



Hunshelf Chat

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Stories throughout this newsletter are written by residents of the parish of Hunshelf. Anyone who would like to contribute 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 1 June 2013

WE NEED YOU

Neighbourhood Watch

If anyone would like to put their names forward to join the Neighbourhood Watch scheme for this area please contact Kathryn Austin at kathryn@rockhousefarm.co.uk

You will receive a short, recorded alert message from John, the Barnsley co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch, usually about every 3-4 weeks. This occurs if any scams or concerns the police have of things which may be likely to occur in the area. Once you've received one of these messages you will need to pass it on to your neighbours (allocated to you) if it is deemed relevant to our area.

We could really do with a person from each cluster, particularly Snowden Hill, Underbank, Dean Head area, Holly Hall.

Many thanks, Kathryn Austin

Springtime in Green Moor..



The temperature in late March 2012 was around 23° C and we were basking in the balmy sunshine. I remember printing a copy of the weather forecast so that I could remember it. The map had not a cloud in the sky the length and breadth of Great Britain. This year, the temperature is around freezing and we're wrapped around a radiator. I'm not sure that either of these are the norm but at least we always have something to talk about.

The Editor



Green Moor Sports Club

With the weather as it is just now it is hard to imagine the start of the cricket season is just 3 weeks away (21 April) at the time of writing. Indoor nets are going well. If anyone out there fancies joining us just turn up at Penistone Grammar School on Thursday nights 7.00 - 8.00 pm. You will be made welcome. Practise nights in the field will take place sometime after Easter when the weather is fit! The pavilion extension is coming along nicely despite the adverse weather conditions we have had for working up in the cricket field.

The league annual cricket dinner/presentation evening took place on Friday 1 March at Cedar Court Hotel at Ainley Top. Two of our players had awards to collect. Julian Bates won the premier league stumping award (again) and Mark Elsworth won the premier league bowling award. Well done to both of them. Let us hope they can carry on the good work this coming season.

We are doing our usual catering event at Penistone

Community Centre on Sunday 7 April 10.00 am - 2.00 pm at the Charity Bonanza. Why not come and join us for coffee/tea, homemade cakes or hot food: pie and peas, jacket potatoes, soup and more.

Hopefully we will have more news next time

Ann Matthewman

Keeping up a fine tradition...

One Friday in December, thankfully before the icy blasts of winter had hit us and in a brief interlude between the rains I was privileged to take part in the Green Moor carol singing tour. Following an age-old tradition we trekked from house to house singing many of the carols which are unique to this part of the world. Happily I knew of this fine musical heritage, having sung them in pubs in my school days (at sixth form I hasten to add!) and recently at the Christmas lunch time sessions at the Royal Hotel in Dungworth. But each village has its own way of doing things and Green Moor is one of the last to sing from house to house. At every house, hall and pub that we visited we were welcomed with open arms, no small amount of comestibles and a steady

stream of requests for favourite carols. It was surprising how cheering it was to come in from the dark December streets into the cheery glow of a warm parlour. We ended up at the Bridge Inn and were joined by many of the regulars warming ourselves and our tender vocal chords by a glowing fire and for some of us with a glass of foaming ale.

Although I am relative stranger to the village (born and bred over the hill in Deepcar) I was made to feel very welcome and would certainly recommend anyone who wants to enjoy a great night of singing to join in next December. Don't worry if you are unfamiliar with the music of these beautiful carols; there are practice sessions running from November led by friendly old hands. For further details please contact Chris Johnson on 0114 288510.

Precept

The parish council has set the precept for 2013/14 at £3,800, a rise of £300 over the present year. With the new houses in Stoneway Mews coming into use day by day, the exact amount to be paid by householders is impossible to predict (with more houses the amounts paid by each resident will be less) and the impact will be only pence per week.

The precept in Hunshelf, even if it is one of the lowest in Barnsley, has been kept at the same level for years. Inflation will not go away, and this rise is about equivalent to inflation over the years. The parish council has also more responsibilities with the maintenance of the Delf and The Isle of Skye needing funds from income rather than from grants. Much of our maintenance is carried on by volunteers, and we are grateful to them all, but some expenditure on professional help is necessary.

David B Horsfall
Clerk to the Hunshelf Parish Council

Earworms

I blame the carol singers of Green Moor!

