



A Christmas Hunshelf Chat

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Deadline for stories for the next Hunshelf Chat is 15 February 2018

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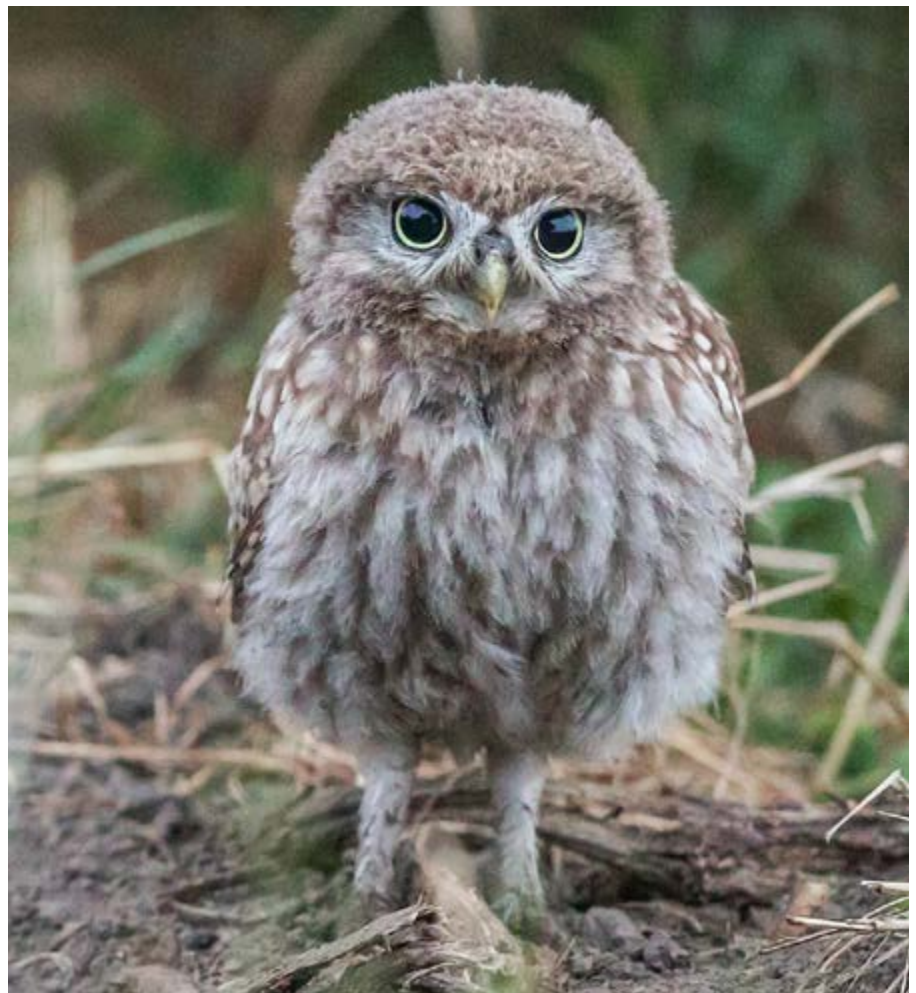
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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone



Here's a taster of this issue's Nature Table from Peter Garrity



Nature Table



OWLS win 3 v 0

A great result for the Owls this year!

The Green Moor Little Owls that is! They raised three gorgeous owlets successfully against the odds; the Predators were on the losing side. The same parents were at the same location but I didn't really see them until early July when the owlets appeared.



The adults are identified by photographs below and are shown with distinguishing features between the male and female. I'm not 100% sure which is which but have made an assumption based upon behaviour and frequency of sightings. The male is known to do most of the hunting when the female is tending the nest.

It was a great pleasure to watch them again, enjoy the interaction between parents and owlets and the playful, if not sometimes boisterous, squabbling between siblings.



Female Little Owl



Male Little Owl



I decided to do more filming this year and, as they say, have quite a lot of footage in the "Can" ready to be edited this winter into a short Little "Owlumentary". If you can't wait then there is a short piece with two owlets dust bathing on my YouTube channel here:

<https://youtu.be/64-yGwZKkBg>

And here is a short video of the Female alarm calling:

https://youtu.be/v_bH7tfgGA8

Peter Garrity - Images © Peter Garrity

Team Green Moor Village in Bloom - GOLD!

