investigation of the "Particular of Sales by the Earl of Wharnccliffe January 25th 1921 the following condition was found  
*"The well and pump upon this lot is vested in the local council and is not part of this sale"*

### October 1926

Letter of complaint water contaminated. Meeting to be arranged with Councillors and Surveyor

### November 1926

Mr Booth reported that the deputation appointed by the Parish meeting, had met the Surveyor on Saturday November 5th 1926. It was agreed by both parties at the said interview, that a certain amount of surface water, was able to drain down the pump shaft. But, that owing to the fact that the well was not directly underneath the entrance of the shaft, but was a considerable distance away from the bottom, very little if any at all

reached the actual well.

The chief alterations suggested at the interview were

- a That the pump spout be, considerably lengthened, so that the droppings would not be directly over the entrance to the well
- b That either a short wall about 1 foot high and well cemented and near to the end of the extended spout be taken through the east wall to the outside of the shed and so prevent any surface water draining back into the well
- c That the skylight on the roof of the Pump House be repaired so that the rain would be prevented from making any surface water which could drain back into the well

The parish council decided to undertake the repair work themselves to save money

### January 1927

£7-8-7 paid for pump improvements

### July 1927

Repairs

### April 1928

More repairs. It was suggested that a contract was made for repairs.

### June 1928

Contract refused

### October 1928

Repairs

### November 1929

Pump Bills

### March 1932

Pump leaking

### December 1932

New Pump proposed, old one now 24 years old

### 1939

Entrance needs repairing

### March 1940

Pump leaking

### July 1940, 1941, and 1942

Pump repaired again

### March 1943

Pipes leaking

### 1945

New Trap Door fitted

### March 1948

Shed and Pump repaired

### March 1949

Pump reported as not working properly, needs priming at all times

### March 1951

Pump OK!

### November 1951

Roof covered with tar because it leaks

### March 1952

Pump not holding water

### September 1955

Stone cover missing: there is a danger to children

### 1959

Pump has not been used for 7 or 8 years, needs putting back in order

### November 1960

Roof covered in tar



# Parish Matters



*Barry Tylee and Graeme Johnson - some of the volunteers involved in the re-build*

## Playground Wall

Just in case you have missed it, the wall on Pickford's Gap between the Rock Inn site and the playground has been re-built. This work has largely been undertaken by volunteers under the direction of Peter McLeod of Acorn Walling. Special mention must be

made of Barry Tylee and Graeme Johnson who, aided by a number of others built this wall from scratch. With the move to develop the Rock Inn site, it was essential that we delineated our land from the developers and our thanks go to all who helped

## Playground Wall 2

Work may well have started on the roadside wall at the playground by the time this issue comes out. A grant from Barnsley MBC has allowed us to have this wall repaired. Worries have been expressed over the state of this wall as long as I have been Clerk, now some 15 years, and it is a relief that we can finally get it done.

## Playground Wall 3

OK, so we do other things as well as build walls, but the playground is used by our children and we have a special responsibility to keep them safe. The back wall is showing signs of slippage caused by a tree. It has been decided that the wall will be repaired, using what the builder called a "wet build" whereby the stones are set in cement that will allow the separate stones to become one unit and thus safe. The tree root is to be bridged to allow it to grow for the foreseeable future.

## Isle of Skye Walls

The Friends of the Isle of Skye have received a grant of £800 from Barnsley MBC to allow them to finish the walls on the Isle of Skye and to get all the formalities over with. The project needs to be signed off officially, there needs to be a grand opening and various signs etc. put in place. Now the friends have the money the project will be finished in time for the grand opening on 17th June 2012, which, surprisingly, is right on schedule!

When we get round to this event, we will be recognising all the efforts of all the people who helped either financially or in kind



## Old Museum Building

It will come as no surprise to all of you that the parish council is finally going to sell the old museum building in the New Year. The building itself is becoming dilapidated and expensive, and due to the change in legislation, the plot is too small to use efficiently for its original purpose, or indeed for

any purpose that the community might want or need.

The sale is being handled by NPS property services which is the old Barnsley Council property department gone privatised. As a parish council, we must get "best value" for all our asset disposals, and the use of such a body allows us to claim that we have gone through the correct procedures.

## Rock Inn Site

Shepherd Homes are to build 10 houses on this site when the planning permission finally comes through. The parish council looked at the plans and had no real objections only a couple of comments. One is about the surface water from the roads (Shepherd's want to send it down the sewage system, but that leads to problems). Another is the parking areas might be better if they were porous rather than Tarmac, but these are minor problems.

