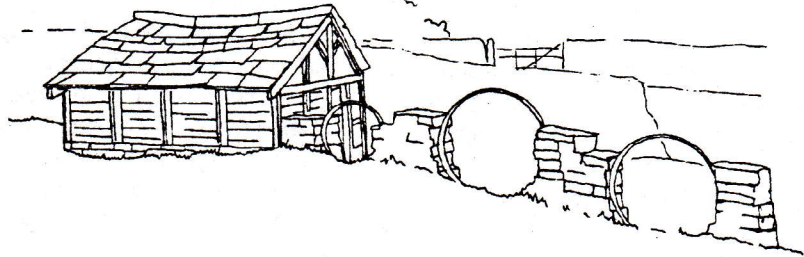


HUNSHELF

Chat

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A Message from the Editor

Four weeks to Christmas - and the excitement is killing me, and if that doesn't, the Visa statement will. The shops are stocking up with Barbies, Action Men, Teletubbies and Ferbies(?); I've seen a nervous looking turkey up at New Houses - distinctly pale, I thought; I'm stocking up for what appears to be seize. What is it all about?

Every year I promise myself I won't get dragged into this ridiculous annual spendathon, I will NOT be beguiled by the elaborate marketing techniques that tease and tempt, I WILL NOT spend the next six months paying off those plastic cards... and every year I throw myself into the thick of it, grinning inanely as I sink under the sheer weight of pink teddies, magnolia handcream and singing santa socks. Will I ever learn?

Enough of me, what's been going on roundabouts?

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

History on Your Doorstep

"Seventy Stunning Scrapbooks" said the advertising for the Local History Exhibition in Green Moor Church and, I'm sure, the many people who visited the exhibition were "knocked out" by the sheer volume and variety of information available, as well by the excellent way in which it was displayed.

This event was opened by Carolyn Thorpe (Barnsley Chronicle) who was introduced by Pat James (South Yorkshire Times) who also won the "Name the Teddy" competition.

The scrapbooks cover many other communities, beside Hunshelf, and a wide variety of topics including the local railway, entertainment, personalities, general history, organisations and education. Neville Roebuck, as well as being the collector of the materials and organising this event, was on hand all day to host it and direct us to especially interesting tit-bits such as one from 1898 headlined "A remarkable occurrence in Stocksbridge". It was encouraging to see how many of our newest residents were interested in finding out more about the community into which they have moved - two of them only on the day of the event! Some people went home for lunch or tea, only to return to delve once more into the books. As one person commented, "We need at least a week to look at this lot."

It is a year since the books were last on display and I hope we will not have to wait another year for a further chance to view! For two hours, in the morning, alongside this event and benefiting from the number of people attracted to it, an Autumn Fayre was organised by Ann Taylor. This successful event, together with donations from the Exhibition and proceeds from refreshments (served all day by willing helpers) raised £440 for Green Moor Church. Thank you to all who helped in any way. Special thanks to Neville and Ann for a most enjoyable - and lucrative! - day.

Doris Stubbs, on behalf of Green Moor Church

Senior Citizens Tea

This will be held in the Chapel Providence Room on Saturday 5 December. If you are eligible (over 60 years young) and have not yet received an invitation please telephone Doris Stubbs (0114 288 2539) before 1 December.

Spooky!

"I saw two pretend ghosts and one real one" was the claim made by one of the youngsters on the Halloween Ghost walk, organised by the Hunshelf Parish Footpaths Group last month. Over 30 people bravely set out amidst the swirling mist, accompanied by a masked figure and their way lit by various ghoulish torches, to hunt for the Hooded Monk and other local ghosts. Green lights, mysterious smoke, screams and laughter floated out of the darkness as we made our way to Pea Royd Quarry, where the ghosts of TV fame are supposed to manifest themselves. After listening to local ghost stories, read by Barry Tylee, we returned to the Rock Inn, Green Moor to be warmed by hot soup, provided by the landlord and landlady, and have our knowledge tested by the quiz, devised by Linda.