At this year's presentations at the RHS Yorkshire in Bloom, Team Green Moor came away with an excellent array of awards beating other areas in to a cocked hat. These were:

- 2018 Yorkshire Rose Small Village Summer Award - GOLD
- 2018 Yorkshire Rose Small Village Summer Award - GOLD and Category Winner
- Yorkshire Rose Award - Best Village 2018
- 2018 Yorkshire Rose Discretionary - Best New Entry Award



Team Green Moor with Twiggs Penistone Area Clean Green and Tidy Team

A difficult one to follow for this coming year! However, amongst the plans for this year the team's new big project will be looking at creating an interactive trail. This will include maintaining what has already been achieved but creating a route through the village which will take you from the playground, along to the telephone

green then up and around the Delf. The trail takes in the Delf field and opens up new and overgrown paths.

One of these paths, the 'Fairy Trail' was originally 'discovered' by the late Jimmy Birch when his children were small and it became a magical part of their childhood. This will once again be a special place for both children and

adults to explore, with exciting and enchanting places and wildlife areas. The path has already been cleared and discussions with its residents is underway as to what will be allowed to be seen and what will remain hidden from us humans.

The trail will also take in the RIGS site (Regionally Important Geological and Geomorphological Site) which will include an information board about the area and its history.

Watch this space for updates on the trail and other plans for the village.

If anyone wants to join Team Green Moor and help with the upkeep and projects, please contact us. Come along on Friday mornings at 9.30am (we normally meet at the playground).

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Hunshelf Singers Carol Singers Rehearsals - 2018

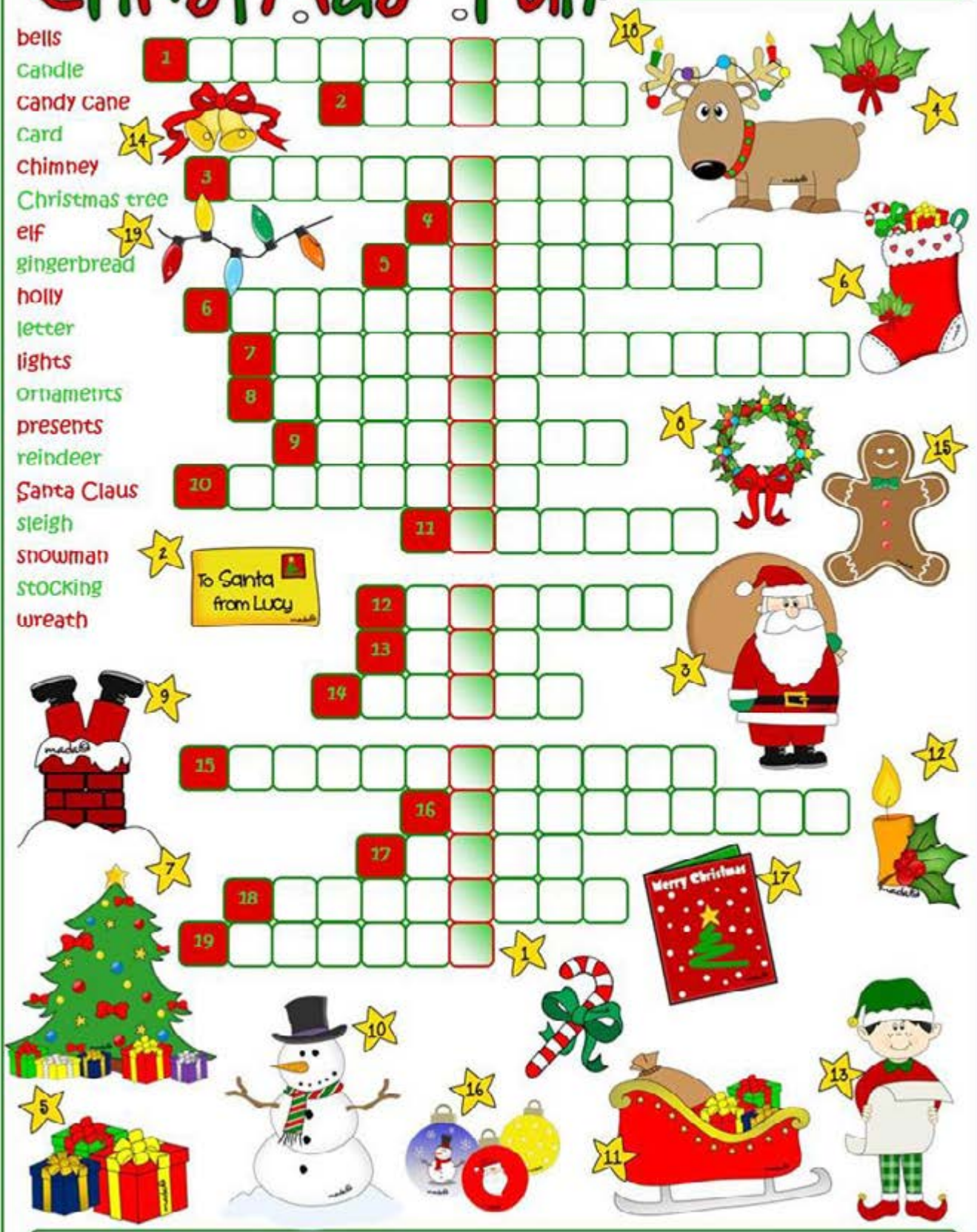
Rehearsal and performance dates	Time	Venue
Monday December 10	7-9pm	Providence Room, Green Moor
Monday December 17	7-9pm	Providence Room, Green Moor
Wednesday December 19	8pm	Green Dragon, Thurgoland
Friday December 21	TBC	Parish Tour



