



Hunshelf Chat

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

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Counsellor Robert Barnard

Broadband Connection

"Welcome to the land that time forgot." I remember that was how I was greeted on my first visit to Green Moor after being elected eleven years ago. Even now it is easy to understand the sentiment as residents complain about being isolated from the sort of reliable and fast broadband connection which people in other parts of Barnsley take

for granted. Indeed poor connection remains a problem for isolated communities in the Penistone Area with the Parishes of Wortley and Hunshelf being particularly badly affected. A problem compounded by limited mobile coverage although some people are now reporting better 4G connection following work on various masts.

The roll-out of fast broadband and connecting remote settlements is now the responsibility of Superfast South Yorkshire, a partnership between BT and the four local authorities. This replaced the ill-fated Digital Region project which some readers may remember and which was likened to the Tanganyika Groundnut Scheme or the R101 as another venture doomed from the outset!

The basic aim is to provide Fibre to the Cabinet, (FTTC), which will improve speeds to premises by reducing the length of copper cable in the connection and thereby reducing the signal attenuation. The roll-out is in twelve phases expected to be complete by the end of 2019.

There are a number of resources available and to check the progress towards connection of your own premises, follow the link below and enter your Postcode: www.superfastsouthyorkshire.co.uk/where

Some residents may be able to benefit from the Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme which can provide a subsidy for people whose premises meet specific criteria:

1. Not currently able to access a broadband download speed of at least 2Mbps
2. There are no alternative affordable broadband services available, which would provide a download speed of at least 2Mbps
3. There are no plans to provide superfast broadband to the location within 12 months of your application.

For further details and to check if this solution is available to you, go to:

www.superfastsouthyorkshire.co.uk/subsidy

Slowly, painfully slowly, progress is being made and readers should not give up hope of being connected to the modern world – eventually. In the meantime please do not come to me with a scheme to grow groundnuts on Hunshelf Bank!

Cllr. Robert Barnard – August 2017

NOTE: Recent update is that Green Moor has been broadband connection upgrade has been put back to December 2018

Nature Table



Our 'LITTLE' Family

Firstly my apologies to all those parish drivers who had to avoid my car in the middle of the road recently. No doubt also a shock to see me hanging half out of the window and pointing a large lens at "something," and if you could hear me swearing like a trooper when that "something" flew off before I could get a picture!



Owlet

Well that "something" was a Little Owl, either sat on a fence post, telegraph post, wall or branch at the edge of the road around Green Moor. If you haven't seen the Owls over the last couple of months then I would seriously consider a visit to "Specsavers" as they have been around daily from dawn to dusk (at one point one

nearly landed on the car bonnet as I drove along Don Hill Height). Although we have traditionally had Little Owls around the parish the increased activity from early July to August was exceptional.

I started to spend some serious time watching and recording the movement of one or two birds and noticed they were catching large field voles and carrying them away. This meant they were obviously feeding chicks and eventually I located the nest site. My reward was a distant view of two beautiful little "Owlets" sat on a wall with both parents. Normally Little Owls raise between 4 and 6 young so I can only assume they lost a couple to predators (there appears to be plenty of food around so unlikely the clutch was restricted due to this). I have continued to record their presence and movements up to the time of writing and can confirm they are doing well and starting to hunt for themselves with their mother normally

in close attendance. It's worth noting that when the owlets are very young it is the male that does most of the hunting and when they are out of the nest both parents share the duties.

I have taken much care not to disturb the birds near the nest site and have used full camouflage netting and clothing to blend into the habitat. I have waited up to 4 hours to get some nice images as you can see here and the birds were obviously oblivious to me being there. The owlets are full of character and had me laughing and crying when they showed each other affection and had little play fights with each other. I would like to thank Gregg Godley and Bruce Fox for allowing me to access their respective fields to get a little closer to the birds with a camouflaged hide and share these special images with you.

Peter Garrity

Female



Male



Owlet - Sparky



Owlets at play

Images © Peter Garrity

Here's The Beef! Success at Great Yorkshire Show



Alan Crooks and Angie Machen of Well Hill Farm had great success with their three Pedigree Hereford heifers at the Great Yorkshire show. They came First in the class 'Pair by same sire' (photo) and first in the 'Trio' class. In other classes they came Second in 'Junior heifer class' with Moorside Jane, Ninth and Fourth with Coley 1 Misty and Fifth with Coley 1 Samantha in 'Senior heifer class'. Also, on Tuesday afternoon classes were held by the North of England Hereford Breeders Association in which Misty won reserve champion.

