



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.derrick288@gmail.com

Deadline for stories for the next Hunshelf Chat is 15 May 2017

Another successful Carol Sing-Christmas 2016



The Hunshelf Singers had another successful carol sing this last Christmas 2016. We followed our usual pattern, singing in a local pub on one evening, and then the usual around the parish on another evening. A total of £336 was collected and our chosen charity this year was the Weston Park Hospital Cancer Charity Appeal.

Our pub sing this year was in The Green Dragon, Thurgoland - a new venue for us. We sang to a full house with some in the audience who were local to the area and some who were local carol singing devotees. Our sing date is now on a website which details where people can go to hear Sheffield and area local carols. The landlord made us very welcome and halfway through the proceedings produced a hot and cold buffet for us, most welcome.

The Parish Tour follows on from a long held tradition of singers visiting Hunshelf Parish residents to sing inside or outside their homes. Our first stop at one of our more elderly residents was a delight and it was heart warming and quite moving to see her join in with so many of the carols, remembering many of the words without the need for a song sheet. The presence of more children this year added to the

enjoyment for her. The second stop on our tour was at Office Fold, new to us in the sense that it is a newly renovated building but very appropriate, as it was, for many years, the home of Rex Roebuck, one of the original singers of carols in Green Moor, so quite poignant.

Over the years, we have built up a tradition of Underbank Hall being our final stop. We do our best to follow our schedule and arrive on time but as the night and our enthusiasm increases, we are often late. Delia and David are always very forgiving and their home provides a wonderful festive atmosphere in which to round off the evening.

Thank you to all our hosts for their continuing hospitality.

We hope to continue our singing this year with our regular monthly Sunday Sing. This will now take place in the Providence Room. There will be a small charge to cover room hire costs and refreshments. The Sunday Sing was started in response to people saying what a shame to stop singing just because the carols have finished. We are not a choir, or a four part harmony group, but a group of people who enjoy the social aspect of it as much as we do the singing. If you are interested please contact Julie on 07790535103 or Chris on 07951 468471.



Ecuador Trip Presentation

I will be giving a presentation of my visit to Ecuador on **Saturday 1st April at 7pm** in the Providence Room, Green Moor. Drinks and nibbles will be provided to keep you going. Once again, thank you for your support. Please come along to see the change your donations made.

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Sara Kerr

Hunshelf Parish Council

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Nature Table



Green Moor Bohemian Waxwings



Photograph © Pete Brown

Well yes it did happen!

A great tip off from Green Moor resident Linda Rose on Thursday 19th January via Twitter alerted me that around 60 Waxwings were perched in the tall trees near the junction of Green Moor Road and Chapel Lane. Linda had amazing views from her conservatory on Chapel Lane as the birds "devoured" the white berries from her neighbour's sorbus (Rowan) tree during the day.

I managed to delay the start to my work day on the Friday morning of the 20th and thankfully the birds were back around 8.15 am to finish off the berries. Although the light was poor I still managed to grab a few photos of the birds. Between 60-70 Waxwings stayed for around 30 minutes and took turns "raiding" the tree in groups of around 10-15 birds, hurriedly swallowing as many berries as possible and then flying back up into the tall trees to join the main party. I was informed that up 75 birds returned during the day until all of the food was gone.

Looking at the size of the tree on Chapel Lane I expect a smaller party of birds may have found it on Tuesday or Wednesday of that week. As is the norm with Waxwings, smaller groups will fly around looking for food and at dusk will congregate with other birds to roost in coniferous woodland on the moorland

fringe (a known roost for around 350 birds is at Redmires). The following day birds will head straight for the food and therefore feeding parties tend to get bigger each day until the food at a particular location is depleted.

We have been very lucky in our area as a number of parishioners were fortunate to see the large flock of Waxwings that visited Langsett Barn the preceding weeks for a number of days. There were two sorbus trees between the car park and the Waggon & Horses public house. I managed to get over at lunchtime and grab a few shots on the 10th January.