Christmas fun

Match the words to the correct pictures to complete the Crossword. Then find a secret message.

- bells
- candle
- candy cane
- card
- chimney
- Christmas tree
- elf
- gingerbread
- holly
- letter
- lights
- ornaments
- presents
- reindeer
- Santa Claus
- slight
- snowman
- stocking
- wreath



The secret message is _____ lead home.

Dig Those Romans

Recently a small excavation has been carried out in Roughbitchworth (the bit in Hunshelf) by a local group interested in archaeology to try to establish if the Romans had a camp near to the Iron-age one, which is marked on old maps (and can still be seen on the ground). The Romans often reused these locations, (and of course who would not have wanted to stay in Hunshelf!) and also they may have wanted to protect the main road through here, which carried salt from Cheshire to the east (the Saltway). Roman soldiers were partly paid in salt – hence salary. A survey we carried out using geophysics and magnetometry instruments had found some interesting features, and along with field anomalies and surface finds – it did look promising.



Two square trenches were dug and both show features dug into the sub-surface clay and refilled with stones; so possibly a road (Roman?) or building. However, there were not many finds – only charcoal; but this is being carbon dated – so watch this space. Also, during the excavation lots of useful information surfaced from folks aerial photos, old maps and fascinating stories – one about a poor dead tramp; found lying in the middle on the track between Oxspring and Hunshelf. The inhabitants of Oxspring

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(who would be responsible for his burial costs) threw him over to the Hunshelf

side, who, the next day tipped him back. (Hopefully, this was some time ago, and we would be more charitable now.)

I think we can presume that there must have previously been a lot of activity in Roughbitchworth, even though maps up until the field Inclosures (1830s) show only 'waste land'. We hope to undertake a larger archaeological excavation next year to try to unravel some of these mysteries. Thanks to all who participated.

Barry Tylee

Parish Matters



Entertainment and Tea

The Parish Council is extremely grateful for all the work and effort undertaken by the group of volunteers that has organised the Christmas Party for the entire parish.

Carols

The Hunshelf Carol Singers are busy practising the local carols for the tour round the parish and in a local pub in December.

A new carol book is in preparation ready for next year. This will contain some 70 carols that traditionally were sung round the parish over many years. Some of you may not realise just how popular and different are our carols. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to share in the occasion.

Internet Speeds

Much interest has been shown on the Nextdoor social network concerning internet speeds, with some parishioners complaining about slowness. At home we have three devices linked to the internet, my antiquated iPad managed 10 Mbs, my wife's much newer iPad got to 30 Mbs, while the parish council desktop computer (aged and dying), struggled to 0.5 Mbs. All are linked wirelessly, so actual speeds may not be reflected in the figures, but it shows that one's own equipment is a large factor in the speed of access.

Give Way Sign

A missing give way sign and lack of white lines at the junction of Pond Common Lane and Back Lane in Snowden Hill have been reported, and when no action materialised, it has been followed up.