Alan said: "This is our first year of showing and we are very pleased with our success, not only at the Great Yorkshire Show but also at the other shows we have attended. Herefords are nice traditional native cattle with a placid nature. We have some home-bred calves now which we are looking forward to showing next year as 'Well Hill' Herefords. We are taking some of our Herefords to Penistone Show in September and hope to be successful there."

Buzzard Nest Destroyed

At our recent Hunshelf Parish Council meeting the issue was raised of the destruction of a buzzard's nest, containing three chicks, near the pheasant pens in Tin Mill Rocher Wood, sometime between the 20th – 24th June. This shocking act is being investigated by the police, who to

their credit turned up immediately and in force. The Peak District Raptor Monitoring Group had spotted that the nest had been interfered with and helped the police to collect evidence (photos). We hope that the perpetrators are brought to justice; the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 makes

it illegal to kill, injure or take a wild bird. This nest is on Wharnccliffe Estates land, is long established, and we have written to them asking about policy towards protecting these splendid birds in future.

Barry Tylee

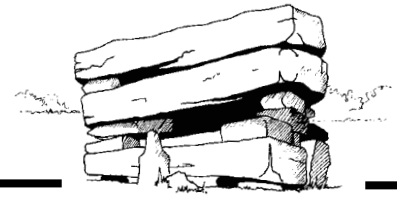


The Peak District Raptor Monitoring Group climber collecting evidence for the police



Police collecting evidence

Parish Matters



Kerb

Barnsley MBC Highways' chief engineer came and made a preliminary assessment of the proposed kerbing from the bus stop to the village boundary. This is a distance of some 150 metres.

The actual kerbing is not the real issue, the parish Council is confident that the amount of money involved could be found. The stumbling block, and this has been so all along, is the need for drainage. It was suggested by the parish council that a kerb with large holes might take all the water away into the verge. The water drains at the moment into the verge over time. We are informed that these "holes" clog up very quickly and become totally blocked. On motorways etc, there is an infrastructure behind the kerbs to drain away all the water. A second suggestion to drain the water into the verge is not allowed as it might damage the wall and thus erode the road foundations.

At present we are waiting for a report from the highways drainage section giving us a price for routing all the water across the road and into the present drains on the side with housing. It might be that the cost of this extra work scuppers the whole project.

It's Your Neighbourhood

Elsewhere in the Chat there is a report of the "It's Your Neighbourhood" project. However, the parish council wishes to thank all of the parishioners involved in the project for all their hard work.

Audit

The external auditors asked for more detail of the income and expenditure for 2016/17. A bit strange as they were sent a full copy of the accounts for the year, but it does not do to argue. Details duly sent and LBO (the auditors allocated to us by central government) moved on to question the defibrillator bought by the parish and hanging on the wall of the Providence Room. Eventually, the auditors clarified that this machine is the property of the parish council and so should be registered as an asset. One lives and learns

Road closure

The road closure at the foot of Well Hill cost BMBC about £80,000, or so we are informed. Nobody has yet estimated the extra cost of parishioners not being able to go up and down the lane. The clerk's journey up to the parish notice board was 12 miles rather than the two it usually takes.

Road closures due

Hunshelf Road will be closed for 3 weeks from Monday 4th September. Section in question is from the corner by Samuel's Kitchen to the bottom of Pea Royd Lane.

Vaughton Hill had a road closure sign for mid September but didn't catch the time period. Be aware that there might be issues on this route.

Broadband

Still nothing definite, but BMBC Councillor Bernard's (page 1) article will give more information.

Yorkshire in Bloom

Following the successful attempt by the It's Your Neighbourhood group, the parish council has stated that any entry to the higher level YIB competition will be supported financially.

Grants

Pleasant surprise when we looked carefully at the parish council bank statements. There were unexplained entries of £10,840. Most of it is a grant from the Lottery for the Delf, but we also got grants from the Area Forum for both the Delf and the replacement of seats on Ivy Millennium Green and in the Playground.

Isle of Skye

After the efforts of the "It's Your Neighbourhood" team, you can now walk round the Isle of Skye without getting your legs wet. Many thanks for all the hard work clearing the vegetation from the paths.

Willis Watts

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Willis Watts, a stalwart of the Hunshelf Carol Singers. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

Delf progress

There is a short piece elsewhere in the Chat about the Delf, but again, our most sincere thanks to all who turned out and worked so hard.

The contractor has started work and shortly should be commencing the drainage work and the re-seeding. Everyone is asked NOT to go on the field until the grass has settled (most probably April/May of 2018). The workers (above) left a strip of grass along the side for walkers to use even when the field has been ploughed etc.

A further strip has been left untouched to encourage the wild flowers that have been so attractive this year.

David B Horsfall MBE
Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council

Blackberries

It is that time of year again, stained fingers, thorns in hands and the luscious aroma of fresh blackberries.

According to a video blog on YouTube, in Sweden blackberries are known as "Bear Berries". The bears apparently trample through blackberry stands and create open spaces that later help the berries to ripen. Some form of gardening perhaps, or just impatience at having a route blocked?



It's Your Neighbourhood Update and Where Next?

First things first; a big thanks to all of you who supported the team of people who worked towards the It's Your Neighbourhood event this year. Those who put that extra push into their garden this year to make it look extra special made the difference in the eyes of the judge in July.

To clarify, RHS It's Your Neighbourhood is a grassroots community gardening campaign helping people to make lasting improvements to their local environment. The scheme is part of Britain in Bloom and supports community groups in cleaning up and greening up their immediate local environment.

It's not competitive at this stage, so no 1st, 2nd, 3rd place - everyone's a winner. The village will receive an award for its efforts on 12 September in York and shortly after will receive feedback from the judges.

The team worked extremely hard on every aspect of the areas of the village; the Ivy Millennium Green, Centenary Garden, Isle of Skye, the Delf, the kerb

edges and more, and it doesn't stop there. We are now looking at moving on to the next step of competition; Yorkshire in Bloom. If we decide to go this way it will mean a great deal of work and will need your support to succeed. It's also at competition level so a different ball game. I think it a tad ambitious to imagine we will be in a winners league at this stage but who knows, if enough people become involved then it could go skyward!

We will be fundraising over the year to enable us to buy materials. You've probably already seen the jam and preserve stall near Ivy Millennium Green and you'll see more of this as time goes on for all age groups; a stall at the Christmas Fair, events in the Ivy Millennium Green

and around the village, in the Providence Room - plans abound.

Lots of ideas are germinating (see what I did there) on what to do around the area. All we need now is people. If anyone would like to join Team Green Moor please contact Claire Derrick on 07753523909 or email claire.derrick288@gmail.com. For those who can't join us please support our fundraising events. Keep an eye out for these in the Hunshelf Chat, the village noticeboard or Nextdoor, the community website (if you're not a member and want to join, let me know).

Once more, thanks for your support.

Claire Derrick
Clean Green Green Moor subcommittee



Jam Jars Wanted

If you have any jam jars or nice bottles for jams and preserves please let us have them for fundraising for Yorkshire in Bloom.

Preserves and Jams Wanted

If you would like to contribute any homemade jams or preserves towards the Yorkshire in Bloom fundraising effort please contact us.

For either of the above contact Claire Derrick on 07753523909 or Betty Allott on 07960812362



Hunshelf Parish Christmas Party - Saturday 2nd December 2017

In the Bleak Mid-Winter, sorry just day dreaming... whilst most of us are thinking about our summer holidays and how to entertain the children, planning is well under way for the 2017 Parish Christmas Party.

Yes get the date in your diaries, the party for all residents in the Hunshelf Parish, will be held on the afternoon and evening of Saturday 2nd December, in the Providence Room of the Green Moor Church.

As in the previous couple of years we will have a programme of both Children's entertainment and Adult entertainment. By popular demand we have the Bumblezzz returning to dazzle the children with their magic and ventriloquist act, whilst for the adults we have a return performance by the Decibelles (the Ladies section from the Sheffield Hallmark of Harmony Barbershop Choir).

In addition the Organising Committee are looking for 'volunteers' to assist with

the preparation for the party on the day and with the tidying up afterwards, again please contact one of the Committee to indicate your interest in giving us your support.

Organising committee:

Pete and Betty Allott – 1 Delph Edge or
Dave and Lynne Rose – 5 Chapel Lane

Post Script: To assist with fund raising for this years and future years Parish Christmas Party, an application was made to the Tesco 'Bags of Help' Fund. We have now been advised that our funding application has been 'successful' albeit we do not yet know the amount and will not receive it before the 2017

Party is held. However all of us can help maximise this funding grant by shopping at the Penistone Branch of Tesco, or Tesco Express Chapeltown and asking for the 'Bags of Help' tokens from the assistants on the checkout tills and placing these tokens in the Hunshelf Parish Christmas Party 'money box' by the entrance. Hunshelf Parish Christmas Party is one of three grant applications being supported between 1st September – 31st October 2017, with the amount of grant being determined by the number of tokens each applications receives.

David Rose
Christmas Party sub-committee

The Delf Gang



(Apologies to all teddy bears!)

If you went down in the Delf last month
You should have gone in disguise
If you went down in the Delf last month
You would've had a big surprise
For every worker that ever there was
Was gathered there for certain because
That was the day we "fettled" all the footpath!

Strimmers here and loppers there
Cutters and grass rakes everywhere
Workers (unpaid) by the hour
Cut and raked with muscle power

They left a path along the side
Next to the wild flower band
So parishioners can walk and stride
Up one side and not be banned
From access to our poor old field
That will be trashed, then perfection yield
When the contractors have done their worst
And drained, and levelled fit to burst

Our grateful thanks to all the parishioners (and Stephen Miller of the Area Ward Alliance Office) who worked extremely hard to clear a way and leave a path to use when the field is worked on. Please stay off the field after it is seeded until next Spring

Goodbye

As a lover of songs both old and new, we should really be putting our departure in terms of song lyrics. It's our time to go now-A Sailors Farewell Hymn for those who know it from the Sunday Sing group or Wish Us Luck as You Wave Us Goodbye or just two that spring to mind. Yes, we have to say good-bye for now; it has been a wonderful sojourn for more than 10 years and it has been a very special chapter in our book. We hope we have given something to the community because it has given us so much friendship and kindness. As some of you know, the last year has been a bit up and down because of Graeme's health problems. Friends and neighbours have been supportive and helpful and it has been much appreciated by both

of us. Every act of kindness, every bit of listening, however small, has helped us to remain positive and hopeful.

And as Graeme has always said of the oil coop, "oils well that ends well!"

Graeme is about to start on a new drug treatment, which we hope, will keep him beating the odds! But this is really, why we have to move to Sheffield: its easy access to health facilities and public transport are helping to ease us into our new chapter as we 'escape to the City'. Of course, we shall keep in touch with lots of you, and all are welcome to call in to our new place - the kettle will always be on.

It was lovely to see so many of you for a farewell cuppa and your donations for our garage rubbish raised in excess of £120 so thank you again.

We hope to still come and sing on a Sunday and to be involved in the carol rehearsals, pub, and parish singing events.



Good luck to the new occupiers of School House. We are sure you will find a warm welcome from everyone and remember that the local carols need to be sung in the dining room as part of your first Christmas in Green Moor!

Thank you all again.

Graeme and Chris Johnson proud former occupants of School House, Green Moor



We are now in the last quarter of the season and both our first and second teams are top of their respective divisions.

Hopefully they will both continue with their winning ways and gain promotion to finish off what has been a mostly successful season. At the time of writing our first team have reached the final of the President's cup. This will be played against Whiston PC on Sunday 20th August at

Green Moor Sports Club

Worsbrough CC. It is our first season in the South Yorks league so it has been a learning curve which - I think - most players and members have enjoyed. Our juniors completed their fixtures at the beginning of August and once again we have to thank all the junior coaches and helpers who have spent many hours of their own time coaching and organising our many juniors who have joined us this season. Tuesday nights have seen our field full of juniors all enjoying themselves.

Our season at home will finish at the end of August as ground improvement work will then commence. This will see the end of our "unique stepped wickets". This is a requirement for us to continue playing in the South Yorkshire league and to make it more safe for our juniors to play on. Hopefully the field will have recovered in time for us to play on next season.

Ann Matthewman
Secretary

Another Local Walk



This area offers many opportunities for walks which include both sites of historic interest and extensive views. Lots of possibilities are provided by Stocksbridge Walkers are Welcome. For example, starting from either the Yorkshire Water Car Park on the A616 (near the Flouch) or the Trans-Pennine Trial (TPT) car park at Dunford Bridge, this long (9 miles) circular walk takes you through woods, and along pack horse routes, moorland and former railway tracks. Some sections can be boggy. Some of this route is on access land. The land owner can close the area for short periods, usually in the shooting and nesting seasons. There are also short sections close to the busy A628. Detailed instructions, including historical details are available at: www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk then local walks/medium walk 23



What's on

Green Moor Church

Church Services June to end of August. Green Moor Church is part of Churches Together in Stocksbridge and District (CTSD) and follows the Methodist tradition of Worship.

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 or other special occasions.

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

Baby and Toddler Group meet in the Providence Room every Thursday from 9.30 to 11.30 am. Contact Brenda Mangham 01142882539

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

The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature 7-10 September

England is Mine 3-6 September

Final Portrait 9 - 13 September

American Made 15 - 21 September

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVES:

- **An Evening with George Smiley** 7 September 7.45pm
- **Carmen on the Lake** 14 September 7.30pm
- **Hamlet** 5 October 7pm
- **Follies** 16 November 7pm
- **Young Marx** 7 December 7pm

LIVE

Last Laugh Comedy 8 September 8pm

Simon and Garfunkel: Through the Years 22 September 8pm

And Finally... Phil Collins (Tribute) 28 September 7.30pm

Richard Digance Golden Anniversary Tour 29 September 7.30pm

Timeless Theatre Productions present Memories Are Made of This 2 November 2.30 and 7.30pm

Frank Sinatra starring Stephen Triffitt 10 November 7.30pm

The ELO Experience 18 November 7.30pm

The Soul Jam 25 November 7.30pm

Cats 30 November - 2 December

ORGAN EVENTS

In the Mood - Kevin Grunill and the Take 2 Big Band 16 September 2.30pm

Liz Harrison and Jonathan Eyre 14 October 2.30pm

Nigel Ogden 11 November 2.30pm

A Compton Christmas Cracker 9 December 2.30pm

The Venue

For more information or to book please call 0114 2838692 or email us/facebook **The Venue Stocksbridge**

Free Taster POP Pilates 4 September 6pm

Zumba Toning starting 4 September 7.15pm

Music and Song for Pre-School Children starting 6 September 9.30am. First session is free.

Emergency First Aid at Work course - 1 day 7 September

Free Taster - PHIT 7 September 5.10pm

Craft Club - every Wednesday starting 13 September 12.30pm

Venue Folk Club presents Harry Bird and the Rubber Wellies 7 October 8.15pm

Indoor Car Boot 8 and 21 October, 25 November, 9 December

Stagefright Comedy Club presents Jack Carroll and Mundo Jazz 21 October 7.30pm

Venue Folk Club presents Simon Kempston 28 October 8.15pm

Venue Folk Club present Ralph Shaw - King of the Ukulele and Master of Disco Banjo 18 November 8.15pm

Venue Folk Club presents Flossie Malavialle 25 November 8.15pm

Check the event websites for further information and updates

Wortley Hall

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

South Yorkshire Festival - 13 August 12 - 5pm. FREE admission

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.

Penistone Community Centre

Penistone S36 6AR

Antiques and Collectables Fair Sunday 29 October 10 am - 3 pm. Admission 50p. Refreshment by Green Moor Cricket Club.

Penistone Farmers' Market

Penistone Market, second Saturday of every month.

Wortley Top Forge

The Model Engineers will hold their Open Day on 3 September 11am - 5pm. Admission Charge. Details from Ted Young (01226 763896)

Heritage Open Day weekend. Free entry to sites across the country including Wortley Top Forge, Saturday 9 September and Hoylandswaine Nail Forge, Sunday 10 September.

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.

Bridge Inn, Thurgoland is under new management. Open Monday, Tuesday 4pm - 11pm (no food), Wednesday - Sunday 12 - 11pm. Food Wednesday, Thursday 12-8pm, Friday, Saturday 12-9pm, Sunday 12-5pm. Review: We went for a meal on a Thursday two weeks ago and it was very good with large portions at a reasonable price.