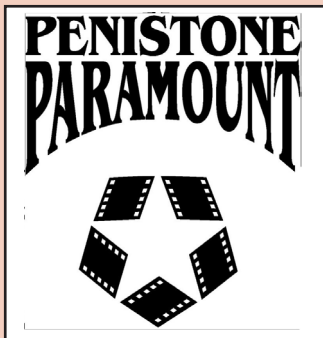
Of more concern is the security of the banking up to Delph Edge, and the parish council is going to make representation to Barnsley MBC that measures are put in place to ensure that there is no slippage of the slope, i.e. making sure that the properties on Delph Edge do not lose their gardens!

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

**What's a specimen?**

**An Italian astronaut**

## What's On 'Ereabouts



Tel 01226 767532  
**CINEMA:**

**Wuthering Heights**  
11 - 15 December

**Arthur Christmas**  
15 - 21 December

**My Week With Marilyn**  
23 - 29 December (except  
Christmas day)

### LIVE EVENTS:

**Penistone Star Search  
Grand Finale**  
8 Dec, 7.15pm

**Last Laugh Comedy Club**  
9 Dec, 8pm

**Grand Christmas  
Concert**  
10 Dec, 7.15pm

**Penistone Theatre  
Group present Jack and  
the Beanstalk**  
26 - 29 Jan, 31 Jan, 1-4  
February 2012

**Heroes of Rock and Pop  
through the ages**  
25 Feb, 8pm

**Swan Lake**  
28 Mar, 7pm

**C'mon Everybody**  
31 Mar, 7.30pm

### ORGAN EVENTS:

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

**Jean Martyn**  
11 Feb, 2.30pm

**Donald McKenzie**  
10 Mar, 2.30pm



0114 283 8692

**Christmas Craft and  
Food Fayre**  
Sat 17 Dec, 10am - 4pm  
Santa's Grotto, Carol  
Singing, Demonstrations,  
and FREE kids craft  
activities (booking  
essential)

**Christmas Panto - Who  
Stole the Pies?**  
Friday 16 Dec 10am or  
1.30pm & Saturday; 17  
December 3pm. Family  
ticket (2+2) £18 Adult  
£6 Child/Concession £4  
Child Minder £16.50  
**Under 18s Band Night**  
Sat 17 Dec. Starts 7pm.  
Features under 18 local  
talented artists) line up  
includes Olivia Gracie  
Brown, Nathanna &  
Tears For Our Beloved  
U18 £2 Adult £4.

**Brass and Carols**  
Tue 20 Dec. Starts  
7.30pm. Featuring  
Deepcar Brass Band &  
Oughtibridge Brass Band  
Tickets £6.

**Christmas Eve Family  
Disco Party Night**  
Sat 24 Dec. 6pm -10pm.  
Enjoy a fun night with all  
the family dancing with  
The Music Man Disco,  
Bouncy Castle, Games  
Family Ticket (2+2)  
£18 Adult £6 Child £4  
- TICKET ONLY EVENT

**New Year's Eve Family  
Disco**  
Sat 31 Dec. Disco 8pm -  
12.30am. Welcome in the  
New Year with dancing  
to The Music Man Ticket  
Only event. Book early  
Family Ticket (2+2) £22  
Adult £7 Child £5

### GREEN MOOR CHURCH

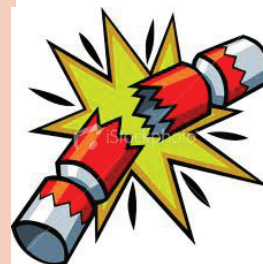
**Christingle Service**  
11 December, 3.30pm

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

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

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Carol Singers tour of  
the Parish**  
Friday 23 December.



**What do you call a  
blind reindeer?**

*No eye deer.*

**Did you hear about  
the dyslexic devil  
worshipper?**

*He sold his soul to  
Santa.*

**Two snowmen in  
a field, one turned  
to the other and  
said "I don't know  
about you but I can  
smell carrots.!"**

**How do you make  
Lady Gaga cry?**

*Poker face.*

**What do you get  
when you cross  
a lion with a  
snowman?**

*Frostbite.*

**and finally...**

**Santa Claus  
Conundrum**

*The 3 stages of man:*

*1) He believes in  
Santa Claus.*

*2) He doesn't  
believe in Santa  
Claus.*

*3) He IS Santa  
Claus!*

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