Coincidentally the BBC Winterwatch team had contacted me to arrange filming of Waxwings and berry eating Thrushes in Sheffield on the same day and again on the 11th. They travelled up from Bristol but were delayed and missed the Langsett birds. Myself and a friend from the Sheffield Bird Study Group did manage to locate some birds in the centre of Sheffield and the filming was successful. If you missed the episode of Winterwatch which was aired on Monday 23rd January you can find it on the BBC iPlayer here - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08c3wmp>

The BBC team (Ian, Gillian, Vicky & Scotty) pictured by my friend Pete Brown near Queens Road in Sheffield.

Peter Garritty



Waxwing Photographs © Peter Garritty.

Rywanyana Village Community Project

I am continuing to help to fund raise for this village where my friend, Grace Bevan, was born and which is 6000 feet up in the mountains of Uganda. It has recently experienced four months of drought.

The school we started three years ago with 50 pupils in a wattle and daub classroom now has 150 pupils in brick built rooms. Numbers are still rising so we need more classrooms.

We have already built a water tank, toilets, new kitchen, five new classrooms and provided a safe swimming space in a lake where children's lives have been lost as they would go in the lake when they could not swim. They are now taught to swim.

Grace's brother, besides having four children of his own, has taken in 15 orphaned or needy children and we are just completing a hostel next to his home, for the children to sleep in. We have yet to furnish it. The children are given two meals each day, a school uniform and free education at our school. We have a sponsorship scheme to support these and other children whose parents cannot afford to send them to school. If you are interesting in helping with this scheme please contact me.

After building more classrooms and training more teachers, our next project is to provide a Corn Mill for the village. Currently people have to travel to the nearest town and pay a high price to have their corn ground. For £2000 we can buy a

milling machine.

Our next two fundraising events are a concert by Bevox Choir which Christ Church Stockbridge is hosting on Friday April 7th at 7pm. Bevox, a community Choir based in Sheffield and known for their joyful singing, performed for us last summer to a full house. There have been requests for them to return and, thankfully, they are happy to do so.

We are fortunate enough for Sheffield Folk Chorale to volunteer to make a return visit to Green Moor church for the same cause. This they are doing on Friday 19th May at 7pm.

I will be selling tickets for each concert soon. Please keep an eye on the Parish Notice Board and local press as tickets sold out for both concerts last time.

Doris Stubbs 07960306539 dgreenmoor@yahoo.co.uk



*Rywanyana village
- 6000 feet up in
the mountains of
Uganda*



Hunshelf Parish Christmas Party

3rd December 2016

With the first edition of the Hunshelf Chat of the New Year, it's time to look back and review the Hunshelf Parish Christmas party that was held in Green Moor Church and Providence Room on 3rd December last. Attendance was similar to the previous year (when the format was changed), with approximately 25 children and 70 adults present, (not counting the entertainers).

As before we adopted a programme that comprised children's entertainment, an externally sourced buffet, adult

entertainment, rounding the evening off with coffee and mince pies accompanied by local carols from the Green Moor Singers. The only significant change being the merging of the children's and adults' party buffets.

The entertainment programme was of a high standard, with the children being captivated by a reprise performance from the Bumblezzz, whilst the adults were taken back in time to the 40's /50's by the close harmonies of the Bobby Pins trio and later local carols from the Green Moor Singers.

We were very happy to welcome the Mayor of Barnsley Councillor Linda Burgess who graced us with a visit, staying for approximately an hour. Some of you may recall Linda from when she was a Barnsley Borough Councillor representing a Penistone Ward in the late 1980's.

As in previous years, the event was significantly supported financially by an award from the Parish Council, however in its current format, the entertainment and buffet provided, would not have been possible without the financial support of both individuals from within the Parish Community and external sponsors. The

organisers having taken the approach of raising 'sponsors for tables at the rate of £25 per table'. Whilst the majority of our sponsors wish to remain anonymous, thanks are due to The Bridge Community Shop, Wm Morrisons, Green Moor Cricket Club, Mr and Mrs Greg Godley, Mr James Goldthorpe and the Post Office (Sweet Shop) at Cawthorne. The latter business providing the mix of chocolates that were given to all the children as a small gift, which were generously purchased by an individual resident from the community.

