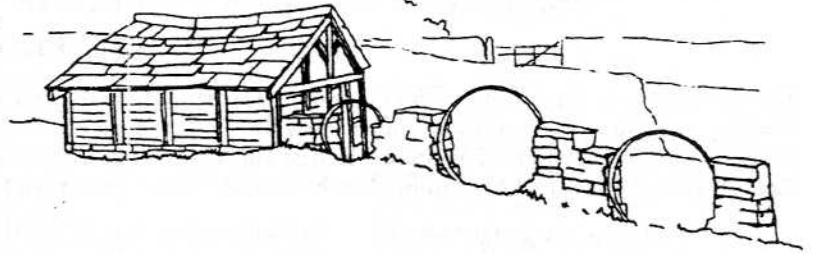


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Chat

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A Message from the Editor

Just a quicky from me this time, as you've not left enough room for me! I suppose that was the aim.

Thank you for all your contributions in this issue - may you continue to do so for future issues. If you keep this up, eventually you'll delete me completely.

Claire Derrick - 1 Inglemount, Green Moor Road, Telephone/Fax 288 7903



FOOTPATH FATE -

DECISION REACHED

Parishioners have been successful in their effort to prevent Barnsley Council closing footpath No. 12. This is the path that starts at the gate on Green Moor Road and proceeds down to Trunce farm following the route of the farm track.

As reported in the last issue of the 'Chat', a decision was expected following a public meeting in July.

Professor T Pritchard, Inspector for the Department of the Environment, reached his decision at the end of August and reported that:

"The Borough Council had not offered credible evidence or argument to demonstrate that an error had been made... In the light of the evidence of the objectors, I am not dubious about the legal status of footpath No. 12."

The conclusion exonerates the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr Walton and Mr Goodram, of any mistake made during the initial survey of 1950.

A public footpath sign has now been erected and the route waymarked.

The Centenary Garden

In the last issue of the 'Chat', David Horsfall asked for suggestions on what you thought ought to happen to the village garden which, if you aren't aware, is situated to the left of the Rock Inn. We had a rather novel reply which I thought you would like to see.

Dear Dave

Concerning your column in 'Chat', calling for concepts for the 'Centenary' compound.

Could we:

- consider a carpet of colourful celandines, cornflowers and cowslips?
- contemplate a comprehensive 'classic congeneric collection'?
- create a conservation corner, a canteen for caterpillars?
- come up with a 'Cadfael' copy, a crop with culinary or curative characteristics?
- cultivate a commercial 'country craft' cereal crop?

I have always thought that the Centenary Garden was not very successful just as an ordinary garden as there are more cared-for gardens in the village to look at, and many places in the parish with better views. It may be worth looking, then, at ideas for a 'themed' garden. To expand on the above:

- a garden of native wild flowers might attract interest. Perhaps seeds from them could then be scattered on the Delph or on verges. (They might compete with the ragwort!)
- another way to make the area different from most other gardens would be to grow many varieties of just one plant. Cannon Hall does this with a shrub the name of which I forget - it begins with a 'P'.
- do our bit for the insect world and put in plants to encourage different types of butterflies.
- plant a herb garden. The historians could have fun finding obscure medieval recipes for them.
- sow wheat specifically for making corn dollies. Because so much wheat around this area is combined, my sister had to send to Norfolk for good dolly-wheat. We could all learn to make corn dollies to sell and make a profit.

Some of these ideas are more practical than others, but even the fanciful ones may throw out a few lateral threads.

Anyway, gobnuts to concrete

Yours sincerely

Angela Fox

Jimmy Birch suggested that part of the garden could be used to play boules. Not as much faffing about with lawn-keeping as English bowls - it may catch on!

If you have any ideas yourself maybe this article will stimulate you to pick up a pen or the phone. Contact one of the Parish Councillors, or the Editor.

1997 - Green Moor Sports Club's 50th Year

continuing the history of the club - part 5

1958 Champions of Penistone District Cricket League for the Second Time - AND A GOOD NEET AHT FER T' LADS!

The final between Green Moor and Pogmoor (Barnsley). Green Moor won. The commemorative photograph, taken at Wortley Hall, shows: Thompson Thorp, Jack Brown, Leonard Faulkner, Jim Crossland, Phyllis Dowkes, George Bingley, Eric Swift, Michael Marsden, Ernest Harley, Champion Wilson, Philip Bramall, Rex Roebuck, Edmund Thorp, Colin Davies, Willis Buckley, Jimmy Birch, Douglas Matthewman and David Dowkes.