An "Earworm" is a tune that you cannot get out of your mind. It rattles around constantly and insistently. I was introduced to the very local carol "Eastern Star" and I am now stuck with it. It is rather nice, but I would like to put it away until next Christmas. Any suggestions?

David Horsfall

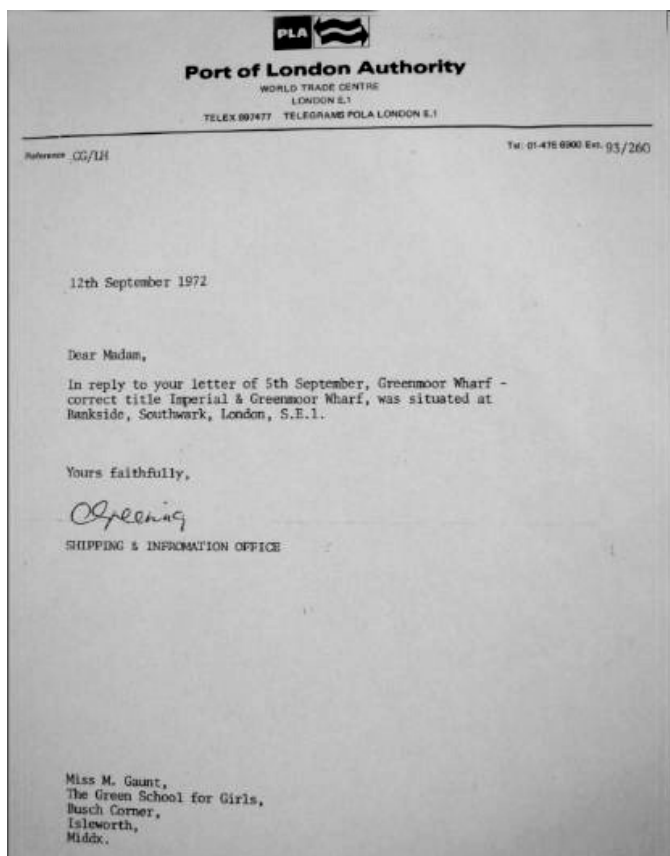
Imperial Green Moor!



The quarrying history of this parish is extensive, and we know how important Green Moor stone was to Victorian and Edwardian London buildings, often being taken to London by ship. However, while I always thought that we were important, I did not know that we had an Imperial wharf! The letter below (from Neville Roebuck's archive) confirms this.

The photo shows the wharf, which was situated opposite St Pauls. It was later used for refuse shipments, and now, of course, is completely changed!

Barry Tylee

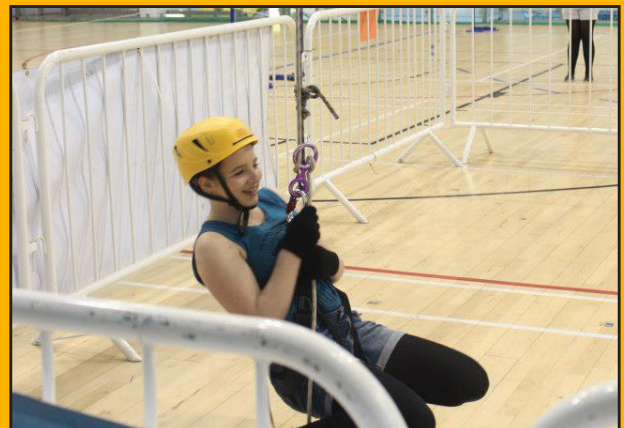


THANKS... from top to the bottom

On Saturday 23 February I completed my abseil challenge at the Manchester velodrome. I would like to thank everyone in the village who sponsored me I managed to raise a total of £320 towards my World Challenge Expedition to Kenya next year. We abseiled indoors from the top of the velodrome – a total of 40 metres. The scariest part was climbing up the gantries and looking down to the cycling track from the top but once we started down the rope it was brilliant.

Thank you all once again.

Justine Bates



Hunshel Sunday Sing

Over the last 2 years we have had well attended local Carol sings and successful tours singing them around the Parish. Many people have said how much they enjoyed the rehearsals and the tour and expressed a desire to carry on singing after the Christmas season had finished. Several of us now meet on a monthly basis, usually Sunday, in someones house have a sing, chat and enjoy the social aspect of the evening as well as the singing. We all want to say that this is not a choir. We sing in unison, rather than 4 part harmony. Several people are not confident at singing but in a group feel able to join in. So please don't feel you have to have a 'good' voice to join us. It is a very useful occasion to get to know one another and especially if you are new to the area of Green Moor and its surroundings it's a good way to meet the neighbours.

