

Bradway Bugle

In and around Bradway, Greenhill & Totley

Where is Bradway?

Every year Tony Smith leads a walk around the bounds of Bradway. Well, in fact it does not go right round the historical boundaries, mainly because it is no longer possible to do so without trespassing on private property. Still, Tony explains to us where the boundaries lie, and fills in some of the history of the area as he does so. A brief account by Peter Stubbs of the 'bounds walk' appears elsewhere in this edition of the *Bugle*.

Although thanks to Tony we know where Bradway's boundaries have long been, it appears that others, including local bureaucrats, do not, or else they do not care.

Recently Dore Village Society (DVS) applied for Dore to be designated a neighbourhood area under the new Localism Act. That would give a Dore neighbourhood forum, which DVS will co-ordinate and which will have the right to be consulted on planning issues within the area designated.

With its application DVS supplied a map, showing the boundary between Dore and Bradway running along the Manchester railway line. The traditional boundary between the two communities runs along the River Sheaf, from where the Sheaf is formed by the joining of the Totley Brook and Old Hay Brook, to the bottom of Twentywell Lane.

The Bradway Action Group therefore
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Abbeyleah Hamlet and Tyzack's Dam, pictured in autumn colours.

You can read about forthcoming events at the hamlet on page 4. The site is not only popular with human visitors but is home to members of the avian family including Canada geese. More about them in the Bradway Birds column on page 28.

Threat to Green Belt

Local environmental campaigners SPACE (Sheffield and Peak Against City Encroachment) are concerned about draft proposals for new housing development on the site of the redundant Dyson Group ceramics factory off Baslow Road in Totley. The fear is that new housing on this site, on the edge of the Peak District, will lead to "increased urbanisation" of the countryside.

Now it is pressing for creative alternatives to housing to be considered.

The feeling is that whatever happens, the site should be cleaned up and managed to help the ecology and wildlife. SPACE's ideas include a "sensitively designed" study area, visitor centre or moorland birds centre or something else to encourage environmentally conscious tourism.

This could for example include a low rise, innovative ecohotel of architectural distinction blending into the landscape and utilising all the emerging green technology. Certainly the site should be used in line with Sheffield's ambitions to be the UK's outdoor capital.

Meadowhead Roundabout

Drivers will face disruption as a long awaited scheme to reshape Meadowhead roundabout on Sheffield's outer ring road finally gets under way. The project includes reshaping the roundabout, widening lanes on some approaches and improving pedestrian crossings to enable cyclists to use them too.

The work, to be done over the next six months, aims to ease congestion, reduce journey times for all vehicles and improve safety. It is scheduled to be done outside peak travel times and at weekends in an attempt to minimise the impact on traffic.

Community Assemblies ?

Where now after Community Assemblies ? - An update.

These were set up in 2009 after the LibDems won Council control in 2008, replacing the previous Area Panels, but when Labour won control in 2011, their future was put under review. After two years of uncertainty, a proposal that CAs should be disbanded due to costs was put to public consultation, and as a result, funding for the original CAs was withdrawn when Council budgets for 2013-14 were finalised.

This came as no surprise to most citizens who felt that CAs had not fulfilled their promise of putting them in the driving seat. An alternative proposal on what should replace CAs was put to

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Why the triangle ? See page 12

Editorial

Wake up Bradway. Most Bradway residents can hardly have missed the local explosions that have been starting at 6am, waking up everyone in the hot weather, and then going on throughout the day. Obviously the crows get up early to feed on local crops, but regular and incessant noise from bird scarers can get on the nerves.

Sadly Bradway has lost another local service following the revamp of the Post Office outlet at the SPAR. Although the new counter is open for longer hours, the range of services has been reduced, so that you will need to go elsewhere for some. Already residents have expressed their concern about the restricted working area for staff behind the counter and the likely congestion in the shop at peak periods such as Christmas.