The President of the League was Mr A T Marsden of Bullhouse Hall and his son Michael played for Green Moor, during the winning season. Mr Marsden had been invited to become President of the league, by Arthur Lee (nicknamed "Spinner"), of Penistone, sometime before. He proved to be an outstanding President and took a close interest in the League's affairs. He was a noted businessman in the hotel and catering trade in the Sheffield area. After the finish of the 1958 season, Mr Marsden put on - at his own expense - a fabulous dinner at the Wentworth Arms, Penistone. Green Moor and Pogmoor, the two finalists, received 15 tickets each, every other club in the League received two.

The dessert course caused much comment: when the servings were put on the table, everyone thought they were iced cakes, but turned out to be ice cream.

Not one member of the Pogmoor team turned up, leaving 15 empty spaces! Arthur Lee, the League's secretary, was furious and suggested to Mr Marsden that he should resign as President. This he did and the League folded not long afterwards.

As the evening went on, the President presented the cups and the event drew to a close about 11 pm. Billy Murphy, Eric Shaw, Rex Roebuck and Jim Crossland

decided to carry on with the celebrations at the Waggon and Horses, Oxspring, one of the 'locals' visited by Billy Murphy. The party arrived well after closing time. Billy tapped on the small window looking on to the main road and asked the landlord to let them in. This he did and the cup was placed on the bar. The landlord, Alf Fisher, said to Billy, "I'll fill the cup first round." He did! It was drinks all round, including those who were not in the winning party. The drink was far from palatable and after comments from various people, Eric Shaw said "as tha filled t'cup wi' crecsote!" Later, Alf said the mixture was 50-50 rum and Guinness. From that day to this, they never knew whether it was a genuine gesture or a hoax. Eventually, the party arrived at Green Moor and Billy Murphy staggered over the stile to walk down the Trunce to Old Mill, where he lived at that time.

Improvements Continue

By this time, a second pitch had been created. Bob Steel of Dean Head farm, came with a tractor and plough, to plough a strip at a lower level than the existing one. The idea was to use this as a practice pitch. Nowadays, it is sometimes used as an extra playing pitch for matches.

To ease the accommodation problems, Rex Roebuck went to inspect an obsolete

battery house for hens at Wharncliffe Villa, Deepcar, the home of Denis Badger. The hut was purchased and placed at the south-west side of the field to overlook the playing area. After this, the catering area was kept separate from the players' changing area. The scorers also transferred to the new acquisition.

Jimmy Birch recalls digging out the trench from Hill Top Lane to the cricket pitch, so as to provide a convenient supply of water to the playing area.

For the first one or two years, mowing of the outfield was dependent upon local farmers, when they could fit the job in amongst their own working duties. Sometimes the grass got too long and complaints, particularly from visiting teams, were made.

Albert Goodram who lived at 'Roisfield', Green Moor, and was Education Officer at Samuel Fox & Co. Ltd, Stocksbridge Works, negotiated a very satisfactory deal for the Club. He was also on the West Riding County Council's Education Committee and he arranged for them to mow the outfield regularly, on the condition that the field could be used by the children at Green Moor School. Two satisfied parties! This arrangement continued until the school was closed in 1982.

to be continued...



A Man's Best Friend?

The British are well reknowned for their love of animals, in particular, the dog. We perhaps take it to extreme when we allow our beloved pet to foul footpaths for our neighbours to tread in. There can be nothing quite so annoying or guiling, than 'putting your foot in it' - especially in your sandals! If you're guilty, then please take responsibility for your animal's mess and clean up!

The Parish Councillors are looking at dog bins, probably the decomposing type (after all, who's going to volunteer to do the middin run). The Green Moor Sports Club have asked about something along these lines for the cricket field. In the meantime a pooper scooper and plastic bag will have to be an alternative.

CRIME WATCH!

Crime watch will appear from time-to-time in the Hunshef Chat from now on. It seems there is more crime going off in this parish than we are aware of. Certainly not all of it. You may remember in last October's issue a number of crimes reached the ears of the Parish Councillors,

via the grapevine. These, it appears, were not isolated.

