

HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH REPAIRS - INFORMATION FROM BMBC

The Parish Council recently requested information on the situation regarding road and footpath repairs – here is the reply received from the Highways Department:-

“Recent flooding incidents have affected many areas of the Borough and the damage to the highway network was extensive. There has been several kilometres of roads and footways scoured by flood waters, a number of bridges have collapsed, a number of parapet walls on bridges have been washed away and there has been serious land slip. Off the highway on Public Rights of Way the damage is as severe with a number of footbridges and again several kilometres of surface being washed away.

In the weeks since the incidents, Highways Officers and Countryside Officers have been gathering information on the scope of the damage, compiling estimates all for submission to various Government Departments. The cost will run into several millions to restore the on and off highway network to pre-flood condition. This is clearly a national issue and meetings are taking place with the Department for Transport and others to see how best the recovery costs can be met.

Until this is resolved there will be a need to keep the road network in a safe condition that, in some cases, will mean restrictions may be in place. There will be a need to divert some of our resources to deal with the immediate problems however it is not envisaged that any programmed works will be affected severely at the moment. There inevitably will be some delays and I will advise you if these become significant.

The Council's ability to act is very much dependant on the support received from the Government departments responsible for the on and off highway network.”

This statement has been provided exactly as received for the information of all residents.

WASTE AND RECYLCING REMINDER...DON'T FORGET - BLUE, GREEN AND BROWN BINS ARE ALL COLLECTED ON THE SAME WEEK!!!

Look out for the Surf 'n' Snack mobile unit in the Welfare Hall Car Park – please make use of this internet café facility in the village.

OLD MILL CHILDHOOD BY KATHLEEN POTTER – part twelve – Chapel

My friend Phyllis Beet and I would go up to the Chapel at Green Moor to 'The Band of Hope'. As this was in the evenings, and often after dark, we used to have a candle in a jam jar with a bit of string tied round the rim to make a handle. We also went to the Chapel to see Mrs Walker, our Head Teacher's wife, in Gilbert and Sullivan's operas. I remember 'The Pirates of Penzance' was one of them. Mrs Walker belonged to the Stocksbridge Operatic Society. I also used to go to the little chapel at the other end of Old Mill Lane, up the hill by the railway bridge on the road to Thurgoland. Mr Peter Elliot was the Sunday School Superintendent, he lived in Huthwaite Lane, with his wife and daughter, Barbara. Another Sunday School teacher was Mr Armitage, who lived in one of the cottages overlooking the stepping stones on the River Don near Wortley Station. We used to go on several outings with the Chapel, carol singing at Christmas round the village, and we had a lovely day on Whit Monday, when we would march and then spend the rest of the day playing games and having our tea in a field near the railway bridge. I was so pleased later on when I was given the job of teaching the Infants at Sunday School. We used to also attend the Chapel in the evening.

Mellors, the butchers from Thurgoland used to come down to Old Mill with their van delivering meat. I remember we used to buy pork dripping from them which we had on our bread. Also there was Mr Fred Hague who came with his cart. We called him the Paraffin Man, as this is what people bought from him. This was needed for our lamps, otherwise it was candles. I remember taking a candle with us to see our way upstairs to bed. He also carried a lot our household goods on the cart : brooms, pans etc. I remember my mother always bought a quarter of toffees from him which we looked forward to. There was also Ralph Hague, who used to live in Ramsden Row, but now a cottage down the end of the lane. He used to be a greengrocer who also called at that time. We also had a weekly grocery order delivered by Mr Laycock from their shop at Thurgoland. *To be continued*

RESTORED PUMP AT HUTHWAITE LANE

Residents of Huthwaite Lane may have noticed the recently restored pump adjacent to Spring Gardens/Woodlands. A decision to restore this pump was first made in October 2004 by the Parish Council. Mrs E Bloor and Mr J Wade volunteered their help and, along with Councillor Mavis Berry, set about the project. Volunteers from Wortley Top Forge and Stuart Rose also joined the group and in January 2005 the well was opened and Gary Kitchen from the Forge went down, to discover that it was 47 feet deep, 4 feet in diameter and with 13 feet of water in the bottom. Because of problems establishing proof of ownership, it was decided that restoration would be cosmetic and that the pump could not be restored to full working order. The volunteers from Wortley Top Forge set about constructing a new wooden casing and all the internal mechanisms were either repaired or renewed. The pump is now restored and children from Thurgoland School will visit the site to learn about how water was pumped to houses in the area. Thanks are expressed to all concerned in this project, particularly Mr Wade, Mrs Bloor, Councillor Berry and Wortley Top Forge.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE IN THE PARISH

Barnsley Library Services run a mobile library in the area at the following times:-

WEEK 'A' – MONDAY 13 and 27 October, 10 and 24 November

Thurgoland Churchfield 12.45 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Huthwaite Lane 1.35 p.m. to 2.05 p.m.

Crane Moor South View 2.15 p.m. to 2.35 p.m.

Crane Moor Cliffe Avenue 2.35 p.m. to 2.55 p.m.

WEEK 'B' – TUESDAY 6 and 20 October and 3 and 17 November

Thurgoland Fir Tree Estate 6.00 p.m. to 6.25 p.m.

Thurgoland Roper Lane 6.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

A home delivery service is available to housebound members of the community.

Please contact Marilyn Berresford at Pensioner Library on 01226 762313 for further information.

SERVICES AVAILABLE AT PENISTONE TOWN HALL

Barnsley MBC Connects Office at Shrewsbury Road, Penistone can deal with all enquiries that are normally accessed in the Barnsley Office.

REGISTRAR SERVICES FOR BIRTHS AND DEATHS available on Thursday between 9.00 a.m. and 12 noon by appointment only. Please telephone 01226 773090 to arrange an appointment.

WELFARE RIGHTS ADVICE AND INFORMATION available on Friday afternoon. The Welfare Rights Advice Line is 0800 915 3339.

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

BELOW ARE DETAILS OF TIMES, DATES AND LOCATIONS OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND:-

Wednesday 5 November	Crane Moor Chapel, Crane Moor	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 3 December	Thurgoland School, Halifax Road	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 7 January	Thurgoland School, Halifax Road	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 11 February	Crane Moor Chapel, Crane Moor	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 4 March	Thurgoland School, Halifax Road	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 1 April	Thurgoland School, Halifax Road	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 13 May	Crane Moor Chapel, Crane Moor	7.00 p.m.

(Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)