Another enjoyable evening for which we give our thanks to Barry and Margaret Tylee and their helpers, also to the Rock Inn.

Doris Stubbs, Parish Footpaths Group

The Hunshelf Hamble

Yes, Hunshelf Parish's own Fell Race! As part of the build-up to the Millennium Celebrations, we are to run a Fell Race round the boundary of the Parish. The words Fell Race summon up visions of fool hardy young folk jumping of cliffs and leaping across rivers, bounding up crags and pelting pell mell along footpaths. Yes, it happens. BUT many of the fell runners are fairly normal and just enjoy a run in attractive scenery with a bit of a challenge.

Hunshelf's race route is not yet finalised but the intention is to go round the boundary as much as is possible without too much running on the roads. It looks at first glance to be in the region of 6 miles (Fell runners do not hold with this new fangled nonsense of kilometres, they run miles and use feet of climb to distinguish races). The countryside is attractive, and the bit a challenge is to get from the bottom of Tin Mill to the village without stopping too often to take a breather.

At this time we are hoping to go from the Rock Inn, up Chapel Lane, Hill Top Lane and through the woods to the bottom of Tin Mill. After that a bit of mud on the way up Holly Lane before crossing Well Hill Road and dropping down to the River Don. Along the road to the stepping stones and up the hill on the other side to Kon-Tiki and Roughbitchworth Lane. After that we shall work our way back across the

footpaths to the edge overlooking Stocksbridge and return to the Delph by the back entrance.

How does this effect YOU. Well, if you are fit to try, come and run.

It is unlikely that you would be the last one home; fell runners come at all ages, shapes, speeds and sizes. The eldest local is a 73 year old man. Minimum age limit is 16 years. However, if we have a demand from members of the Parish we could include a shortened race for younger runners. Regulations come as part of the FRA (Fell Runners Association) as they insure us against various things. If any of our younger runners want to participate, would they contact either David Horsfall on 0114 288 3684, or Councillor Jane Swire on 0114 283 0886.

Even if you do not fancy running, we could do with some marshals to send runners the right way (hopefully) or just put it in your diaries to come and watch. Vantage points will be on Tin Mill, where the speed of descending runners will frighten you, the river crossing at The Old Mill in Thurgoland, where they all get wet, some more than others when they fall in, or of course at the finish.

19 June 1999 is the date, the time is not yet fixed, as we need to consult the Police and the Pub, however, it will probably be 11.00 am.

David Horsfall, Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council



Forging New Links

Seventy years ago the parish of Hunshelf would have resounded to the constant sound of tilt hammers as they rose and fell, hammering iron into railway axles. The tilt hammers were powered by water wheels and their noise (175 times a minute on one of the hammers) would add to all the other sounds produced from the two forges; Top Forge and nearby Low Forge along the Don. These are long-silent - the Top Mill having closed in 1912 and the Low Forge in 1929. The area is tranquil now but the industry which had been operating in this area since mediaeval times is not forgotten. We are lucky, in this area, to have one of the oldest ironworks in Yorkshire and, it is believed, the oldest surviving tilt hammer, in situ, in Europe.

A dedicated band of enthusiasts (some may say eccentrics!) have, over the years, restored much of Top Forge as a museum, with its three water wheels in working order. The South Yorkshire Industrial History Society, which runs the museum, would like to continue to develop links and good relations and would be glad of extra support to continue to maintain, interpret and develop the site. They need general helpers, gardeners, handipersons, guides (training provided) etc.

I first became involved when Ken Hawley, a stalwart over many years, told me that an important piece of documentation about the forge had been found in the 'privy' of my cottage. These items were payslips from the last weeks of operation of Low Forge in 1929. They had been put on a nail to be used as toilet paper; luckily they were not used! They are now archived by Neville Roebuck. The story may not be exactly true in all aspects, but it certainly got me interested. If you would like to be involved in the preservation of this important historical site then please contact the society's organiser, Derek Bayliss on 0114 230 7693, or myself (0114 283 0056) for further details.