Cases that have occurred recently are: a stolen motorbike; tyres stolen from a car; a car broken into and a camera stolen - *and these are the cases we know of.*

If you see anything at all suspicious, make a note of the date and time it occurred and as much detail of the incident as you can. Report the incident to the police - if you're worried about wasting police time - don't. Telephone 220 2020 (South Yorkshire Police centralised switchboard) rather than the emergency services. The operator will take it from there.

You may be helping a neighbour, or a neighbour may be helping you.

Zephaniah and Charlotte Crossland

The article headed Nathaniel Crossland (1780-1873) in Issue 5 by Phyllis Crossland, brought a smile to my face. My parents and uncles used to mention Zephaniah, alias "Owd Natty". He was one of the old characters of bygone days - the people we miss so much from the synthetic society of today.

Benjamin Brodie Booth, the last proprietor of Green Moor Stone Quarries, delighted in relating the incident which he overheard between Zephaniah and Charlotte. The couple used to keep a few cows in the close and buildings across Holly Hall Lane from Plashwood, Mr Booth's home. Usually, Zephaniah walked up the hill a few yards in front of his wife, who would carry the heavy buckets behind him. Charlotte was a little more refined than Zephaniah who was rather rough and ready.

One day the couple were having an argument and Zephaniah retorted, "Oh

go to 'ell!"

"Take your long journeys yourself, Zephaniah", replied Charlotte loftily.

Charlotte had a name for each of the cows, calling them such names as "Strawberry" and "Raspberry".

One day "Natty" was walking down the road with a label dangling from his jacket. My father said, "I see tha's got a new suit Zeph?"

"Aye" said Zeph, "and my next 'un 'ell be a wooden bugger." He died not long after.

I have a lovely photograph of the couple aged 86 and 88, taken outside Cherry Tree cottage, where they lived. At the time of the Sheffield Flood, caused by the bursting of the dam wall at Dale Dyke reservoir, Bradfield in 1864, Charlotte was a servant at an hotel in Sheffield. She remembered the disaster and the crowds who came to see the damage.

Zeph was then working on his father's farm at Green Moor. Hearing of the flood he walked to Bradfield, then

down the trail of destruction, to Sheffield and back again to Green Moor. "Not a bad walk on twopennyworth of bread," he said. All the country public houses on the road were short of provisions, so great had been the demand by visitors.

Their daughter, Annie "Natty", continued to live at Cherry Tree cottage, after her parents death. Before the days of water closets, Annie would empty the middin at the back of the earth closet and spread the contents on her garden. She would use the expression, "I've been cleanin' t' marmalade 'oil aht!"

Incidentally, Cherry Tree cottage once stood where the present car park of the Rock Inn is, but as quarrying gradually encroached, it was pulled down and rebuilt on its present site.

In a later Issue, we hope to include the memoirs of Marian Gibson, nee Phillips, who is the daughter of the late Mr Phillips, village constable from 1919 to 1927. Marian devotes some space to "Our neighbours, the Crosslands."

Neville Roebuck



Hunshelf's Other Pub

The Newtons of Berton-under-the-Edge and the Rising Sun

The Newtons came to Berton-under-the-Edge in 1714 when Joshua Newton of Cawthorne, a clothier, purchased the premises from William Kent. Berton is an unusual name in the district. I have seen it spelt Berton, Burton and Birkin, this last obviously refers to birch trees, but Berton is more of a puzzle. Does it come from Barton, which was the term used for the part of an estate which the lord of the manor kept in his own hand - a farm yard. It could be for Berton-under-the-Edge was one of the chief rents in the Wortley's Manor of Hunshelf. The holding was confirmed at "The Count Baron of the honourable Edward Wortley Esq. Lord of the Manor aforesaid held at Holly Hall in and for the Manor the 22nd May in the fourth year of George II, King etc. Anno Dom. 1731 before John Battie Gentleman Steward there. Fecit Fealtum

- "We find that Joshua Newton hath purchased of Wm Kent a messuage and certain lands there to belonging held at ye Lord of this Mannor as above and by a yearly chief rent of 8d (pence)."

When he died is uncertain but at the next Count held 12 July 1754 after paying fealty 2s 4d the jury "found and presented that Joshua Newton had dyed seized of a messuage and certain land held as above and that by his death the same premises are now come unto Joshua Newton his son and heir."

By 1808, according to the Count of this year, the holding was in the possession of William Newton and that somehow the chief rent had been reduced to fourpence and that he had incroached a piece of land 1 rood 1 perch on Hunshelf Bank.

