



Hunshelf Chat

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Deadline for the next Hunshelf Chat is 1 September 2013

Ramblings

I have been asked to write an article for the Hunshelf Chat, from someone new with fresh views on the area. After some head scratching and wondering what to write, I decided to share my experience of being a 'newbie' in Green Moor.

I have lived in the Upper Don Valley for over 40 years, mainly in Oughtibridge, and moved to Green Moor just over 2 1/2 years ago. To be honest I had not heard of Green Moor before we moved, and I wondered where we were moving to. I had been to the surrounding villages and towns often, but never Green Moor. I had travelled through Thurgoland and as a child always thought it was the "land of Thurgo's".

When I arrived and started exploring the village, I thought, what have I missed! Such wonderful countryside, dramatic views, and what I call, 'the hidden valley' (the valley with the River Don and Old Mill Lane). To me, the village is a hidden gem; our little secret!

When I mentioned to people I was moving to Green Moor, they said things like; "the back of beyond", "it's a bit quiet there", "have they got telephone lines yet?" ...etc, etc. Well, I can honestly say, that it is nothing but the opposite. We have done more and there's more community activity than when we lived 'down the valley'.

Since moving to Green Moor, I have been involved in dry stone walling at the playground, planting bulbs on the Millennium Green, and attended the Queen's Diamond Jubilee village celebration event last June. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee event was truly a wonderful memorable day, from breakfast bacon butties to the hog roast in the evening (my wife thought I had gone missing that day!), and even got involved with the cricket matches, even though my bowling got booed.

The walks and views are amazing. I can step out of my front door and walk miles through lovely countryside. My special place is the Isle of Skye; now I have

found it - like many others, I guess. The views are stunning; look to the South to view Sheffield; West and the moors; and East the power stations and more. My thoughts wander as I sit viewing the landscape and trying to identify the landmarks.

I cannot wait for the new cricket season to commence; to sit and watch cricket on a warm sunny day, while admiring the views and enjoying a drink; hiccup, hiccup!!

I have found it to be noisier than in urban areas, with many different sounds. There are the sounds of the bird's dawn chorus; owls tweeting "twit twit a woo" in the night; lambs bleating and sheep baa-ing in the fields; guinea fowl clucking; rooster crowing "cock-a-doodle-doo"; horses clattering as they trot along the road; the farmers tractor chugging up the hill; cows mooing; pheasants squawking; cyclists chatting as they "puff & pant" riding up Well Hill. Then there's the noise of cheering on Saturdays from the cricket ground and the sound of the ball hitting the willow cricket bat. They are all wonderful and natural noises; and are to be expected living in the country.

We have met some nice people in the village. Have made new fabulous warm friends and have lovely neighbours. All have made us feel very welcome.

In a nutshell, and in my relatively short time living here; Green Moor has a real community spirit as villages used to have, and is made even more special by the people of the village. When I drive home from work in the evening, it is a nice step change when I arrive home; it's like I'm on holiday.

Well that's enough of my ramblings for one article!

Andrew Hudson





Green Moor Sports Club

For the first time in the club's history a party of Green Moor cricket club players and friends had a pre-season tour abroad. In March they travelled to Lanzarote to play in the Lanzarote International T20 competition. The tournament consisted of 6 teams - 2 from Lanzarote, 1 from Tenerife and 3 from the U.K. These were Woodford Wells from Essex, a Rickmansworth select from Hertfordshire and Green Moor. After winning their first two games this put them in the final against the hosts - Lanzarote Select. After batting first making 135 Lanzarote knocked them off in the eighteenth over. However becoming losing finalists was a great achievement and they came home with three trophies. The runners up trophy, Harry Howlett won the batting trophy and Sam Askey the bowling trophy. A great time was had by all. All this was played in the heat of the Lanzarote sun while back home we were having the worst snowfall for many years!

The season is now well under way with mixed fortunes for all our teams although at the time of writing our U'15's are still unbeaten.