Whilst this additional financial support was very welcome and much appreciated by the organisers, the event would not have been as successful as it was, without our other unsung heroes the 'volunteers', who set up the venues rooms, served food and drinks, tidied up afterwards and generally kept the event flowing seamlessly and without mishap.

So thank you, to all the volunteers involved, our financial supporters and of course yourselves, the Parish Community for your attendance.

Dave Rose (on behalf of the Organising Committee).





The children being captivated by a reprise performance from the Bumblezzz





Parish Matters

Delf Field

The parish council has been awarded a National Lottery grant of £ 6,604 to "fettle" the Delf Field. This involves putting in drainage ditches across and down the field, levelling, rotovating and reseeding. Ancillary work will involve removing trees and shrubs, creating a wild flower strip and the installation of a "grasscrete" surface for disability vehicles to park. Access will be improved to allow mobility vehicle users to get up the track. It is anticipated that work will commence as soon as conditions allow.

Can we ask all users of the Delf Field to stay off the area once work starts to let the grass recover?

Defibrillator

Hunshelf Parish Council, Green Moor Church, Green Moor Cricket Club, the Sheffield Battalion of the Boys' Brigade and Friends of the Isle of Skye have all agreed to jointly install a defibrillator for Green Moor. This is a potentially lifesaving device that anyone can use.

At the time of writing, the parish council has received a grant of £300 from the Penistone Round Table towards the cost. Although there is technically a shortfall of some £900 (plus installation and training costs), the parish council has applied to the Ward Alliance for funds. By the time the Chat is printed, we may well have all the funds we need.

It will be placed on the Church Providence Room outside wall.

Training sessions will be held once the device has been installed. Please do make sure you can attend one of the sessions. The order has gone via British Heart Foundation and delivery is expected shortly.

Watch the notice board and web site hunshelfparishcouncil.org.uk for details

Christmas Community Party

Elsewhere in the Chat there is a report of the event. However, the parish council would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped in whatever manner. It was again a success, and it is anticipated that the same group will organise next December's party

Rights of Way

The recent success by the parish council in getting a familiar but not "definitive" footpath recognised sparked a memory "Since time immemorial" was a term bandied about in my youth. Originally it

was a specific date, the 6th of July 1189. Any "rights" enjoyed before that date had no longer to be defended, they were to be accepted. These included rights to grazing or access etc.

In 1832, the law was updated to "within the memory of living man". Tough if you had some centenarian with a good memory that did not agree with you.

Nowadays, it is 20 years to establish a "right" (30 years if it against the crown) and it is this "right" that John Kerr invoked to get the footpath across the back of The Isle of Skye established.

Tony Oakley, Winifred Wheldon

We have learned with deep sadness of the passing of Tony Oakley in January. Mrs D Oakley is now living with members of her family. We note with equal sadness that another member of the parish, Mrs Winifred Wheldon also passed away recently.

Our thoughts are with families and friends.

"It's Your Neighbourhood"

In preparation for the visit of the judges later in the year, a very enthusiastic band of volunteers is busily clearing away rubbish, cutting back hedges and generally tidying up our village. Anyone able and willing to help will be very welcome and Claire on 0114 2887903 is your contact.



Summer Sing

By popular demand, the parish Carol Singers are continuing to meet in the Providence Room of Green Moor Church through the summer. It is "singing for all" and all are very welcome. Contact Chris Johnson for more details (0114 288 5510)

Meeting Dates for the Parish Council

In principal the parish council will now meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 pm in the Providence Room of Green Moor Church. However, for this year some meetings will be held on Mondays other than the fourth one of the month. A full list of dates can be found on the parish council web site on hunshelfparishcouncil.org.uk All members of the parish are invited to attend the meetings and may raise items of concern.