Barry Tylee

Hunshelf Inclosure Award 1813

The original of this document is held in Barnsley Archives and we have only one document in the Parish.

To make this valuable information more accessible to people, we have transcribed it faithfully and it will be available at the beginning of December. The book contains 90 pages and the Inclosure Map. To keep costs to the minimum we shall only prepare as many copies as we can sell, so if you want one (or more!), please put your name and address on the sheet and we will deliver them to you as soon as they are ready (in nice time for Christmas). Cash on Delivery please!

The cost will be £5 per book (softback), and £10 for hardback. Donations above these costs are most welcome. Funds raised will be given to Hunshelf Heritage Trust, who have done the transcription, and used to retain and maintain the heritage assets within the parish.

Contact Pat Prince to order your copy(ies) on 288 3543.

Waldershef Choral Society
**Grand Christmas
Concert**

Tuesday 8 December, 7.30 pm
Stocksbridge Victory Club

Featuring:

Waldershef Choral Society
Sheffield City Brass Band
Bolsterstone Youth Choir - Debut

A coach will be provided for anyone in
Deepcar/Stocksbridge area with
transport difficulties.

Tickets £3

Ticket and coach £4

Tickets available from Ticket Secretary,
Harry Ibberson, Tel. 0114 288 3582

Victory club bar facilities are available

Art
Exhibition

1 December
to 31 January

**Hour Glass
Gallery**

Hebden Bridge
38 Hangingroyd Lane
Hebden Bridge

Includes fine-art woodturning
by Eric Firth of Green Moor

Pub Crawl

MIDHOPESTONES ARMS

Midhopstones Arms, Mortimer
Road, Midhopstones.
Tel 01226 762 305

This seventeenth century, stone-
built inn, lies near to the
Midhope reservoir is set in the
surroundings of a bygone era, with its
open log fires, beamed ceilings, freshly
cooked farmhouse food and an
excellent variety of real ales.

The pub was previously called the
Club Inn, and since its sale to the
present owner, Barbara Lee, and its
change of name, it has had much

sympathetic renovation, to
create a comfortable, relaxed,
drinking and eating house.

The food is of fine quality
and includes a variety of
home-cooked meals,
including game meats, plus
there is usually a vegetarian
selection. Food is available
Tuesday to Saturday: 12
noon - 2 pm and 6.00 - 9.00
pm and on Sunday, 12 noon -
2.30 pm.

Regular beers include
Timothy Taylor's Landord, Barnsley
Bitter, Tanglefoot, John Smiths and
Wards, with guests beers including
Black Sheep, Dorset Best and Spitfire.
These guest beers appeared to be the
favourites amongst the locals after a
recent beer festival held at the
Midhopstones Inn.

Quiz night is *occasionally* held on
Tuesday nights, but the pub is now
minus a quiz master, so if you want to
volunteer your services, contact
Barbara.

This pub is a must to visit. It offers
a great deal both indoors and outdoors.

Happy Birthday... and may there be many more

Tommy Gillott celebrated his birthday at the Rock Inn a few weeks ago, he
enjoyed it so much he's booked it there again for next year, when he'll also
be getting a telegram... *from the Queen!* Yes, he was 99 years of age and
appears to be heading into the next millennium at full pelt.

Congratulations Tommy, hope next year's 100th birthday party is as good as the
last one.

Poet's Corner

Nature's Gifts

From Nature's gifts of beauty let me gather,
A few of them within my heart to store,
Just simple things that lie along my pathway,
Lest eyes grow dark and ears can hear no more.

The blue of harebells 'mid the purple heather,
The long sweet call of curlews in the Spring,
The silk-fringed tender green of early beech leaves,
The scent of pine trees summer breezes brings.

A blaze of golden gorse on rugged hillside,
The bridal white of hawthorn's summer snow,
A warbler's song close hidden in the branches,
With mist of heaven hued hyacinths below.