The first team played in an exceptional Allsop Cup 2nd round game at Holmbridge. Green Moor made 289 - 7 - Harry Howlett scoring what must be a club record of 171. With just 7 balls left Holmbridge needed one run to win - Green Moor needed two wickets. Joe White, bowling the last over took a wicket with his third ball and bowled out their last man with the last ball of the game. That meant the teams had tied on 289 runs each but Green Moor won on the least wickets lost - what a game of cricket that was!

We hosted the schools kwik-cricket competition on Thursday 23 May. Somehow the competition was managed to be played

in between hail, rain and sunshine - not to mention how cold it was. However the youngster seemed to enjoy themselves. The competition winners were Thurgoland with Oxspring being runners up.

Our U'11's plus two adults were invited to go to Headingley to the Test match between England and New Zealand on Saturday 25th May. They were able to go on to the field at lunchtime and play kwik-cricket. They all had a lovely time in lovely sunshine - the day before was a washout!

We are looking forward to the rest of the season - it would be good if the good weather keeps with us!

Ann Matthewman

CRICKET CLUB: Application for bar/entertainment licence

Open hours:

Mon - Thur	1 - 11pm
Fri - Sat	1pm - 11.59pm
Sun	10am - 11.59pm

For the sale of alcohol on and off the premises. Six open air events per year - live and recorded music.

Any persons wishing to make representation about the proposals should do so in writing to BMBC, PO Box 602, Barnsley S70 9FB by 26 June 2013.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Volunteers are required to help tidy up the Centenary Village Garden (opposite Ivy Millenium Green) on Saturday 13 July 10am -12pm.

All help would be gratefully received.

Christian Aid Fundraising

Many thanks to the everyone who contributed to the recent Christian Aid charity fundraising efforts. Green Moor envelope collections raised £200.

£106.00 of it was gift aided giving a further 25% - £26.50. **So the final total is £226.50.**

Thank you again.
Brenda Mangham

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

The Antiques Roadshow is being filmed at Wentworth Woodhouse in September and here at Wortley Hall we're excited to be a part of it!

There are historical family links between Wentworth Woodhouse and us and we're thrilled that we can maintain that. Keep a look out for further information.

For details contact 0114 288 2100
www.wortleyhall.org.uk

Green Energy for Green Moor?

Some of you may remember a display in Stocksbridge Library last year, a model of what the town might look like in 2050, with lots of photovoltaic panels (PV) on roofs and (wait for it) dozens of wind turbines on Hunshelf Bank, which made me a bit concerned! This display was inviting locals to participate in a project, called 'Solar Energy in Future Societies' being run by The University of Sheffield and Durham University. This aims mainly to explore where solar energy technologies may go in the future by working with neighbourhoods in Sheffield. While the project is mainly interested in PV technologies, the organisers are also keen to explore other aspects, such as wind energy.

I thought that I would write a personal view of this project, as green energy for Stocksbridge would also include, one way or another Green Moor and the parish, and also others may like to get involved with it. Generally, I found the project very interesting, and was pleasantly surprised how many forward-looking folks there are round here.

There are a number of working groups; these are 'Sustainable Buildings' where energy efficient technologies and renewable energy is promoted; 'Education' (including green energy strategies - targeted at schools); 'Transport', where electric or hybrid power is being considered for vehicles in the valley, and 'Meals from Steel' where waste energy from Tata could heat greenhouses growing food.

The last workshop is 'Energy Balance', which I am in. This group is interested in the potential for Stocksbridge to generate its own resources. Our efforts so far show

that this area is ideal for generating the 22 Gigawatt Hours (GWh) of domestic electricity that is used in the Stocksbridge area annually, and could even make inroads into the total amount of domestic energy (currently gas, oil and electric) of 164 GWh.

The resources we have which could be utilised are:

Sunlight (not much in evidence this year!) but usually can provide 882 hours per year. Currently in Stocksbridge, there is a fairly low level of domestic PV take-up. This could be improved with campaigns (and of course reducing prices – maybe buy direct from China, where they are made). Also, panels can be sited on industrial roofs (Tata and Wire works) and land.