Another loss is the closure of the Little Treasures shop at the top of Twentywell Lane, which has had to compete with larger specialist outlets elsewhere in the city. However some of the most popular lines will continue to be available across the road at Love & Best Wishes.

The Sainsbury's Saga continues, having stirred up strong local opinions in favour of, or against, the new shop (see Post Box). To wide surprise, the initial planning application was rejected by the council's planning committee but predictably has gone to appeal.

Now, after years of prevarication and delay, Sheffield City Council has finally come out in the open and objected as land owner, to the application to register the Old School Field in Bradway as a village green. The suggestion seems to be that the application has failed to demonstrate that the field has been continuously used for recreational purposes "by a significant number of inhabitants of any qualifying locality or neighbourhood within a locality throughout the relevant

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20 year period". This wording having been lifted from the public enquiry into applications made in Dore, and hardly tested in public in relation to the Bradway application! No doubt BAG will be discussing their response with their legal adviser to decide what step to take next.

Finally on a positive note, the main disruption from the Amey roadworks is over, unless of course you are a pedestrian. Still it is good to be able to drive locally without being constantly jolted by pot holes created by years of Sheffield neglect.

John Baker, Editor

Post Office changes

The new-style local format is a simpler operating model than a traditional style Post Office. It is designed to handle products and services that are automated, meaning that customers can be served quickly and efficiently and transactions processed faster.

You may need to use an alternative branch at Dore or Greenhill for a small number of the more complex or manual paper based transactions such as the international Parcel Service, but nearly all services are still available following the change. This includes the acceptance of Royal Mail international letters, small packets and printed papers.

Although the local style format is a different way of providing a service, security is not compromised. As with any other branch, there are robust security procedures in place and anyone handling Post Office transactions will be fully trained in all aspects of customer service.

The longer opening hours give customers greater flexibility as to when they visit their branch, all of which helps to reduce waiting times.

Quotation

"It is easier to criticise than to invent".
Norman Victor Holden, 1914.

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public consultation over the past few months, and although the response was low, this was eventually endorsed by Cabinet on 17-July. The proposed ward-based "forums", led by locally elected councillors, would allow easier access for ordinary citizens. But this created a framework only, and details will have to be discussed in each of the city's 28 electoral wards between local citizens and their elected representatives.

A smaller Council budget has been allocated to support this slimmed-down "Locality Management". Senior officials have already been appointed, with lower posts to follow. This new structure is intended to be in place by September, but I'm not yet aware of any discussion on how this would operate in our ward.

A separate review of Sheffield's electoral Ward Boundaries is about to be launched by the national Boundary Commission, triggered by population shifts since these were last reviewed over 10-years ago, and this could affect any ward-based structures set up in this process. As a preliminary to this boundary review, the Council is now considering the main roles of City Councillors, and how many are required to do this effectively. Their Scrutiny Committee has invited written and verbal evidence from interested parties.

The trend for more community awareness and involvement in local government could be a hot-potato, for some politicians fear that if local forums become more knowledgeable, they may raise some awkward questions. But are you satisfied with being kept in the dark, or would you prefer to know more about how decisions are made to spend public money on our behalf?

Alan Kewley

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put in a comment on the proposal to that effect, and sent a copy to DVS as courtesy to a neighbouring community group. The Committee of DVS considered the matter, and offered to change its designation of the boundary, and we thought that would be the end of the matter, but it was not.

Sheffield City Council's Planning Department is not happy to agree to the two communities deciding for themselves where their boundary lies. The Planning Department are of the view that what they call the 'restoration' of the river as the boundary (when was it actually changed?) would cause problems.

There are 21 houses in Brinkburn Drive and 2 in Five Trees Avenue that lie on the Dore side of the railway line but on the Bradway side of the river. In the same position are the two blocks of flats, 18 in all, at 20 Twentywell Lane; and the now derelict house at 24 Twentywell Lane, the owner of which has planning permission for its demolition to build flats.

BAG has made it clear to the Planning Department that it definitely considers the Twentywell Lane properties to be in Bradway, but not those on Five Trees Avenue and Brinkburn Drive, which we believe could be treated as enclaves of Dore lying beyond the boundary. This does not seem too difficult a concept to us: after all, international boundaries incorporate many such enclaves (think Gibraltar or Ceuta).

Bugle publication dates

The following are the deadlines and publication dates for the next four issues of Bradway Bugle:

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25 October	13 November 2013
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Incidentally, while checking the facts on the ground before replying to the enquiry from the Council, I spoke to residents of Brinkburn Drive, Five Trees and the Twentywell Lane flats, and all of them were surprised to discover that they were considered part of Dore, even though they did not consider themselves part of Bradway either.

Sadly, this is not the only instance of Bradway's traditional boundaries being ridden roughshod over in the interests of administrative convenience. Just over ten years ago – that is just before BAG was formed – there was a review of the boundaries of local government wards as a result of which Lower Bradway was allocated to a different ward (Beauchief and Greenhill) from the rest of Bradway (Dore and Totley).

What made this particularly outrageous is that the review was supposed to make the wards more equal in size, but this particular change actually had the reverse

effect. Another review is now under way and BAG is trying to get this decision reversed, especially as the shift later resulted in the two parts of Bradway being placed in different parliamentary constituencies.

It gets even more complicated. The BAG web site contains a link to a NHS report on Bradway which contains a lot of interesting information. However, the map that accompanies the report shows that for NHS purposes Bradway does not include Fox Lane, one of the oldest historical locations within Bradway and the traditional boundary on that side, nor does it include Queen Victoria Road below Woodland Place.

These are totally arbitrary decisions that make a mockery of the history and traditions of our community, and BAG will contest them wherever they arise, but not with much hope of success as administrative convenience always seems likely to trump 1000 years of history.

Stephen George

Lottery boost

Greenhill and Bradway Tenants' and Residents' Association have been given a £10,000 National Lottery grant for a revamp of meeting rooms in the hall off Gresley Road.

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Now in its second year, the torch-lit 'Light the Night' walk gives entrants the chance to stroll through Ecclesall Woods, along a 4.5km route that is suitable for both adults and children. The walk will take place on the evening of Saturday September 28th starting at 6.30pm.

Jessica, who is a Patron of the charity, will be attending on the night to officially start the walk and is urging those taking part to raise as much sponsorship as possible. The hope is to beat last year's total raised of £25,000.

To encourage entrants to raise those vital funds, the charity is offering an opportunity of a lifetime for the top 'golden' fundraisers to have a photo with Jessica on the night. For more details of this fantastic opportunity visit www.wphcancercharity.org.uk/light

The walk begins and ends at the Woodland Discovery Centre in Ecclesall Woods, where a celebratory atmosphere will be created with live music and entertainment.

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You Wood Like to Know

There has been for many years the misconception that the woods down behind the Castle Inn and backing onto the houses on Rosamond Avenue belong to Sheffield Council. I thought I would take a moment and set the record straight. This land belongs to myself and my partner, Lesley Stone.

As you walk down from the Castle inn, as the narrow path alongside the houses ends and the woodlands begin, this is where our ownership begins. If you walk through the woods to the fork in the path and take a left towards Rosamond Avenue, our ownership ends as you walk through the gap in the wall. If you go back to the fork in the path and carry on towards Totley, all the land on the right

as you walk through and up to the backs of the gardens on the left belongs to us. Our ownership of the land ends as you get to the bottom of the narrow footpath where the fencing angles back towards the path.

In total it is about 2.5 Acres including all the banks etc.

I manage the land as best I can given all the time constraints that running your own company puts upon you. Many have seen me strimming and pruning and clearing areas with my tractor. It's a thankless task but I do it for several reasons the main one being that I like to try to make it presentable and easy to walk through, mowing here and there and keeping ahead of the ivy and brambles. I have tried and will keep trying to encourage more diverse wildlife into the area. But I am also aware that people like to walk through so it has to be a balance of what is good for the wildlife and for people.

To be honest I could do with some help. I want to clear the spring fed stream in the bottom of the gorge and get rid of the bricks and try to make a pond so we can get even more wildlife in the area. There is now an earth bridge spanning the stream and it would be wonderful to carry the path right through and cut some steps in the banking so people can walk that way as well. They could dally round and look at the pond perhaps.

I had a beech tree removed as it was casting far too much shade and killing everything under it, now I have a large open space that I can keep mowed. I have sown grass seed on the area disturbed by the railway engineers and hope this will be a quiet area to sit and ponder. I quite fancy growing a few vegetables on the area and if you are interested maybe we could get together and maintain the area and grow a few potatoes and other plants. A few fruit trees would be nice so we can get bees back, and some wild flowers.

I would like very much to expose the edges of the ruins of Poynton Villas, if you fancy helping, as there is a wonderful old brick wall that's covered by bricks and ivy. The list is endless.

If you want to help get in touch with BAG, then we can get a plan together and create a special place we can all enjoy in Bradway.

One thing I must mention if you do go on the land, you are not insured so if you have an accident then beware. You do so at your own risk.

Andrew Setchfield

Heritage nomination

Shepherd Wheel and Friends of the Porter Valley been shortlisted for the Daily Telegraph and English Heritage 2013 "Angels" awards for restoration of a significant industrial heritage site: that is to say we are one of 4 voluntary sector competitors for the top spot which will be declared at the award ceremony in October hosted by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

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Historic Bradway

On Sunday 19th May, around a dozen mainly local people took part in Bradway Action Group's annual Bradway Bounds walk led by Tony Smith. Before maps were readily available, "Walking the Bounds" was the way successive generations passed on knowledge of the extent of their parish. This was of huge importance in people's lives, in both ecclesiastical and manorial terms. In establishing boundaries, people long ago would choose fixed features such as rivers and the tops of escarpments that would prevent argument if an adjoining parish tried to steal land from your own. Historical records show that this often happened, and indeed this would appear still to be case, as Stephen George's article elsewhere so vividly illustrates!

Though ours is not strictly a Bounds walk as such, because large parts of the actual boundary are now inaccessible, and there is in any case no formal boundary between Bradway and Greenhill, the walk provides an excellent opportunity to learn something of Bradway's past. Each year, the route varies slightly to take in different local features, particularly on the eastern side of the area where it is difficult to visit all the sites of local interest without considerable back-tracking.

Bradway Road itself is thought to be our earliest attribute and was known as Regia Via (a King's Way) in the 13th century, a route of some importance.

Indeed, the name "Bradway" itself is thought to be a corruption of the word "Broadway", again referring to the main road through the area. It is well established in local folklore that Mary Queen of Scots used to travel along it on her way from Sheffield Castle to Chatsworth, allegedly stopping off for a comfort break at Bradway Hall, at what is now Tinker's Corner, roughly the half way point of her journey.

Not far from there used to be sited Bradway Cross, thought to be a "Weeping Cross" where funeral parties could pause on their long journey from Totley or Dore to the parish church at Dronfield, having negotiated their particular steep "corpse road" to get to the top of the hill. The cross may also have been used as a meeting place where people could assemble and barter produce.

Our walk usually starts at the top of Twentywell Lane and takes one of several routes towards the notional boundary between Bradway and Beauchief / Greenhill at Beauchief Drive. After making our way down the escarpment to the north, the remains can be seen of what is believed to be St Quentin's Well, from which derived the name Twentywell. Beyond this point, near the Abbeydale Golf Club clubhouse, is one of the few stretches where the ancient boundary of Bradway is still publicly accessible.

In the valley bottom (the boundary follows the River Sheaf) there is

evidence of the original alignment of Twentywell Lane, prior to its diversion to accommodate the railway, but this year that section of the walk was forsaken in order to visit the site of the former brickworks behind the Castle Inn, assumed to have been established to provide the vast quantity of bricks needed to build Bradway Tunnel.