Mayor's Carol Service

Thursday 20th December at 15:00 the Mayor of Barnsley is holding the annual carol service in St Mary's Church in the centre of Barnsley. The parish will be represented by Councillor Miss K Battye and the Clerk and his wife, but all are welcome to attend. Usually there is coffee and mice pies afterwards.

Gatepost and Mower

Funded from various sources, the parish council has acquired a new mower to cut the grass on the Delf. This new machine is slightly wider than the gateway into the village garden, so a gatepost had to be moved.

Delf

Again the parish council is extremely grateful to the volunteers who have worked hard on the Delf. As you may remember, it was drained last year. The grass is growing but needs a deal of attention. Hopefully it will be fit for use in the summer of 2019.

Street Lights

Several street lights on Well Hill have been out of order for some time. Various reports have come back including one that stated that the problem had been investigated and found to be an overhead cable fault, so that the underground team was not able to deal with it. Thus it was referred back to Barnsley MBC and back again to Northern Powergrid. The latest information I have is that it should be fixed by 11th of December.

Beacon

Our thanks to all who attended the lighting of the beacon on the 11th of November. Specifically we would like to thank Greg Godley for his help in providing fuel and helping to put it in place. As our beacon was provided from European funds to celebrate the accession of the UK to the Common Market, perhaps we should either light it again on 31st March 2019, or take it down!



Remembrance Service

The service on Ivy Millennium Green on the 11th of November was as moving as ever. Thank you to the Green Moor Church for not only organising the service, but providing refreshments afterwards.

Village in Bloom

Once again we are fortunate to have such a band of willing volunteers. This time the work of the group was recognised as being outstanding. Elsewhere in the Chat the success is reported, but the parish council would like to thank everyone for all the effort and dedication.

Resignation

I have been Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council for 23 years. During that time I have enjoyed having a council of dedicated, hardworking and intelligent councillors. I have met with many parishioners, Barnsley MBC Officers and representatives from many other organisations. It has been a very interesting experience for me. However, all good times must come to an end and I have tendered my resignation with effect from 31st March 2019. I would like to thank everyone who has made this job so fulfilling.

David B Horsfall MBE
Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council

Quote for Living. Take every day as it comes or

***"Yesterday is history
Tomorrow is a mystery
Today is a gift
Which is why it is called the Present"***

Kung Fu Panda



Green Moor Sports Club

After an excellent season both the first and second teams have been promoted; the first team as league champions promoted to Division 2 and the second team to Division 6.

The SYSCL held their dinner and awards night at the Magna Centre last Friday 16th November when eleven players/members from our club attended and collected awards. Captain Nigel Dowkes collected the Division 3 champions trophy along with the cup runners-up trophy. Julian Bates won the stumping trophy for Division 3. Harry Airstone won both the junior and senior batting awards for Division 7. He also won the young player of the year award. The second team also won the Fair Play award, so we had a good night. Our club dinner and presentation evening was held at Cubley Hall on Friday 23rd November. Trophy winners are:

1st Team - league champions

Batting C Matthewman
Bowling J Rodgers
Catching W Hughes, J Ward
M.O.M C Matthewman

2nd Team

Batting H Airstone
Bowling J Berry
Catchin J Fox
M.O.M H Airstone

Barnsley Sunday League

Batting J Ward
Bowling H Airstone
Catching J Ward

Our tea ladies won the Barnsley league best teas award

Young Player of the Year

Dan Airstone

Jean Fieldsend Trophy for Club Effort

Louise Godley

Rex Roebuck Trophy

Player who always goes the extra mile
Julian Bates.

Spoon

David Dowkes

This will bring the 2018 season to a close. Winter nets will start again mid-January on Thursdays 7.30pm - 8.30pm when old and new players will be welcome. U'13 and U'15's will train on the same night. U'9 and U'11's will train on a Monday nights 6 pm - 7pm at Stocksbridge School.

Wishing you all a happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Ann Matthewman, Secretary



Another Local Walk

Green Moor becomes 'walk of the week'

A circular walk centered on Green Moor was recently 'Walk of the Week' on the Julia Bradbury, 'Outdoor Guide' website: <https://theoutdoorguide.co.uk/>

Based on a route originally written by Stocksbridge Walkers are Welcome, this undulating walk goes over Hunshelf Bank to Green Moor before dropping down into the Upper Don Valley. It then climbs up to the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) goes under the 1844 Runtickle Viaduct before passing either Huthwaite Hall or braving the 1948 Hunthwaite Tunnel. Return is via the banks of the River Don and open farmland. The route passes many sites of historical interest including a pump house, stocks, quarries, mills, railways and old houses.