In 1811-12 Wm Newton let part of Berton-under-the-Edge for use as a school with Benjamin Micklethwaite as master. From the parish Poor Book, Wm Newton was paid a rental of £3 3s 0d per annum and Benjamin Micklethwaite 13/- a quarter. He had 4 pupils who paid 3d a week for tuition. On 23 April 1812 11 forms were supplied to the school at a cost of £1 15s 6d.

Wm Newton was still there in 1820 and still renting the room at 3 guineas a year. He also worked a day hole for coal, which on occasions he supplied to the school "Oct 11th 1820 Wm Newton school coals & leading - 6 dozen £1 6s 3d.

From the Poor Book 1837 and 1838 under assessments not collected.

- Wm Newton Coal pit empty
- J Newton Mill empty

A granddaughter of Joshua I, married John Green, of Blakemoor and a grandson, Joshua, bought the Cotton Mill at Stocksbridge whose son, Thomas, sold it to Samuel Fox. The Newtons served as parish officers:

- Joshua Newton, 1747, Overseer of the Poor
- Joshua Newton, 1778, Overseer of the Poor

Wm Newton, 1820, Constable

In 1863 Wm and Martha Newton were at Berton-under-the-Edge when Martha licensed it as a public house. In 1864 William began to build the Rising Sun lower down the bank near the bottom, overlooking the works.

Unfortunately, he died aged 42 before the building was completed. Martha continued the building and when it was finished she transferred the license from Berton-under-the-Edge to the Rising Sun.

Martha died in 1910 aged 88 years and the Rising Sun continued in the possession of the Newtons for three generations.

First, Martha's son Joe, then his son, Harry, and then Harry's widow, who married J Bisby, who later went to the White Hart at Oughtubridge.

The Rising Sun closed its doors to the public in November 1967.

W E Spencer

A Host of Golden Daffodils Spotted in Hunshelf

Barnsley Council are offering daffodil bulbs to us, *free of charge*, to plant around the Parish. The amount of bulbs we receive depends on how many volunteers can be mustered to plant them.

This has been offered previously, some of you may remember, and we had an extremely good turn out on the day. Children, adults, everyone was

prepared to muck in.

The date hasn't been yet decided, but if you think you may be interested contact David Horsfall on tel. 288 3684. *Remember, the number of volunteers decides how many bulbs we get!*

Thank You

to Green Moor residents for the generous contributions for the RNIB collection. £68 was collected from the envelopes

Elsie Steel

Hunshelf Antique Show

Friday 23 October

6 pm start, last admission 8 pm.
at Green Moor Church

Valuations by Mr Piere Maciag, Sales Room Manager of Wilbys Chartered Surveyors & Antique Specialists of Barnsley.

Free entrance. Valuations: first item £2, subsequent items £1 each, max. 4 items per person. All profits to renovation and extension of the Hunshelf Museum.

Please support the Hunshelf Heritage Committee on this occasion.

Living Community History

An exhibition of over 70 scrap books of communities in the Peastone and Stocksbridge districts
on Saturday 14 November 1998
from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm

plus a small Autumn Fayre,
10.30 am to 12.30 pm only
in Green Moor Church

An interesting, ongoing record
of local communities

Admission is FREE

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Green Moor Road
Dean Head Lane
Snowden Hill

What's On Hereabouts

Millenium Meeting
Thursday 22 October at 7.30. Phone
Barbara Wragg for venue on 288 7304.

Hunshelf Antique Show
Friday 23 October 6 pm start. last
admission 8 pm, Green Moor Church.

Halloween Walk
Saturday, 31 October. The annual
Halloween Walk starts at 6.30 pm. Meet
outside the Rock Inn.

Living Community History
Saturday 14 November, 10.30 am to 8.30
pm. Green Moor Church. Exhibition of
local history.

Autumn Fayre
Saturday 14 November, 10.30 to 12.30
pm, Green Moor Church.

Monthly Walk
Meet outside the Rock Inn on the first
Sunday of every month at 2 pm.

Pub Quiz Nights
Every Tuesday,
The Midhopstones Arms
Every Wednesday,
The Rock Inn, Green Moor
Every Thursday,
The Bridge, Thurgoland

Your Church:
Harvest Festivals
Sunday 11 October, 10 am Children's
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