If you are interested contact: Chris Johnson 0114 2885510 or 07951468471.

Parish Matters



Welcome

Stoneway Mews is now up and running. As we go to press, three houses are lived in with at least four others in the pipeline.

We welcome Lee and Nicole Crispin, Damien and Donna Kilpin and their 2 children Alastair and Millie and Steve and Lisa Marr. We hope that they enjoy living in Hunshelf and Green Moor.

Snow and Ice

Our thanks to the stalwarts who gritted Chapel Lane, and everyone who made sure that those needing a bit of help got it

All our good wishes go to all those in the parish who have finished up in hospital recently.

Isle of Skye

The parish council has agreed to a local model aeroplane club using the Isle of Skye for gliders. (Definitely not for powered flight!). The planes are made of foam, weigh about the same as a bag of sugar and will only be flown on the odd occasion. They might be worth watching!

Delf Field

Reports have come in about the use of the Delf field for archery. We are not happy about this activity on a public field. If anyone wants to fire arrows around, would they please contact a member of the parish council so that at least we are aware and can suggest restrictions on direction and times etc.

David Horsfall

Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council

Playground Inspection

Two items came back from the annual inspection of the playground. One, a matter of some bolts needing cutting back has been dealt with by Graeme Johnson. Thanks Graeme.

The other is more serious. Six capping plates have gone missing. These need to be replaced immediately: more cost to the public purse. If anyone knows who or why, we would very pleased to hear from them.

Turbines

The parish council has received several items from Barnsley MBC concerning the installation of wind turbines. The parish council is strongly of the opinion that no more turbines should be considered anywhere in Barnsley until the promised Barnsley MBC policy on such machines is published, consulted upon and accepted by the council.

Well Hill Again

Barry Tylee, Tony Oakley and Graeme Johnson removed more of the saplings on Well Hill. At the same time, another team, Richard Popplewell, Peter Wragg, Peter McLeod and David Horsfall coppiced some sycamores on the Delf. These will re-grow to be coppiced again for bio-mass fuel in the future. Thanks to Barbara Wragg for supplying sustenance for the workers.

Some more sycamores need dealing with on Well Hill: these will be dealt with in due course.



Have you heard about the oil buying co-operative? To make savings on home heating oil over 25 households are now participating in the bulk buying scheme. We simply add together all those wishing to purchase oil (usually between 500 and 1000 litres per household) and phone around to get the best price. The chosen supplier delivers to individual households and then invoices each home separately.

We have ordered three times now and the most recent price was 58.25p per litre, a saving of 8p/l on the 'regular' price. That's a saving of £80 on an order of 1000 litres.

We have had one or two hiccups and the snowy weather delayed some deliveries last month. But as they say in the daily pun 'oils well that ends well!'

The next order is planned for late May - if you want to be part of it, email me graemej@waitrose.com or phone me on 0114 288 5510.

The hope is that the bigger our order the greater discount we get so please encourage friends and neighbours. We do not work to strict parish boundaries only, so it may be possible to include other nearby homes.

Graeme Johnson



Summer Fayre

The Venue is running another Summer Craft and Food Fayre after its sell out winter and Xmas Fayre.

The Fayre will be on Saturday 13 July 10am - 2pm and we will be offering a limited number of 40 stall places at a cost of £15 each in the Main Hall and Steel Room, and also 4 spaces in our main foyer/atrium at £20 each. We also have a very

few limited slots with an electrical point for an additional £5.

All stall holders will be provided with a plastic polyfold sturdy table measuring about 5 / 6ft x 2.5ft and with an area about 8ft x 4ft in total.

If you would like a stall we are now taking bookings for this event and can provisionally reserve you a place, to confirm a space please ensure we receive payment in the form of a cheque made payable to The Venue, cash at our Reception or by card payment (we do have to make an additional 50p charge for card payment) as soon as possible.

If you wish to reserve a space by email please let me know what you will be selling so we can limit similar stalls as necessary (stalls are on a first come first served basis for booking) or ring us on 0114 2838692 to book.

We are also holding our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 14 December should you wish to book for that event as well on the same basis.

We look forward to hearing from you. shortly.