Full walk details are available at: <http://www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk/Walks/GreenMoor.html>

Dave Pickersgill

Spenceley descendants at Green Moor

I am tracing the descendants of a distant cousin, John Spenceley and his wife Elizabeth nee Matthewman, who moved to Windy Bank, Green Moor, from Crane Moor Nook in about 1900. Some local Spenceleys, Waltons, Birkheads and Froggatts are descended from them.

Ron Spensley
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What's on

Green Moor Church

Chapel Lane, Green Moor, Sheffield S35 7DW

Sunday School 9.45 - 10.45 am. We have a great time. Do give us a try; adults are welcome to stay.

Church Service Sunday 11 - 12 noon. A warm welcome awaits you.

Family Service, third week in the month 10 - 11am. No Sunday school on these days

Hunshel Parish Christmas Party Saturday 8 December. See article on page 3

Nativity - Sunday 9 December 9.45am. Sunday School children act the Nativity and a baby is christened by our new Minister, Rev. Ian Lucraft.

Sunday School Christmas Party - Sunday 16 December 9.45am. SANTA - please remember to call. Please note - no morning service.

Christingle Service - Sunday 16 December 3.30pm. For all ages - do come along - you will enjoy it.

Traditional Carol Service - Sunday 23 December 6pm. Service followed by pie and pea supper. Please note - no morning service.

Providence Room

The following groups meet in the Providence Room (next to the church):

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

Baby and Toddler Group Thursdays 9.30 - 11.30am. £2 for carer and one child; £1 for each additional child; babies free. Includes snack for children and tea/coffee and biscuits/toast for adults. Contact Brenda Mangham 0114 2882346.

Pilates Thursdays 6.30 - 7.45pm. Contact Nina Jolley 07796851066.

Penistone Paramount

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

CINEMA

- **Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas** 9 December
- **White Christmas** 9 December
- **It's a Wonderful Life** 12 December
- **Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of**

- **Grindewald** 14 - 20 December
- **The Grinch** 15 - 20 December
- **The Nutcracker and the Four Realms** 21 - 27 December
- **Ralph Breaks the Internet - Wreck-it Ralph 2** 28 December - 3 January

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVES

- **Anthony and Cleopatra** 6 December
- **A Christmas Carol** 11 December
- **The King and I: from the London Palladium** 13 December
- **Andre Rieu New Year's Concert fro Sydney 2019** 5 January
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- **The Tragedy of King Richard the Second ENCORE (NT Live)** 3 February
- **I'm Not Running (NT Live)** 14 February

LIVE

- **Last Laugh Comedy Club** 7 December
- **Grand Christmas Concert** 8 December
- **Coppelia** 10 December
- **The Dylan Project** 14 December
- **Rapunzel** 24 January - 2 February
- **The Blues Band** 7 February
- **Made in Motown** 9 February
- **Genesis Connected** 1 March
- **Penistone Ladies Choir in concert with Hade**
- **Edge Brass Band** 9 March

ORGAN EVENTS

- **Christmas Organ Concert - Peter Jebson and Damon Willetts** 8 December

The Venue

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

Stocksbridge & District Women's Institute Christmas fair 8 December

Indoor Car Boot 26 January, 23 February, 30 March

Wortley Hall

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

Check the event websites for further information and updates

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

Christmas at Wortley Top Forge
Sunday 9th December

A pre-Christmas event with Santa and many other attractions. 11am to 4 pm - admission charge applies.

Fox Valley

Santa's Grotto at Fox Valley Saturday and Sunday 11am - 3pm throughout December

Pontis presents - Carols by Candlelight
13 December

Penistone Community Centre

Penistone S36 6AR

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

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.

Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir and special guests Thurgoland School Choir
Saturday 15 December, 7.30pm at St Leonard's Church, Wortley. Tickets £8, £4 for under 16's. Includes mulled wine and other refreshments.

Stocksbridge Keys - info@bolsterstonemvc.co.uk - Mick Siddall 07535648964, Joan Clark 0114 2887435 or Sylvia Goldthorpe 0114 2882292.

What is the best Christmas present in the world?

A broken drum, you just can't beat it!