Tour de Yorkshire

This prestigious event will come through Hunshelf. The route is up Well Hill, along to Underbank and then down into Stocksbridge. Later the race returns to Cranberry Crossroads and back to Underbank. This time the finish will be in Fox Valley. Timing is not yet finalised, nor have we any information on road closures (it will be a rolling closure starting just before the riders come through, and finishing when they have passed). Timing, as far as we know at the moment is about 3 pm to 4pm on the **30th of April**.

It seems a good reason to have a party and then watch the swift progress of those "Lycra clad weasels" flash past.

If the weather holds there will be a tea and cake cafe (Cafe Angletterre) at 1 Inglemount, Green Moor Road. to raise funds for It's Your Neighbourhood project.

David B Horsfall MBE
Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council

Dogs and Playgrounds Don't Mix!

Please don't let your dog go into the children's playground. I've had to clear up dog mess recently and had to ask a reluctant dog owner to take their dog outside. Dogs should not be in the playground.

Barry Tylee
Parish Playground Inspector

Another Local Walk



This area offers many opportunities for walks which include both extensive views and sites of historic interest. Lots of possibilities are provided by Stocksbridge Walkers are Welcome. Many of their walks pass close to Hunshelf. For example, this circular walk of 6.5 miles commences by following the southern bank of Underbank Reservoir to Midhopestones. Just after passing Underbank Outdoor Centre, you cross over a stream. There is a path into the woods on your left. About 50m along this path is the remains of a WW2 anti-aircraft gun emplacement. This faces ENE and was situated in order in to protect Underbank Dam wall from enemy attack. The concrete base slab and various metal fixings can be clearly seen (grid reference: SK 245 991).

We then climb steeply by the earlier packhorse route which was subsequently replaced by Mortimer Road. The latter was a turnpike road (1771 Act of Parliament), following the line of an ancient packhorse

Baby and Toddler Group

Thursday mornings in the Providence Room (next to the Church)

We are still going strong and the Carers (Mothers, Fathers, Grandmas and Grand-dads) tell us how much they enjoy it as well as the children. We had a super Christmas Party and Father Christmas came with presents, many thanks Father Christmas. The ladies who run the Group send a big THANK YOU to the Mothers who gave them chocolates and Christmas Cards.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9.45 to 10.45 am in the Providence Room each Sunday, except the third Sunday when we all join in the Family Service. In March the Family Service is on Mothering Sunday March 26th 10 am. Do join us – you will enjoy it as much as the children.

We had a great time at the Christmas Party with loads of games and prizes. Father Christmas remembered to come and he brought us all a present which was cool and we thanked him and gave him Mince Pies and a bottle of wine for his Christmas Day Lunch. He seemed very pleased with the gifts and we told him not to forget to come next year – Thank you Father Christmas for taking time out to visit Green Moor Sunday School – we appreciate it very much.

route (Halifax Gate) which ran between North Derbyshire and the West Riding. It was built at the instigation of Hans Winthrop Mortimer, Lord of the Manor of Bamford, and completed around 1777. We then utilise part of the Penistone Boundary Trail before returning over Roughbirchworth Common passing an eighteenth century guide-stoop before descending back to Underbank. Erected in 1734, this is one of the most unusual guide-stoops in the country. It is, as far as is known, unique in having six sides. There are no directional arrows; instead the user would take the road to the right while facing the name of their destination. There are only five obvious routes leading from the stone, not the six which are indicated.

Detailed instructions are available at: www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk then local walks/medium walk 15.

Dave Pickersgill



What's On

Check the event websites for further information and updates

Green Moor Church

Sunday School 9.45 am each Sunday except when we have a Family Service, usually on the third Sunday of each month when we meet at 10 am.

Morning Worship every Sunday at 11 am except when there is a Family Service.

Mothering Sunday 24 March, 10 am.

Maunday Thursday 13 April 8.30 pm. Churches Together in Stocksbridge and District Short Service in Green Moor Church followed by a walk up to the cross at Godley's Farm when at 9pm the Cross is lit and a short Service follows. Then all back to church for soup and drinks. All welcome.