Deborah (The Venue)

The Delf Management Plan

Hunshelf is indeed fortunate that half a century ago, the Delf was purchased as an open space for the parish. Nothing stands still, especially nature, so the time has come for some work. The parish council has developed a management plan for the Delf, a synopsis of which follows. Anyone who has any comments should contact one of the parish council members, or the Clerk on **0114 288 3684**.

Using the sketch map opposite to identify the areas of work, it is intended to undertake the following over a period of time as funds and expertise become available.

A Mixed woodland

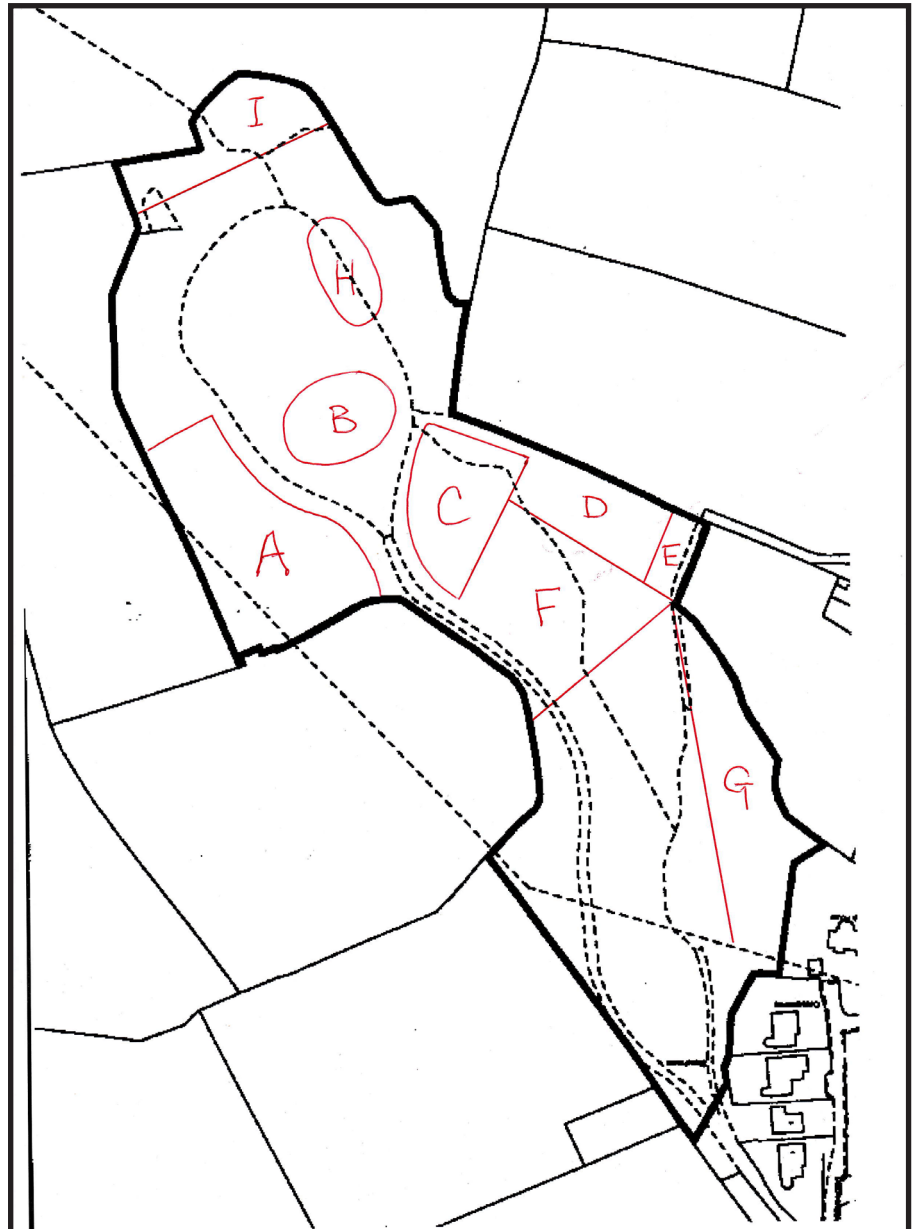
Some thinning and removal of undergrowth. Basically to be made safe and then leave alone.

B Willow scrub in the centre of the heathland

To remove the willow to allow the heather to flourish.