While there are also the obvious wind turbines on the hills and hydro schemes on the local rivers, there are other measures; for instance, the local reservoirs, Midhope and Underbank, which provide compensation water for the Little Don, could be used as pump storage. A large turbine (similar to schemes in other areas) could be fitted to these and excess PV-generated electricity could be used to pump water back up, and then used when the sun isn't shining. This would, for instance, supply all of this area with 10 days worth of electricity. Other generation mechanisms are biomass (growing miscanthus and forestry-thinning trees etc.), aerobic digestion, and heat from sewage. These are all being looked at, however one that would be very particular to Stocksbridge would be geothermal. This is heat from the water in old mine workings. Warm water runs into these constantly and can be extracted via a heat pump. Stocksbridge and Deepcar have mine workings on both sides of

the valley so might be ideal as these are also sited where there are new housing developments. A survey in Glasgow found that 40% of the households could be heated using the old mines below the city, and developers are encouraged to look at this mechanism, before installing oil and gas systems. (see www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-21431763.)

Returning to Tata, (always an important element to consider in Stocksbridge); well they are involved in the project, particularly using waste heat, which they have plenty of. However, they could provide all the electricity and heat for the whole area (as well as specialist steel of course). They have enormous amounts of roof space and redundant land which could be used for PV. They have acres of woodland, and they want to thin 40,000 mature trees (think how much local heating/ charcoal/local jobs that might produce). They have enormous amounts of waste heat, which could go to a district heating scheme, particularly for the new housing next to the plant. Or you could use a pump storage system in the old mines working, where unused hot water is pumped down and then extracted further along the system, when it is needed.

So in conclusion I think that there are plenty of novel means, which would create jobs, not damage the environment, and could make Stocksbridge famous, not just for steel. Of course this maybe fantasising; it all depends on the price of energy, particularly the subsidy and the determination of local councils, large industries, and of course government; however we can dream (and campaign)!

Barry Tylee



WORTLEY TOP FORGE – CAN YOU HELP?

Despite its name, Wortley Top Forge is in Hunshel parish, situated by the bank of the River Don is Forge Lane it is believed to be the oldest surviving heavy iron forge in the world. The two forging hammers were only ever powered by waterwheels, although steam power was used in other parts of the site and the site is designated by English Heritage as a scheduled ancient monument and grade I listed. As well as the Forge itself, other buildings on the site are used to house many examples of engines and other artefacts typical of South Yorkshire industries as well as industries elsewhere. The site is owned by the South Yorkshire Industrial History Society and the day to day management and maintenance lies in the hands of a charitable Trust. Both organisations are run by volunteers who give up their time to work at the Forge.

The Trust has developed a Conservation and Management Plan for the Forge and a meeting was held in September 2011 to discuss progress with the plan to which all parishioners were invited. Since then work has continued with aspects of the plan, mainly concerned with building repairs and the restoration of several of the Forge's exhibits, including the beam engine "Elizabeth" and the engine from the Neepsend Gas

works. Work is now focussing on water management with plans to repair the weir upstream of the site and to dredge and de-silt the head goit (the channel leading to the pond which supplies water for the water wheels) and the pond itself. Other aspects of the plan still to be developed include an education policy and a visitor management plan.

All this work involves volunteers and, as with many organisations, there is a problem in finding people who are able to give up their time and many of the existing volunteers are not getting any younger. We are looking for help to enable the Forge to continue. It is not just a case of donning overalls and getting your hands oily and dirty (although if you are interested in working on machinery you would be very welcome), areas that we need help with include showing visitors around the site, gardening and general ground maintenance, researching and producing an up to date guide to the exhibits and the production of an up to date photographic record of the site (the last one was carried out many years ago).

The site is also home to a separate group of model engineers who operate a miniature railway around the site. The Forge is open every Sunday from Easter to November (admission charge £3 adults, £2 concessions and 50p children) and



on Saturday 14 September for Heritage Open Day when admission is free. There is a special event on Sunday 1 September when the model engineers will be having an open day and many small steam engines will be on display and operating (there will be a small additional entry charge on this day). You can help by coming along to support the Forge when it is open and if you would like to know more about volunteering please contact Gordon Parkinson (for guiding) on 0114 2817991, Ted Young on 01226 763896 or Margaret Tylee on 0114 2830056. Alternatively come along on a Wednesday when the volunteers are working at the Forge and meet the team.