Good Friday Service 14 April, 7pm we meet with Thurgoland Parish Church.

Easter Sunday Family Service 16 April 10 am.

Communion 28 May 11 am.

Whitsuntide 4 June we join Crane Moor Methodist Church.

Providence Room

The following groups meet in the Providence Room as follows:

Crafts, Jigsaws and Chat Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.30 pm. If you are interested just turn up. All ages welcome. Contact Doris Stubbs 07960306539

Mother, Baby and Toddler Group meet in the Providence Room every Thursday from 9.30 to 11.30 am. Contact Brenda Mangham 01142882346

The Pilates group meets on Thursdays at 6.30 - 7.45 pm. Contact Nina Jolley 07796851066

Penistone Paramount

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

CINEMA

Manchester by the Sea 3 - 9 March

Sing 2D 10 - 12 March

Fifty Shades Darker 18 - 23 March

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVES:

- **Hedda Gabler (Live)** 9 March
- **Twelfth Night (Live)** 6 April
- **Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead (Live)** 20 April

- **Peter Pan (Recorded)** 10 June

- **Salome (Live)** 22 June

LIVE

Come Fly with Style 2-5 March

Last Laugh Comedy Club 10 March

Penistone Ladies Choir in concert with Hade Edge Brass Band 11 March

Memory Lane 30 March

Just Like That - The Tommy Cooper Show 5 May

Marching through the Ages 6 May

Swinging through the Ages 6 May

Cinderella 11 May

Cash on Delivery 19-20 May

Daphne's Flight 21 May

The Venue

For more information or to book please call 0114 2838692 or email us/facebook [The Venue Stocksbridge](https://www.facebook.com/thevenuestocksbridge)

Celebrating? - FREE Room hire for a party of up to 50 people in our Samuel Fox Room on selected Fridays and Saturdays through out January to March* terms and conditions apply. Ask for details on 0114 2838692 or call in at Reception.

An Evening with Bob Dylan 4 March

Music and Song 8 March

Emergency First Aid at Work - 11 March, one day course

Indoor Car Boot 11 March

National Blood Service donor sessions 15 March

Venue Folk Club presents The Ludlam Pikes 18 March

Emergency First Aid at Work - 6 April or 22 April, one day course

Cat Show 8 April

Venue Folk Club presents Reg Meuross 15 April

Indoor Car Boot 22 April

Venue Folk Club presents Blackwater 20 May

Indoor Car Boot 20 May

Wortley Hall

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

Dare Devel Rides to Jarama - a Spanish Civil War Play. 1 March £7.50

Mothers Day three course carvery 26 March

Spring Garden and Craft Fayre 7 May

Spring Wine Tasting Dinner 26 May

Stocksbridge Leisure Centre

For details contact 0114 2883792 or visit www.stocksbridgeclc.co.uk

A wide range of leisure activities including badminton, squash, racketball, indoor bowls, martial arts, gymnastics, trampolining, indoor football, basket/net ball and more. Open 7am-9pm weekdays, 8am-5pm Saturday and 8am - noon Sunday.

Swimming

The leisure centre has a large and small pool. Go online or contact the centre for pool timetables (including sub aqua and zorbing) and membership schemes.

Wortley Top Forge

Wortley Top Forge will re-open after its winter break on Sunday 19 March. Open 11 am - 5pm Admission £3 adults, £2 concessions and 50p for children under 16. The Forge has a new website www.topforge.co.uk where you can find more information about the history of the Forge.

Civic

Want to know what's going on? Go to www.barnsleycivic.co.uk or check out the facebook site @barnsleycivic

Miscellaneous

Holmfirth Farmers' Market Third Saturday of every month.

Penistone Farmers' Market Penistone Market, second Saturday of every month

Antiques and Collectables Fair Penistone Community Centre, Sunday 19 March 10am - 3pm. Admission 50p. Excellent homemade refreshments by Green Moor Cricket Club.