The light that shines through long waves slowly rearing,
To break in shattered crystals on the shore,
The blackbird's evening hymn of quiet rapture,
As length'ning shadows show the day is o'er.

When old age slowly draws her grey veils round me,
And sight, and sounds, and scents are only dim,
I shall be grateful for my store of beauty,
My heart shall too send up its evening hymn.

Helen Wallace
one-time Housekeeper at Broomhead Hall



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

You may well have decided what to do for your Christmas dinner this year, let me assume you'll be having some kind of a bird (I'm on the nut loaf). But what about the extras? Let's look at cranberries, which is an excellent accompaniment with poultry, game, cold meats, and for that matter, toast the next morning - and why not. Secondly, we'll look at sprouts - I avoid the things like the plague - can't stand them personally.

Spiced Cranberries with Port and Orange

Ingredients

350 g (12 oz) fresh cranberries
225 g (8 Oz) sugar
150 ml (quarter pint) orange juice
75 ml (3 tbsp) port
1 cinnamon stick

Place all the ingredients in a pan over moderate heat. Stir until the sugar dissolves, then bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 20 minutes. Remove the cinnamon stick and serve - hot or cold.

Brussel Sprouts with Almonds

Ingredients

750 g (one-and-a-half pounds) Brussels sprouts
75 g (3 oz) butter
40 g (one-and-a-half oz) slivered almonds
finely grated rind and juice of half a lemon
salt and pepper

Steam or boil the sprouts until tender (not mush). Drain well. Melt the butter, add the slivered almonds and cook until slightly golden. Add the lemon rind and lemon juice and remove from the heat.

Place the sprouts in a serving dish and pour over the hot butter. Season to taste.

What's On Hereabouts

Sunday Afternoon Walk

Sunday, 6 December, 2 pm. Meet at bottom of Mucky Lane/Electricity Station. These walks occur on the first Sunday of every month.

Art Exhibition

1 December to 31 January, at the Hour Glass Gallery, Hebden Bridge.

Thurgoland Playgroup Christmas Fayre

Saturday 5 December, 2 - 4.30 pm at Thurgoland Village Hall (*registered charity*).

Christmas Concert

Tuesday 8 December, 7.30 pm at Stocksbridge Victory Club. Waldershef Choral Society and Sheffield City Brass Band. Tickets £3; coach and ticket £4. Contact Harry Ibberson on 2883582.

Millenium Meeting

Tuesday, 12 January, 7.30 pm in the Boys Brigade building.

Pub Quiz Nights

Every Wednesday,
The Rock Inn, Green Moor
Every Thursday,
The Bridge, Thurgoland

Your Church:

Christmas Celebrations

Sunday 6 December, 3.30 pm. Christingle Family Service, with Rev. S Veitch

Sunday 13 December, 10 am. Toy Service and Nativity, with Rev. S Veitch

Sunday 20 December, 6pm. Carol Service, with G Unsworth

Thursday 24 December, 11.45 pm. Christmas Sacrament, with Rev. S Veitch

Friday 25 December, 10 am. Christmas Family Hour, with Rev. S Veitch

Regular Sunday Service

Third Sunday of the Month: 10 am (Family Service). All other Sundays: 11 am unless otherwise stated.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

MILLENIUM MEETING

Tuesday, 12 January 1999

In the Boys' Brigade
Building

Everyone welcome to attend. Also, representatives from local groups and organisations are, of course, invited to share ideas for the Millennium Celebrations.

Diapers v Wrinkly's

On Saturday 21 November a soccer match between the above ended in an 8-0 win to the Diapers, which raised £50 towards Children in Need.

This was the first of what seems to be an ongoing contest between these two groups - the next being a Clay Pigeon shoot, on 30 December. For further details contact the Rock Inn, 288 3900.

STORIES/ARTICLES/LOCAL INFO. WANTED

Please send articles for this
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Claire Derrick, 1 Inglemount,
Green Moor Road, Green Moor,
Sheffield S35 7DQ
or telephone 288 7903

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