Margaret Tylee
President, South Yorkshire Industrial History Society



GREEN MOOR PUMP HOUSE

The Pump House will be open on Sunday 8 September 10am until 1pm

ALL WELCOME



Stocksbridge Walkers are Welcome

The Stocksbridge 'Walkers are Welcome' group have now made available twenty four sets of detailed instructions for walks in the local area. These vary in length from less than four miles to over thirteen. They include Bolsterstone, Broomhead, the Canyards, Green Moor, Langsett, Midhope, Wortley and many other local landmarks.

These 24 walks are signposted in the new Stocksbridge 'Walkers are Welcome' leaflets which can be found in cafes, libraries pubs, and many other places in the area. Full details of the walks are on the website www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk.



...and you think we have problems with pot holes!

Horses for Courses

In the light of the latest food scandal to rock the supermarkets, a story from the past.

In the late 1940's, times and customs were very different. Meat from the butchers was rationed to 4 ounces a week per person. My Uncle Charlie, after time in the army, got a job in an engineering works. He turned up each day with his sandwiches for lunch.

"Charlie, that's the fourth time this week you have had meat in your sandwiches." His mate John commented. "Are you buying on the black market?"

"Of course not, it's horse meat".

Horse meat was not popular in England, but there were specialist horse meat shops, and horse meat was not rationed.

"Horse meat! Does it taste OK?" asked John

"Yes, of course"

"Does it do you any harm?" John carried on somewhat puzzled

"Neigh!" trumpeted Charlie

Times they are a-changing!

Parent/Toddler/Baby Group

We are hoping to start a Parent/Toddler/Baby Group in the Providence Room, Green Moor Church.

I need to know how many would be using it and also which morning would suit most families. We are trying to avoid Monday and Friday and so far Tuesday or Thursday seem to have been mentioned most.

Initial feedback indicate that 9-30am to 11-30am as the best time – again your input would be welcome. We would also like your input regarding the charge to make. £2 has been suggested, this to

include a tea/coffee/soft drink and biscuits.

Anyone willing to help with this would be most welcome – If we can get four helpers, then it would only be once a month. We have two already who have stated their interest. Our Minister would do the CRB check necessary for those helping with children, other than their own.

If any household has toys or games the toddlers could play with or use which they would like to donate to help start

the group please let me know and I will arrange for them to be picked up. Should they have something that is extra special and they would like to sell it rather than donate it, we have a small donation which we could use. We also need to purchase one or two play pens.

Please contact me on 0114 2882346.

Brenda Mangham

Parish Matters



Chainsaw in The Delf

A local tree man has used the Delf to have one of his staff assessed for a chainsaw certificate. The young man dealt with a couple of trees that were beginning to become a hazard, a help to the parish council which would have had to pay for the work otherwise.

Walls, Walls and More Walls

On 11 October, Peter McLeod is giving a talk on the dry stone walls of the area. Tickets will be on sale by the end of June and places are strictly limited. A Pie and Pea Supper will be included in the cost, it should be a good social occasion.

Pump House Damage

We suppose it was almost inevitable that some slight damage would occur to the Pump House when Shepherd Homes built on the old Rock Inn site. The firm has accepted that the damage should be repaired at their cost. At the same time, negotiations are in hand to sort out the border twixt the Pump House and the new estate "Stoneway Manor",

Parish Council Accounts

The accounts of the parish council will be made available for scrutiny later in the year, but if any parishioner wishes to contact the Clerk on 0114 288 3684, he will be very happy to explain all the expenditure and Income for 2012/3.

Tin Mill

Barry Tylee is very much involved in the proposed excavation work at Tin Mill. This is waiting for some permissions, but should go ahead shortly.

Archaeological Report

The final Report on the archaeological investigation of the Tin Mill is now available as a link from the Hunshelf Parish Council webpage <http://tinyurl.com/ck6twn5>

Type the above URL in to your address bar and then click on the [archaeological survey of an old mill site](#) link.

Wortley Top Forge

Plans are afoot to restore the weir near to Sharp Ford Bridge (bottom of Cote Lane Thurgoland) The sluice gate is also to be repaired and the goyt cleaned to ensure a consistent water supply to the Forge and to the fishing on Forge Lane.

Potholes

Potholes on Forge Lane have been filled in, well, more accurately a bit of stuff chucked on top. If you are aware of any holes in roads in the parish, please let the parish council know and we will try and persuade BMBC to do something. However, do feel free to complain yourself to BMBC, it sometimes has more effect than the parish council. If BMBC gets a lot

of complaints, they will be more anxious to do something.

Home Extensions

Members of the parish might remember that the government suggested that home extensions could be released from planning permission to a greater degree. This move has had a "U" turn. It is back to status quo.

Chairman

The new chairman of the parish council is Kathryn Austin of Rock House Farm. If you want to get in touch with the parish council, the best way is always to bump into someone as they wander round the parish. (The other councillors are Barry Tylee, Kathryn Battye, John Kerr and Richard Popplewell) The second best way is to contact the Clerk on david@oberwald.fsnet.co.uk or on 0114 288 3684.

Stocksbridge Advice Centre

Stocksbridge Advice Centre is open Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 til 13:00 to offer advice on Welfare Benefits, Debt, Housing, Employment, Consumer and other matters of concern.

Sheffield City Master Plan

This is available on www.sheffield.gov.uk search for City Centre Masterplan.

David Horsfall

Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council



Specially for You?

We know that if you live in Hunshelf, you are Special but, if you fancy being a Police Special, South Yorkshire Police are actively recruiting. Neil Thomas, Chief Inspector, would love to hear from you if you have any

interest at all. He can be found at www.southyorkshire.police.uk where full details on the Special Constabulary and presentation evenings may be found. Or you could try his email neil.thomas@southyorks.pnn.police.uk.

If you are internet averse, try ringing South Yorkshire Police on Sheffield 0114 276 5902.

Castle Inn at Bolsterstone reopens

A range of guest cask ales include Harvest Pale, Hobgoblin, London Pride, Theakston Bitter and Wainwrights. Plus great food and FREE wi-fi!

Join us soon

Hunshelf Parish Council Annual Meeting

May 2013

It's a pleasure to give this short report at the end of my tenure as Parish Council chairman to highlight a few of the issues that we have dealt with over the last year.

It feels like a constant feature of the monthly parish council meetings has been the issue of wind turbines and farms either in the Parish or nearby. Whilst we all probably accept the need for environmentally efficient energy generation mechanisms, any proposal to erect a wind turbine nearly always generates some concern and opposition from people nearby. The Parish council has sought to engage with such affected parishioners and reflect their views in our comments back to Barnsley MBC, who are the planning authority and therefore decision maker over such applications. The Council has usually focussed its comments on the adequacy of the information provided in any application as this seems to be the only grounds on which we can attempt to express any opposition to a turbine. The absence of any national standard (and the intention to have one) for the distance any such wind turbine should be from properties has is a disappointment.

At a number of council meetings we have talked about producing a parish plan in order that we can better reflect the views of the parish on such planning matters and also identify the wishes and priorities for the area. The legislation which allows parish councils to develop a Neighbourhood Plan (which has a defined structure and purpose and is technically different from a parish plan) is still bedding in and we will start a conversation with Barnsley MBC over our intentions shortly. During the next year we will see some progress on this issue.

The major physical change to the village this year has been the building of the new houses on the old Rock Inn site. The Parish council has liaised with Shepherd Homes over a few issues during the building phase and we warmly welcome the owners of these new homes to the parish.

After a couple of years when it was not possible, Barry Tylee organised the opening of the village pump house for a weekend in September 2012 and parishioners and visitors from further afield had the opportunity to 'go below ground'. The old Museum, which had not been used for ages and was in a poor state of repair was also sold off during the year.

The annual Christmas tea took place in early December and although the numbers were smaller than in previous years a good time was had by all. The entertainment was provided by Thurgoland Schools choir and the 'Buskin buddies'.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their help during the year and of course thank David Horsfall for his sterling work as parish clerk.

Richard Popplewell

9 May 2013

Drive Safe (Driving at 60+)

South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership and Safety Roads 1st Driving Academy are working together to deliver a series of free of charge driver safety sessions for residents of South Yorkshire aged 60+.

If you are aged 60+ why not give it a go? I did and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It is a one day

refresher course at the Lifewise Centre, Hellaby, Rotherham with advice on health issues (and the free buffet lunch was OK too!)

There was then the opportunity to enrol for a free "on road" trip, in your own vehicle, with an approved driving instructor (about an hour). This was interesting, friendly and very relaxed.

Please give me a call if you would like to know more - 0114 2883684.

For further details or to book your free place contact South Yorkshire Road Safety Team.

Telephone 01709 832455 or e-mail drive.safe@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Wyllan Horsfall



Penistone Paramount

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

CINEMA

Star Trek: Into Darkness

14 June 7.30pm
15 June 2pm, 7.30pm
16 June 2pm, 6pm
17, 18, 19, 30 June 7.30pm

Behind the Candelabra

21 June 7.30pm
22 June 2pm, 6pm
24, 25, 27 June 7.30pm
26 June 2pm, 7.30pm

Gladiator

28 June 7.30pm

A Late Quarted

7 July 2pm 6pm
8, 9 July 7.30pm
10 July 2pm, 7.30pm

Gone with the Wind

14 July 2pm

LIVE EVENTS

Calendar Girls, 3 - 6 July, 7.30pm

Jill Brookes Schools of Dance - Once upon a time

11 July 7.15pm
12 July 2.15pm, 7.15pm

The Spooky Men's Chorale

3 September 7.30pm

Last Laughe Comedy Club

6 September 8.30pm

Penistone Theatre Group - Are you being served

26 - 28 September 7.15pm

Vienna Festival Ballet present Snow White

16 October 7pm

ORGAN EVENTS

Peter Jebson and Matthew Bason in concert, 13 July, 2pm

Big Band Crazy Kevin Grunill and the Take 2 Big Band

10 August 2.30pm

Howard Beaumont

21 September 2.30pm

Robert Wolfe

12 October 2.30m

Church Events

Sunday School - every Sunday 9.45 am except the third Sunday when we have Family Service at 10am.

Sunday Service - 11am except as above.

Evening Craft and Chat - Wednesday 6.30 to 8.30pm

Pilates - Thursday 6.45 to 7.45pm.

FORTHCOMING

Fathers Fiesta and Sunday School Anniversary, Sunday 16 June 10am.

Sunday School Trip to Cleethorpes
Sunday 30 June

Circuit Meeting Christian Centre, 1 July 7.30pm

Church Council Meeting, 11 July 7.15pm

Church Anniversary, 14 July 10am

Rev. Maurice Stafford's Farewell Service, 28 July 3pm

Octagen Centre Circuit Celebration, 1 September 3pm

CTSD Executives Meeting, Green Moor, 24 September 10am

Church Together Annual General Meeting, Green Moor 2 October 7.30pm

All Welcome

The Venue

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

Wortley Folk Club - John Watterson
Saturday 15 June

Fox and Moon Fair
Sunday 16 June

Wortley Hall

For details contact 0114 288 2100
www.wortleyhall.org.uk

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Wedding Fair

20 October, 11am until 4pm

Walk and Dine evenings

Tuesdays, 11 June, 9 July, 13 August and 17 September.
5.30pm for 6.00pm walk. £22.50 per person, deposit of £10 per person required at the time of booking.

South Yorkshire Festival

Saturday 6 July, 12pm
Crafts, food and gifts, falconry displays, pony rides, exotic animal handling, brass band, dancers, face painting, coconut shy, bouncy castles, rides and games.

Vintage Car Rally

Sunday 7 July, 12 - 4pm

Sylvia Pankhurst Memorial Lecture

16 August 7pm

Garden Fair

Monday 26 August, 10am - 4pm
Great garden venue to make the complete garden lovers' day out, with plant nurseries and garden suppliers from throughout the UK.

Check the event websites for further information