Continuing through Poynton Wood, we pass close to the sites of several mills founded by the monks of Beauchief Abbey, after which we take our lives in our hands by venturing into Totley for 500yds or so before reaching the safety of Bradway once more near the bottom of Queen Victoria Road. Here, as in many other areas, we are reminded of the entrepreneurial activities of Tedbar Tinker, a prominent local 19th century industrialist.

We return to Tinker's Corner (named after Tedbar) via Totley Lane, a medieval trackway, considerable lengths of which remain as holloways, and part of the original corpse road from Totley to Dronfield.

All this information and much more has been recorded by Tony for posterity and published in his "Historical Notes about Bradway". If anyone would like a copy, he still has a few left for sale. He can be contacted on 236 7548. Better still, come and join us on next year's event (see the Bugle for details). The more people we have to fend off those scoundrels of Dore and Totley, the better!

Peter Stubbs



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Dear Sir,

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The Mock Tudor Bradway Pub.

I attended the meeting in the Town Hall on 2nd July as I was concerned about Sainsbury's proposal of demolishing the above.

I addressed the committee by saying that I had no objection to a Sainsbury's in Bradway but could they please keep the facade of the Bradway. The proposed replacement building is not attractive and one councillor said that he thought that it looked like the garage building next door.

The council have done a thorough job of looking into the situation. The proposal was rejected and I am told that Sainsbury's have appealed it.

Marilyn Hill

Dear Sir,

Re the Sainsburys Local

I would like to voice what may or may not be the minority view. I welcome the Sainsburys with open arms. After a variety of failed attempts The Bradway clearly isn't currently viable as a pub and looks an eyesore now it is boarded up.

I am a little fed up with the BAG who appear, either naively or arrogantly to assume they speak for the people of Bradway. They don't represent my views and I'm sure they mean well but "objecting" seems to be their default position (the fuss about the flats on Twentywell Lane and the Park and Ride come to mind).

Objecting to the license for Sainsburys to sell alcohol is as petty as it is ridiculous, what on earth did they sell in The Bradway when it was a pub? As for supporting local, independent shops - Spar is a multi-national company and could do with a little competition regarding quality, choice and prices.

With regard to the possible traffic problems that have been predicted - has anyone from BAG seen motorists constantly reversing (usually in a shambolic manner), from outside these favoured local shops? By all means "object", but not to everything or your objections just lose their value.

Alastair Nunn

Dear Sir,

In response to a couple of post bag letters in the mag volume 16, May 2013 regarding the proposed Sainsbury's store on Bradway Road:

First of all, I am in favour of the development, mainly because I will use it regularly and at present use the Tesco express at Totley for those last minute purchases. I would love to have and keep good local shops but unfortunately, a lot of the shops at the top of Twentywell, do not classify as 'good', in my eyes.

There are never any parking spaces and a lot of shopping cannot be carried back home by hand. As for traffic implications, I think the development will improve things. The site of the Bradway pub has several spaces in front of it now, for parking and a decent car park at the rear, which is out of the way of passing traffic which is what we get on Twentywell at the moment (people passing through, not shopping). This passing through traffic makes top of Twentywell shopping, a pain, as shoppers are trying to park or turn round.

There is plenty of room at the pub site. Also from the drawing of the Sainsbury's, there appears to be a cash machine which will be much more useful than the old Natwest branch was!!

I am not sure why some people think a Sainsbury's would destroy the wonderful community spirit we have in Bradway. We will be able to gather in it and chat, the same as in any local shop now. We can get to know the staff there, same as now, but the major difference being that it will sell things we want, of good quality and price and may even be a pleasure to use!

Residents should remember that some change is for the better and not always a bad thing.

A Bradway Resident,
name and address supplied

Dear Sir,

When I visited the Post Office recently I was so upset to see our post office lady pushed into a corner where she has no space to put her P.O. equipment on a level counter. She has to bend down for most things she needs, and has no proper security screen in front of her.

All that has gone into the P.O. space as far as I could see are magazines. Which is more important, the work of the Post Office which many senior citizens use or magazines?

What happens when she takes her lunch break, when two people have to work there, or busy times like Christmas, with lots of parcels?

No, it is not good or practical so please put our lady back where she belongs.

Gwyneth B Wright

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for the latest edition of the Bradway Bugle received this morning. The issue is as fascinating as ever. Keep up the good work as you and your team continue to do a great job and provide a regular interesting service.

My wife and I recently combined my reunion visit to High Storrs School (27/4) with a walk around Beauchief Abbey, Cockshutt Woods/roads then via old Park Avenue (where I grew up) to Westwick Woods and back down Beauchief Drive. A beautiful walk, which brought back memories.

Leslie F Ball

Dear Sir,

Amey's army marches on! Well, it did!

We all anticipated some inconvenience, but much annoyance has been caused by poor signing of road closures and diversions. One took HGV's through an HGV banned route and then along Mickley Lane. One resident, on Glover Road, knew nothing of the road closure, and was confused with the signs. She wanted to get to Abbeydale Road.

Buses stopped running, although the 218 (Bakewell) continued, and pedestrians were stranded in the middle of the road as the crossing facility was not safe due to the contraflow.

Work near to the Methodist Church, clashed with the work being undertaken to waterproof the bridge, under the road.

Amey has been asked as to why the street lights on Baslow Road, Mickley Lane, and Twentywell Lane, had not been connected up. As we did not receive a reply, Neil Bunting and I, representing the Traffic Focus Group, and The Ward Forum, met with Graeme Symonds, one of the Directors of Amey.

Graeme explained that, despite extensive preplanning, they found that some of the cabling to the existing street lights, was not as they had been told. As the power providers control what happens to their cables, Amey had to replan. Originally, only the providers could do any connections, but an agreement has been reached whereby Amey's qualified technicians can do it.

However, the revised plans did not satisfy the providers, and so the saga has gone on. (For the technically minded, it was believed that the cables were 4 core, but they are five core). It is believed that a solution has been found. The rumour of faulty components was untrue.

We presented Graeme with a list of concerns, including some from local traders, and photographic evidence of "difficulties" faced by residents, businesses and road users. We anticipate significant improvements in the near future, but, as for the street lights being connected, we cannot offer you a date (Mickley Lane lights are now operating).

A plea from Graeme - if you see something dangerous, like bad signing or potholes, please telephone (0114) 273 4567, 24 hours. There are a lot of options to go through, but it does work.

Roger Hart Chair,
Dore & Totley Ward Forum



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I was interested in the photo in the summer edition of Bradway School May Day and am able to put some names to faces.

Back row middle - Catherine Finley (tall girl). Third from right - Margaret Finley (twins of Twentywell Lane)

Back row 2nd from right - Eileen Marsh Old Park Rd.

Front row 2nd from left - Janet Pie Kenwell Drive

Front row next to May Queen - Pat Peterkin Bocking Lane

Best wishes and thanks for an excellent publication.

Elizabeth Green
(nee Simpson)

Dear Sir,

May Day 1949/50 ?

I'm not sure about the date (see picture on this page) but looking at John Holmes (holding the maypole on the right) and me (Jeanne Blantern , the only girl on the right) , it looks as though we are 7 or 8 years old.

Does anyone recognise any of the other children?

Happy days!

Jeanne Blantern Hughes
Kirkcudbright

P.S. Whilst searching for that photo, I came across the last Will & Testament of my Great,Great,Great Grandfather, one, Job Green of Totley. He owned the Fleur-de-Lys in Totley, and many properties and land in Totley & Dronfield. My great grandparents lived at Toft House on



May Day 1949/50 ? See letter from Jeanne Blantern Hughes on this page.

Can you confirm the date and identify more faces ?

Totley Hall Lane. They we're called Alice (nee Wostenholme) & Benjamin Beely Booth. He was a Master Mason and was involved in the building of All Saint's.

Alice's mother was Eliza Green, the daughter of Job & Ann Green, of the Fleur-de-Lys.

Benjamin's father was the owner of Woodseat's quarry. This quarry turned out to be a place of tragic consequence for Benjamin's son, John. He was killed,

aged 16, when he fell into the quarry.

I believe that Totley Hall College and All Saint's Church were built on land that once belonged to the family.

My mother was born at "Moorview" off Hillfoot Road (?) and I spent my early years in that area before moving to Bradway in 1947. My mother died at 7, Old Hay Lane, Dore in 2008 aged 92.

My maternal grandparents are buried in Dore churchyard.

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Dear Sir,
New Street Lights

What strikes me about the new street lights is how tall they are. Driving back after dark the other night I did not find the new lighting to be as good as the old orange coloured lights. Firstly they did not seem to give as much light down at road level and secondly the actual light at the top of the pole was rather blinding and I was inclined to put the sun-visor down. Rather ridiculous at 10pm! This was on the open road in Bradway.

Then I turned down Twentywell Road. This is a tree lined road for large parts of its length and particularly at the bendy parts. It was here that I again found the lights to be failing, as being so tall the lamps were obscured by being high up in the canopy of the trees, which of course at this time of the year have a full leaf cover. Thus the road was not benefitting from the street lighting at all.

I wonder who decided that these 'state of the ark' light were much better than the old shorter poles with their orange lights.

Lorna Baker

Saddle-up for charity

Back home after raising more than £5K on an epic bike ride, are three teachers connected to King Egbert School.

The three intrepid cyclists, Peter Maw, Hossein Yazdil and Ken Stainthorpe age 42 from Bradway, undertook 700 miles in 10 days travelling deep into France for Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice. The challenge was in memory of Peter's daughter, Natalie, who sadly died in March 2012 at the age of 12 after fighting cancer for more than 2 years.

Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice supports children in South Yorkshire, and the North Midlands with a shortened life

expectancy. They provide ongoing medical respite care for the poorly child, practical and emotional support for family members, bereavement support and end of life care.

Ken reports that the French were really positive in support of the ride with one overnight landowner waiving the fee on hearing the reason for the trip. There was also free chilled water in local pubs, which was great as the three were drinking around 10 pints daily. They also picked up several donations on the way.



Peter Maw, Ken Stainthorpe and Hossein Yazdil arrive at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

Ken reports that "the heat of the final days was a real challenge - it reached 39 degrees C. It seemed like the rest of France was safely in the shade as we 3 soldiered on (Mad dogs and ...). This did affect our concentration and on the longest (and hottest) day of 107miles, Pete simply rode straight into a low post. He flew over the handle-bars and cut his hand quite deeply. We stopped for ice-cream to take stock and we all agreed that personal safety must be paramount".

"The support crew of Richard and Ian Maw were great, setting and breaking camp, cooking all meals, sourcing equipment and plying them with cold milk at the end of each daily ride - good for muscle recovery apparently!"

Ed. Well done guys.

Volunteer accolade

Whirlow Hall Farm Trust has been granted the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest accolade awarded to volunteer groups in the UK. The accolade was officially recognised in an announcement from The Queen on June 2 and four nominated volunteers will attend a Buckingham Palace garden party later this year.

As an educational charity, Whirlow provides a hands-on learning experience for more than 10,000 visitors a year - many of the children being unaware where food comes from. It needs to raise more than £300,000 every year to operate the farm and its activities.