C Mixed Woodland

Originally it was intended to thin out the growth, remove dead or dying trees and cut back the undergrowth sensitively. A local firm has offered to do this work for free over a period of time. The benefit to him is that he can use the woodland to have his chainsaw operatives assessed for competence in this space. The parish council has accepted this offer with alacrity.



D Corsican Pines

To consult on whether or not to remove some, or all, of the pines.

E Pathside Sycamores

To be removed and the undergrowth tamed a little.

F Tangled Growth

Clear the paths and leave the rest as a tangled reserve in the middle of the site. Make safe if necessary.

G Field Edge

To make safe and to cut back vegetation to keep the field area clear.

H Mature Willows

To coppice the willows to encourage the growth of the heather.

I Coppice Area

Reserved for groups to use for training and experience by coppicing the willow over a period of years.

Poo Problem

There is a problem at the moment with dog faeces being left on the pavement in Chapel Lane and other areas of the village. It is especially distressing to see dog dirt in

the cricket field where players could slip on it.

I know that people who don't live here also bring their dogs for walks in our Parish but I am appealing to all dog owning residents dog to pick up their dog's droppings please. The Parish Council has

provided bins for us to deposit our dog poo bags in so I am appealing to those who are still not clearing up after their dogs to please do so and help keep our Parish clean and healthy for us all.

Thank you
Doris Stubbs

What's on

Penistone Paramount

For details contact 01226 767532
www.penistoneparamount.co.uk

CINEMA

Oz the Great and Powerful, 29 March - 4 April
Quartet, 1 - 2 April
Les Miserables, 3 - 4 April
Jack the Giant Slayer, 5 - 11 April
Trance, 12 - 18 April

LIVE EVENTS

C'mon Everybody, 5 April, 7.30pm
Magic of the Beatles, 12 April, 7.30pm
Mike Harding - Me, a guitar and some more daft stuff SOLD OUT
Timeless Theatre Productions present **Memory Lane**, 2 May, 2.30, 7.30
The Rat Pack Vegas Spectacular, 17 & 18 May, 7.30pm
The Manfreds - Five Faces Tour, 30 May, 7.30pm
Calendar Girls, 3 - 6 July, 7.30pm

ORGAN EVENTS

Kevin Grunill, 13 April, 2.30pm
Phil Kelsall, 11 May, 2.30pm
Let's go to the movies with Donald MacKenzie, 8 June, 2.30pm
Peter Jebson and Matthew Bason in concert, 13 July, 2pm

Church Events

Sunday School - every Sunday 9.45 am except the third Sunday when we have Family Service at 10am.
Sunday Service - 11 am except as above.
Evening Craft and Chat - Wednesday 6.30 to 8.30pm
Pilates - Thursday 6.45 to 7.45pm.

FORTHCOMING

Members of Sunday School are fund raising for Blue Bell Wood Children's Hospice by collecting loose change and making a line of

it around the Providence Room. Proceeds will be counted on Sunday 5 May. Anyone wishing to contribute to this cause can give their loose change to any member of our Church congregation or pop into Sunday School between 9.45 and 10.45 am or during coffee time after our Sunday Service (about 12 noon), and place their own coins.

28 March

Maundy Thursday members of Churches Together in Stocksbridge and District (CTSD) meet in Green Moor Church, 8.30 pm for a short service, then walk to the cross at Hill Top Farm to continue the Service. All welcome - then back to church to enjoy hot soup and/or drinks.

29 March

CTSD are having a Good Friday Vigil - Stocksbridge Shopping Precinct 12 - 1pm.
Good Friday joint Service with Thurgoland, Wortley and Crane Moor Churches - held in Thurgoland Parish Church at 7 pm.

13 May

Whitsuntide Witness, 9.30 am round Green Moor then on to Crane Moor Chapel for Whit Sunday Service at 10.30 am.

All Welcome

The Venue

For details contact 0114 283 8692
www.thevenuestocksbridge.co.uk

Wortley Hall

Tel 0114 288 2100

Farmers, Gift and Craft Market, Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Carvery
Sunday 31 March

Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives

Great British Fish and Chip Supper - Friday 17th May 2013

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 17th May 2013 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5 means you will raise at least £35 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Since 2009 we have raised over £20,000 and it has become our flagship community fundraising event. We want to raise £10,000 from this event in 2013 we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone. Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives."

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk