



A Christmas



Hunshelf Chat

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A seat for all seasons

New benches have been installed in Ivy Millennium Green and the playground after a successful bid from Hunshelf Parish Council to the Ward Alliance fund resulted in a grant of £1800.

The new benches made from recycled bottles and plastic containers should not need maintenance in the same way as the old wooden seating and therefore should last many years.

The seating was installed by a team of volunteers who worked extremely hard to secure all the benches in one day. The following photographs tell their own story.

Many thanks to all who helped.

John Kerr



Nature Table



Know your Goose

We are just past the peak time in Autumn when there is much Goose activity in the UK as large skeins or loose flocks of various species cross the country or enter the country in search of food. A number of species visit our country from elsewhere and spend winter here between October and April feeding on our coastal fields and estuaries. You may not be aware that there are quite a few different species in the UK to look out for and in the table below I have listed the more common ones below alongside the most likely places that you will see them.



Pink-footed Geese - SW Scotland

Large skeins seen locally flying over at height are more than likely to be Pink-footed Geese as they move from East to West Coast and vice-versa in search of feeding sites and safe roosting areas during the winter.

The most likely geese to be seen locally are Canada Geese, perhaps a large noisy flock flying around, occasionally feeding in stubble fields and farmland at this time of year. Large groups can also be seen on our lakes and reservoirs including Scout Dyke, Langsett, Ingbirchworth, Royd Moor and Underbank to name a few. Greylag Geese are also very common and have similar behaviour and distribution, but are very different in appearance.

It may seem strange but there are breeding pairs of Greylag Geese present on high moorland around Sheffield during the summer and I often see them when I do the Langsett circular walk.

Occasionally skeins of White-fronted Geese can be seen or loose flocks of Brent / Barnacle Geese but this is more unusual in our area. The fields around Roy Moor and Ingbirchworth however are very good for Geese around this time of year and I have seen the occasional White-fronted Goose, small flocks of Brent Geese, Pink-



Pink-footed Geese - Green Moor - Sept 17



Canada Goose

footed Geese and the more common Greylag and Canada Geese. Try the fields above Ingbirchworth Reservoir and have a close look at the more common flocks, you may get a rarity.

Rather than try to describe all the different types of Goose, I have included photographs of the more common species so that you can identify them in the field. There are also lots of images on the internet and many books available to help you further.



Greylag Goose

Peter Garrity - Images © Peter Garrity

SPECIES	STATUS	ORIGIN	UK LOCATION
Canada Goose	Resident - approx 60,000 breeding and over 180,000 present in the winter	Resident (introduced from N. America) but some vagrants may appear in winter	Found commonly around lakes, reservoirs and parkland across the UK with the exception of N Scotland and S Ireland. You can't miss these, they are all over the place!
Greylag Goose	Resident - estimated at approx 50,000 birds breeding and over 200,000 present in the winter	Resident but some birds from Iceland in the winter	Found commonly around the lakes and reservoirs in much of the country with wintering flocks in Scotland and Ireland - Locally try Breton CP, Scout Dyke, Orgreave Lakes and numerous other reservoirs and ponds.
Bean Goose	Winter Visitor - less than 1,000 birds	Scandinavia mainly (also Russia and Asia)	Normally around the Norfolk Coast but also E Coast and SW Scotland
Pink-footed Goose	Winter Visitor - over 350,000 birds	Iceland & Greenland	Winter here on W coast (Cumbria, Lancashire & SW Scotland), E Scotland and E Coast of England (Lincolnshire, Norfolk & Suffolk)
White-fronted Goose	Winter Visitor - approx 15,000 birds	Greenland & Siberia	W Scotland & Ireland (Greenland birds) or Southern England (Siberian birds) although can be seen on the Lincolnshire and Norfolk coast around the Wash
Brent Goose - dark-bellied	Winter Visitor - over 80,000 birds	Canada	Mainly SE & East Coast, but also NE England, SW Scotland & N Ireland - Locally try Lincolnshire Coast around Donna Nook and Saltfleet.
Brent Goose - light bellied	Winter Visitor - over 20,000 birds	Canada and Norway	Mainly SE & East Coast, but also NE England, SW Scotland & N Ireland - Locally try Lincolnshire Coast around Donna Nook and Saltfleet.
Barnacle Goose	Feral Breeding - approx 2,000 birds Winter Visitor - approx 100,000 birds	Some feral breeding in the UK but wintering birds from Greenland and N Russia	NW & SW Scotland, Cumbria, N & E coast of Ireland. There is a huge wintering flock which can be seen at WWT Caerlaverock reserve in SW Scotland

Forerunner of the Parish Christmas event

I have been reading through old copies of the Parish Council minutes and with this year's Christmas event imminent I thought the following extract might be of interest and bring back memories for some.

Monday 6 December 1965

Tea and Christmas Puddings

It was agreed that these should be purchased and distributed to the OAPs of the parish at Christmas time as in previous years. Coun. Wickham generously offered to give each family of OAPs a chicken. Coun. Turner proposed a vote of thanks and gratitude to which the meeting unanimously concurred.

Coun. Wickham suggested it would make a more wholesome parcel of gifts if other things could be added by the Green Moor Old People's Welfare Committee. The clerk agreed to contact the committee and ask if they would like to do this.



Pink-footed Goose



White-fronted Goose (with Greylags behind)



Bean Goose (note orange legs)



Barnacle Goose



Brent Goose (Light-bellied)

Why was the snowman looking through the carrots?

He was picking his nose



Why couldn't the skeleton go to the Christmas party?

Because he had no body to go with.

A DAY AT THE PALACE

“TeenTech Awards” is an organization which aims to encourage school children nation-wide to get involved in scientific and technological innovation, and runs competitions appropriate for different age groups in a series of separate categories.

This year, the finalists in all categories were invited down to the Royal Society in London in June where they all set up stands displaying different aspects of their entries, ready to discuss them with the judges who were circulating, before doing a presentation of their project. The winners were to be presented with their awards at Buckingham Palace in the autumn.

Seventeen year old Clara Payne won her category of Best Research Project, outlining a horse feed trial conducted over a 6-week period. She is currently applying for vet colleges, and as competition for places is so fierce, she hopes this might help to support her application.

On 12th. October, Clara went with her teacher – and a fellow student from Sheffield Girls’ High School who had



(Left to right) Clara's teacher, Clara Payne, Prince Andrew

also won her category – to Buckingham Palace to receive her award from Prince Andrew, patron of TeenTech Awards. (The rest of the family went with her for the ride, but weren't allowed in and had to content themselves with taking pictures

of Clara through the Palace gates until she disappeared inside!)

Congratulations Clara!

Ann Payne

“THAT’S CRAZY!!” – Hunshel Man Walks Irish Border for Two Charities



Why did I do it? There are many reasons... It was a challenge I'd wanted to attempt for many years. Also, I turned 40 earlier this year, and inevitably got to wondering what I'd achieved in my first four decades. Perhaps the most important reason

was familial: two years after losing my Dad to prostate cancer, I wanted to do something in his memory, to raise money both for Cancer Research UK and St Luke's Hospice in Sheffield (where he received palliative care in the last five weeks of his life).

The plan was to go to Northern Ireland on 19 September, and walk from Derry/Londonderry (delete as applicable) to Newry in eleven days. Originally I'd intended to do a 210-mile route, taking in the villages of Aughnacloy and Crossmaglen, but one of my “hosts” along the route took one look at my intended journey and exclaimed ‘That’s crazy!!’ She suggested that I modify it so that I’d

ultimately walk 157 miles, helpfully noting ‘It is possible to walk the Border without killing yourself!’

Ultimately, despite aching feet and legs for the first three days of walking, I did enjoy myself, and succeeded in completing the Walk! I was lucky with the weather: there were just two rainy days out of the eleven (in one of them I was offered a lift by a passing mum-of-two, and when I explained why I had to decline she said ‘Well, how do ya fancy cheatin’?!’). One host very kindly drove some of my luggage on ahead of me, to lighten my load, and everyone I told about the challenge was very complimentary and encouraging (the phrase ‘Fair play to ya!’ came up a lot...) as I went along. Best of all: I raised a grand total of £2,046 for the two charities!

**Dan Payne (Support Secretary)
Support Secretary**



SAGT says "Thank you Green Moor"

Sheffield Area Geology Trust (SAGT) is a geoconservation group working across the Sheffield Area with links to Sheffield, Barnsley, Rotherham and Doncaster. Geoconservation can be a bit of a thankless task, sometimes. What we do is try to identify, record, describe and manage the geological and landscape assets of the area around Sheffield, and tell people about them, so that pupils can learn from them, people can relate to the unfolding of their planet, their history, their landscape and their industrial past, and scientists can study them.

However, not everyone sees things that way. It is understandable. Sometimes landowners rightly worry about their animals, quarry owners worry about their insurance premiums, and local councils are just pleased to find a hole in the ground they can fill in with the rubbish we all produce. Housing developers just don't want the hassle of any complications geoconservation might bring. It can be very difficult to get permission to see some geological assets.

For this reason it has been really good being able to work with people in Green Moor over recent years. You have the only geological site in positive management in Barnsley (probably the whole area) at Green Moor Delf. [Did you know that Green Moor Delf is just one of the Barnsley sites included in a piece of research in 2000 that reshaped the scientific thinking about Carboniferous sandstones?] You also are the only community to name the

river that deposited their local sandstone (The Great Hunshelf River). This is something geologists never do, but we were quite happy to give a talk about it last year! The Green Moor Rock is named after the village, but outcrops widely in the area, and runs through SW Sheffield. Did you know that for, good reason, many Barnsley villages have sandstones named after them?

Green Moor also has the most recent geological puzzle in Barnsley. We had an email about a "strange rock" in the bottom of Kathryn Austin's barn. It seemed to be evidence of a compression in the Green Moor sandstone, right next to the large tensional fault running just west of the village. How can a rock be squeezed and stretched? Was it at the same time or did one happen first? Unfortunately it was concreted in by the time we made it up there, so it still is a puzzle, and a reminder, that most of the evidence for

geology is still buried, and only rarely gets uncovered, and that it needs a sharp eye to spot it when it is. If you want to find out what we've been up to recently you can find us on facebook. Search for "geology at Sheffield" or "Sheffield geology".

This year Green Moor also played host to Jacob, an undergraduate student from University of Derby, who needed access to Green Moor sites to complete his mapping project in order to get his degree. We have been working with Derby University for a couple of years, and they ask us for a little guidance when they are setting things up. In Green Moor, wherever SAGT asked landowners for access, it was immediately and generously given. We don't take that for granted, so SAGT, along with the University of Derby would like to say a big thank you, and wish you a peaceful Christmas, and all the best for the New Year

Request for Photos of 'Old' Hunshelf

It seems that parishioners enjoyed the talk from Margaret Tylee and myself in October using photos of 'old' Hunshelf. Whilst we have a fair number of quarrying activities we have very few of more recent times such as the 1940s to 1980s. Therefore if anybody has ones which they are prepared to lend me I will scan them in and add them to the 'Hunshelf Collection' which we will put up on the Hunshelf parish website in due course.

Please write on the back or another piece of paper any information that you may have on the photo and drop them through my letterbox at 2 Delph Edge, Greenmoor. Alternatively if you already have them digitally please email them to me at richard.popplewell@btinternet.com.

Many thanks
Richard Popplewell

Jam jars still 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.

Contact Claire Derrick on
07753523909 or Betty Allott on
07960812362

How will Christmas dinner be different after Brexit?

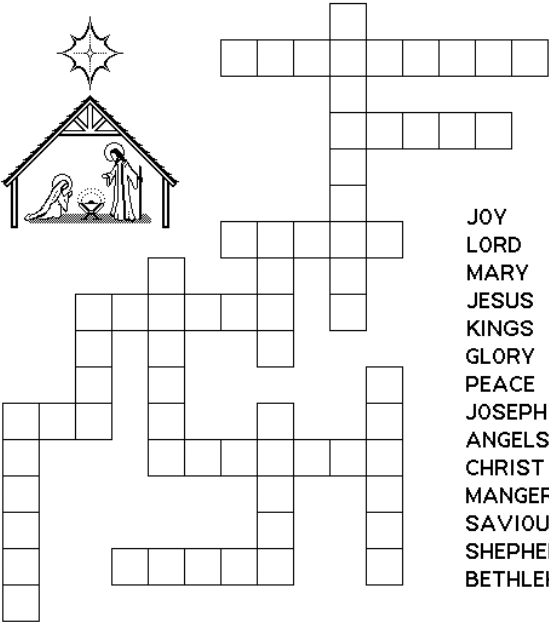
No Brussels.



CHILDREN'S CHAT

Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.
Each word is only used once.



- JOY
- LORD
- MARY
- JESUS
- KINGS
- GLORY
- PEACE
- JOSEPH
- ANGELS
- CHRIST
- MANGER
- SAVIOUR
- SHEPHERDS
- BETHLEHEM

Can you
get the
stocking
to the
fireplace?



Colour me in!

Yorkshire in Bloom

It's been a busy summer and after preparing for the judge's visit in July, Team Green Moor were successful in obtaining a Level 5 - Outstanding for its work in and around the village. Two of the team members, Kate Goddard who initiated the project, and Claire Derrick went to Barnsley Town Hall to receive the certificate and to meet other teams from the Barnsley area that had entered 'It's Your Neighbourhood' with their projects. This was a great networking opportunity where ideas were swapped and connections made. The thing is where do we go next?

Where next?

Team Green Moor discussed this over a glass or two and from what they remember decided to go for the next stage; RHS Yorkshire in Bloom competition level.


So fundraising has continued and lists made as to how this will materialise. Work will tick over during the winter months but come February the team will move up a gear to prepare for the competition and the judge's visit in July 2018.

If anyone would like to join Team Green Moor be it occasionally or regularly please contact one of us:
Claire Derrick - claire.derrick288@gmail.com
Betty and Pete Allott - peter.allott@sky.com



Laura Simpson
Sports Massage
Therapist

 LSimpson Sports
Massage Therapist

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I have lived in the village for 30 years and recently decided to have a career change, I qualified earlier in the year as a sports massage therapist.

I currently operate mobile so I am able to offer appointments in the comfort of your own home locally and across South Yorkshire.

Sports, deep tissue and remedial massage are some of the treatments I provide. Massage not only enhances the mood but also has many benefits for the body, It can help release muscle tension and aids muscle recovery.

Anyone interested or seeking further information please do not hesitate to contact me by Facebook or email and I will be sure to send a speedy reply!

Thank you,
Laura Simpson



Panto Dame, Roy Staniforth dies aged 89

Any one that has an annual urge to go to the very British Pantomime may well remember Roy Staniforth. Amateur actor Roy had been treading the boards since he was 15 with his first role as Robinson Crusoe, and only hung up his wig in 2012 aged 83.

Roy did many years with Wales Panto Players in Rotherham and would tour Sheffield between Christmas and Easter with audiences growing year on year.

Away from the stage Roy, who was awarded an MBE in 1997, worked as a surveyor for the Duke of Norfolk.

Roy said: "I will remember the happiness we have brought to people and the laughter we have had in rehearsals. It's been such a joy."

Gone for a Burton

This is a phrase that is now very dated. Popular in the 1950's it meant that someone had passed away. One version of the origin of this most peculiar expression dates back to Victorian times when farming provided very seasonal labouring employment for many young men in Norfolk. In the winter the same labourers went to Burton on Trent, then the town where 25% of the world's beer was brewed, to work turning malt in the brewing industry. At home in Norfolk, if anyone asked for an absent "John Smith" they might well be told that he had "Gone for a Burton"

Carol Singers Parish Tour

For over one hundred and fifty years now there has been a tradition of Carol Singers going around the Parish of Hunshelf singing carols, some of which are unique to this area of South Yorkshire. Until comparatively recently this was on Christmas Eve when some parishioners would gather neighbours in their home and invite the singers in, sometimes refreshing them with a drink and maybe a mince pie. Besides going into some homes the Carollers would sing outside the homes where people might not be too well.

This has, until the last 5 years been organised by Green Moor Church but the tradition is being carried on by the Hunshelf Singers which is comprised of people from a wider area and all are welcome to join. It has been good to welcome new people into the group and we have been busy refreshing our knowledge off, or learning, the parts of the Local Carols in order to sing round the Parish on Friday 22nd December.

Another tradition we are continuing is that of singing in a local hostelry and we are singing in the Green Dragon Thurgoland at 8pm on December 20th, as part of the Local Carols tradition -

advertised on their website.

For our singing round the Parish of Hunshelf we would welcome the opportunity to visit the homes of some of the newer residents in our community.

There is no compulsion to provide refreshments. We are happy to come along to sing for you, and, if possible, some of your neighbours.

If you would like us to do this please contact .Angela Fox on 01142883581 or e mail her on angela.fox@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Doris Stubbs

Another Local Walk



Walkers are Welcome celebrates 10th Anniversary

It was ten years ago that Hebden Bridge in West Yorkshire became the first ever Walkers are Welcome (WaW) town. Today, there are over 100 towns and villages in England, Scotland and Wales that are nationally accredited WaW locations.

Nationally WaW recently conducted a survey to collate the many achievements across the UK in the last decade. Together, they have:

- created new walking routes – over 1200 routes covering over 6,400 miles;
- opened up routes that had been abandoned;

- launched, and taken part in, walking festivals;
- promoted the use of public transport;
- publicised a wide variety of walking opportunities for all ages and abilities;
- helped to boost their local economies.

The WaW scheme has put both Bradfield and Stocksbridge on the UK walking map. It has opened the eyes of both locals and visitors to the opportunities on our doorstep.

As local volunteers in this area, WaW has:

- Provided downloadable instructions for more than 50 walks in the Stocksbridge and Bradfield areas;
- Contributed to interpretation panels providing information about landmarks and local history;
- Worked with other organisations to provide guided walks.



WaW will continue to bring the pleasures and benefits of walking to an ever-wider audience, and to offer a warm welcome to locals and visitors who, in turn, help to sustain our local businesses and facilities.

www.bradfield-walkers.org.uk
www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk
<https://walkersarewelcome.org.uk/>

Dave Pickersgill



Hunshelf Singers

Carol singing rehearsals and performances

A reminder to any one that's interested in joining the Hunshelf Singers. Our rehearsals and performances are as follows:

- Monday 27th November, 7-9pm, Providence Room, Green Moor
- Monday 4th December, 7-9pm, Providence Room, Green Moor
- Monday 11th December, 7-9pm, Providence Room, Green Moor. FINAL practice night
- Wednesday 20th December, 8pm, Green Dragon, Thurgoland
- Tour of the Parish – Friday 22nd December, time to be arranged

Interested?

For more information contact Kathryn Austin on 0114 2885888 or Angela Fox 0114 2883581.

National Remembrance Arboretum

By the time this edition of the Chat is published, the Hunshelf Remembrance Service will have been held. It is always a moving occasion on Ivy Millennium Green. The parish council wishes to thank the Green Moor Methodist Church for arranging the service

Just south of Derby is the National Remembrance Arboretum. The trees are just beginning to be established, but the memorials to the fallen are very impressive. The range of the armed services remembered is staggering, but the most sobering section is one where the fallen since 1945 are listed on a huge wall. There are thousands of names, but sadly, space has been left for many thousands more.



Green Moor Sports Club

The season finished with the first team being champions of Division 4 and the second team champions of Division 8. Since then our ground has had major improvement work done. Thanks go to our contractor for being so co-operative and getting the work done as soon as possible after the cricket had finished. Thanks also to all who have helped in many ways. Because of this great support - with a big help from weather conditions since - we now have a green field again with 9 level flat wickets. Fingers crossed we will be playing cricket on it again next season.

Twelve members went to the SYSCCL dinner and presentation night at the Consort Best Western Hotel at Thurcroft on 11 November. Our club collected the 1st and 2nd team winners trophies along with the runners up for the cup award. Individual awards went to Julian Bates - stumper, Josh Dixon - 2nd team batting, Joe Goddard - 2nd team young player batting award. The club also had a special award. This was for exceptional achievements all on the same day. Dixon brothers, Jamie and Josh, got 150 and 181

n.o respectively and Jake Rodgers took all 9 wickets in an innings. Last man was injured and didn't bat! A real champagne day for the club. Our dinner and prize giving will be held at Cubley Hall on Friday 24th November. Winners are

1st team	
Batting	C Johnson
Bowling	J Rodgers
Catching	C Johnson
MOM	J Rodgers
2nd team	
Batting	Josh Dixon
Bowling	B askey
Catching	J Goddard
MOM	G Howe
Barnsley Sun League	
Batting	J Ward
Bowling	J White
Catching	C Snaith, N Dowkes, A Godley

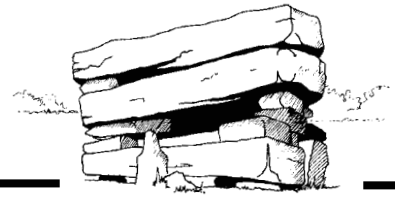
Young player of the year	A Godley
Jean Fieldsend trophy/club effort	M White
Rex Trophy	N Dowkes
Presidents Cup	TBA
Spoon	J Rodgers

That brings season 2017 to a close. Indoor nets at PGS will commence on 11th January 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Players old and new - male and female - will be very welcome - juniors as well as adults.

Seasons greetings to you all

Ann Matthewman
Secretary

Parish Matters



The Delf Field

The parish council has purchased a second hand ride-on mowing machine to deal with the Delf Field as and when the contractor hands it over. Temporarily it is housed at Rock Cottage. Volunteers will be sought to use this machine and guidelines will be published as soon as we can get them past the various bodies that need to be consulted. Our most sincere thanks to all involved in the project.

Delph Mews

Two large stones (from Greg Godley) and a bollard (from Ridgeway Forge) have been ordered for the entrance to the Delf. These should be in place by the end of the year.

National Grid

We have been advised that National Grid will be replacing cables across Green Moor in the forthcoming year. The company will require access to the Delf, and no doubt there will be other interference with the roads and pavements round the village.

Ivy Green and Playground

New benches and a picnic table have been delivered and installed on Ivy Green and in the Playground. Many thanks to all those who came along and worked extremely hard carrying the benches, drilling holes and generally getting everything in place. At the same time, an enclosure for grass cuttings and dead leaves was assembled on the Green. Parishioners are invited to place grass cuttings there for them to rot down and be used later. It has been mentioned several times that grass cuttings and other garden rubbish should not be thrown into fields where sheep or cattle may graze. Such a supply can cause illness in the animals.

It has been agreed that the Ivy Green should be scarified and raked to clean the grass, and that the gates etc. will be painted. The Yorkshire in Bloom volunteers have agreed to do this work sometime over the winter.

Wild Flower Verge

A parishioner has offered to supply and sow poppy seeds for the wild flower verge to commemorate the end of WWI next year.

Adoption

The parish council has agreed to adopt the verge from the bus stop to the Penistone end of Green Moor. This means that the parish can now cut and maintain the grass to try to keep it attractive.

Beacon #1

Greg Godley and his brother Dean have cut down the beacon, reduced its height by about 6 feet and re-erected it. It is now much easier to load for any future event. The next event planned is in November 2018 to commemorate the end of hostilities.

Beacon #2

We were approached at a social event by a gentleman who wanted to know what had happened to the beacon, "It has gone and shrunk!" This person an ex-Green Moor resident now lives in Deepcar and keeps a careful eye on Green Moor to see what is happening. Complaints have also been voiced that as the beacon has been reduced in height, it is no longer visible to many in Deepcar and so they will not know if the Vikings or French invade!

Playground Safety Report

BMBC arranged an independent annual safety report for our playground. The equipment passed with flying colours. One of the parish councillors inspects the playground each month to ensure that it is safe to use, but if anyone has any concerns, please do contact either myself as Clerk or any member of the parish council and let us know.

Governance of Parishes

We have not received any information about this review, except that little will change. The final report was due in September, but then the government

called an election and upset the apple cart all round. The parish council supported a request by Oxspring PC to have a small section of the football pitch in Oxspring transferred from Hunshelf to Oxspring.

High Speed Broadband

The new cabinet is in place in Green Moor, so High Speed Broadband should be with the villagers shortly. The rest of us will have to wait another year!

Web Site

We have now received copies of the very early editions (20 years ago!) of the Chat. These should be on the web site soon, if not already. Out thanks to Penistone Archives for supplying them.

Penistone Archives

The archives would welcome any old photographs or documents that relate to this area. The archives are usually open on Sundays in the Community Centre, Penistone. Opening times of the Archives can be obtained from the Community Centre on 01226 370088.

Thefts and Burglaries

We have had a spate of thefts and burglaries in the area. Some are "two theft" where the keys of a car are stolen and then the car taken. Be vigilant and lock your doors and cars. Do not leave anything on show in your car: keep your car keys out of sight, but not hidden is the latest advice from the police. If you are unfortunate enough to suffer a break-in, let the car go, it is easier to replace the car than heal wounds.

David B Horsfall MBE
Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council

Warm Homes Campaign

Barnsley Council has launched its Warm Homes Campaign with help from National Energy Action (NEA), a national charity dedicated to tackling fuel poverty and excess winter deaths. They have put together the following article for your advice.

Get winter-ready with Better Homes Barnsley

We all know it's important to stay warm as the weather gets colder, but it can be tough knowing where to start. Luckily there's lots of advice and support available to Hunshel residents. Here are a few tips on getting winter-ready and staying warm this winter:

Get your home ready:

- Prepare your home with Better Homes Barnsley. If you're a homeowner, private tenant or landlord living in the borough of Barnsley you could benefit from energy saving measures including new or replacement oil and gas boilers, cavity wall and loft insulation. Finance options are available or you may even be eligible for a grant towards the cost of the work. Visit www.betterhomesyorkshire.co.uk or call 0800 597 1500 for more information.
- Berneslai Homes tenants can contact 01226 775227 to find out about heating and insulation. Other tenants should contact their landlord directly to find out what support is available.
- If you have gas central heating, get your heating system and cooking appliances

gas safety checked. If you're a tenant your landlord should arrange this for you. If you're a homeowner you can find a gas safe registered engineer here: <https://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/>.

- Make sure you have a supply of heating oil or LPG or solid fuel if you are not on mains gas or electricity.
- Fit draught proofing to seal any gaps around windows and doors.
- Draw your curtains at dusk and make sure your radiators are not obstructed by furniture or curtains.

Get your finances ready:

- Make sure you're receiving the best deal possible from your energy company. It's easy and free to switch, and you can find advice about switching at www.goenergysshopping.co.uk. Citizens Advice Barnsley (03444 111 444) and Age UK Barnsley (01226 776820) also offer free energy price comparison services.
- Energy companies offer extra help if you're of a pensionable age, disabled, have any communication needs or have a child under five. This means that your energy company will offer you extra support in a power cut, help with reading your meters and receiving billing information in an accessible

format. Ask your energy company about the Priority Services Register for more information.

- Check to see if you're eligible for financial help with your energy bills: the Warm Homes Discount Scheme, Winter Fuel Payment and Cold Weather Payment can all offer assistance. All of the schemes have different qualifying criteria but if you're aged 64 plus; on certain benefits or have a low income then it's worth checking if you're eligible – take a look at our website for more information: <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/housing/help-with-energy-bills/> or call 01226 775577.

Get yourself ready:

- Make sure you keep warm. Heating your home to at least 18°C can help to prevent colds and flu as well as more serious health problems.
- Getting a free flu vaccination is one of the most effective ways to prevent flu and reduce the potential harm it can cause. Talk to your doctor, pharmacist or midwife for more information.

Finally, make sure you check on older neighbours or relatives during cold spells - especially those living alone or who have serious illnesses to make sure they are safe, warm and well.

Churches Together Over 80s Gift

Churches Together in Stocksbridge and District give all residents in Stocksbridge and District a little gift at Christmas if they have reached 80 years of age or over. We know of certain ones because they will have been receiving the gifts, but we are not sure that we know of everyone.

Please will you ring Doris Stubbs telephone number 0796 030 6539 – to let her know if you are 80 or over and have not received the gift in previous years.

Many thanks.

Christmas Special Open Day at Wortley Top Forge

Sunday 10 December 2017 11am - 4pm. Visit a 17th century Iron Forge, the oldest surviving example in the world and it is in our Parish. See three waterwheels and many preserved steam, gas and petrol engines. Children can ride on the miniature railway to visit Santa. Free car park on site.

Wortley Top Forge, Forge Lane, S35 7DN

Admission: Adults £5, Concessions £4, Children (5-16) £1 Children under 5 free.

Philip looks out of the window on Christmas Eve: 'That's some reindeer' he says.

The Queen replies: '63 years. Yes, that is a lot!'



What's On

Green Moor Church

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.

Nativity Dress Rehearsal 3 December 9.45 - 10.45 am

Nativity and Family Service - (early start to get dressed 9.30 am) Service 10 December 10 am

Christmas Party for Sunday School Children, 17 December 9.45 am

Christmas Sunday School 24 December 9.45am. Parents and grandparents welcome to come and join us.

Sunday school will continue through the holidays on 31 December and 7 January, 9.45 for an hour.

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. £2 for carer and one child; £1 for each additional child; babies free. Contact Brenda Mangham 0114 2882346.

Christmas activities:

7 December - Normal gathering
14 December - Christmas party
21 December - CLOSED
28 December - CLOSED
4 January - Normal gathering

We only close Christmas, New Year, Voting Days and the June date that we go on our annual visit to Cannon Hall.

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

Happy Death Day 3, 5 and 6 December, 7.30 pm

Arthur Christmas 2D 10 December 2pm

Trading Places 10 December 7.30pm

Miracle on 34th Street 12 December 7.30pm

It's a Wonderful Life 13 December 2pm and 7.30pm

The Holiday 14 December 7.30pm

Paddington 2 15 - 24 December various afternoon times. Please check.

Murder on the Orient Express 15 - 21 December 7.30pm

The Star 22, 23, 24, 27, 28 December. Various daytime sessions. Please check.

Daddy's Home 2 22 - 28 December (excluding Christmas Day). Various times, please check.

Battle of the Sexes 22 - 28 December (excluding Christmas Day). Various times, please check.

Star Wars: The Last Jedi 2D 29 December - 4 July. Various times, please check.

Ferdinand 2D 5 January. Various times, please check.

Wonder 5 - 7 January, 7.30pm

Film Starts Don't Die in Liverpool 8 - 11 January. Various times, please check.

The Greatest Showman 12 - 18 January. Various times, please check.

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVES:

- **Young Marx** 7 December 7pm
- **Cat on a Hot Tin Roof** 22 February 7pm

LIVE

Cats 30 November - 2 December

St Agnes Fountain 4 December, 7.30pm

Buddy Holly and the Cricketers 8 December, 7.30pm

Grand Christmas Concert 8 December, 7.15pm

Vienna Festival Ballet presents The Nutcracker 11 December, 7pm

Snow White and the Seven Dwarves 25 January - 3 February. Various times, please check.

The Lionel Richie Songbook 23 February, 7.30pm

ORGAN EVENTS

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

Cirque to Caos 2 December 7.30m

Monthly Dementia Cafe 7 December 10am

Indoor Car Boot 9 December 9am

FREE Family Disco Party 9 December 6pm

Wortley Hall

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

Panto and Carvery 3 December, 9.30 start

Wedding Fayre 21 January 11am - 4pm

Burn's Night 25 January. Arrive 7pm

Valentine Dinner 14 and 16 February)

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

Penistone Farmers' Market

Penistone Market, second Saturday of every month.

Wortley Top Forge

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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.

Check the event websites for further information and updates