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Whirlow volunteers contribute to a wide range of activities at the farm including leading educational farm tours, driving minibuses, managing the thriving horticulture projects, maintenance and DIY, animal care and agricultural support as well as general administrative and promotional duties. For volunteering opportunities at Whirlow Hall Farm, visit www.whirlowhallfarm.org

Farewell to Summer

*Autumn comes,
The trees clothed in their brightest
gown,
Glow in the sunlight with their red and
gold and brown,
As if in proud defiance seem to sway,
We are here to greet another day,
Even though we have to say,
Farewell to Summer.*

*Autumn comes,
But the flowers still bloom amid the
fallen leaves,
Bringing back the golden days for
which it grieves,
Glowing bravely there in one last show,
As if to stall the moment when they
know,
That autumn winds around them blow,
Farewell to Summer.*

Sheila Sweeting

Snippets

The price of meals at Sheffield primary schools is being frozen with dinners costing £1.98 per meal for a second year.

Moran's restaurant near Dore & Totley station has closed after eight years, only to reopen with new owners as 'Peppercorn'.

Whirlow Hall Farm Trust raised some £18,00 at after its first ever fundraising clay pigeon shoot which attracted more than 100 guests, who enjoyed a morning of shooting followed by a lunch and auction.

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The Curcubita group of vegetables commonly grow on vines, contain a fleshy middle with seeds and include the pumpkin, marrow and squash amongst many others. Pumpkins are a robust vegetable and can be grown over 6 continents of the world, but in America it has become increasingly popular for growers to compete to grow the largest pumpkin, with a world record weigh in of over 1800lbs!!

Pumpkins grow best when planted in late May to late June where the chance of frost has passed and typically take from 85 to 125 days to harvest, so if you're looking for them to be ready for a certain time it may be easier to count back from the date.

The culinary uses of the pumpkin are endless but its seeds are common as produce oil that is commonly mixed with others and used as a salad dressing or in cooking. The inner flesh of a pumpkin can be used for tasty pumpkin pies or boiled with other vegetables to make a delicious soup.

Perhaps the most common use of the pumpkin is for the Jack-o'-lantern where the fleshy middle is scooped out, a monstrous face is carved and the lid is replaced complete with a candle inside.

On Thursday 31st October at Whirlow Hall Farm Trust we will be holding our annual Halloween Spooktacular where one of the activities taking place will be pumpkin carving along with others such as creepy crafts, the famous Whirlow BBQ and entertainer Barney Baloney. The popular day will hold 2 sessions which will run 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm, with each session holding the exact same activities. Tickets are £2.50 for adults and £4 for children and must be booked in advance. All proceeds go towards the Trust to help us continue our valuable charity work with children.

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It has been a busy spring and early summer for the members of the BAG Committee. The saga of Sainsbury's continues, and we have monitored it all the way; we have been at work in Poynton Wood completing footpath improvements that we started last year; we have been in communication with Amey about the Streets Ahead work, and with the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive about a new bus shelter; we have responded to various consultations with Sheffield City Council; and we held a very successful meeting with Nick Clegg MP.

Bradway Pub and Sainsbury's: The response to our request in the last edition for residents who had not already done so to let us know their views on the planning application from Sainsbury's to demolish the Bradway pub and turn it into a Sainsbury's Local store produced only a further five replies. Four of these were opposed, and one in favour.

Those who are opposed generally cite damage to the existing local shops and traffic implications. While BAG is concerned about the implications for the existing shops, this was ruled out of consideration in the planning decision, so in its own submission to the planning process, BAG emphasised particularly the traffic implications.

As acceptance of the application was generally supported by the various Council officers, including the traffic planners, who could foresee no problems, we expected that it would go through at the Planning Committee meeting on 2 July. To our surprise, though, it was turned down by the Councillors, on the grounds that the existing building adds to the character of the neighbourhood and the proposed replacement would detract from it.

Sainsbury's have since appealed against the decision to the Planning Inspectorate, saying that the existing building has no merit and that it provides insufficient floor space for them to use it as retail premises. Since the Council's own

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planning officers considered that a rejection on these grounds would be overturned on appeal, we expect that will be the case, but perhaps there are further surprises still in store (sorry: bad joke!).

Poynton Wood: The footpath improvement in the wood that was mentioned in my last report was completed over two days on 18-19 June. BAG would like to thank Tony Andrews, the Council's Rights of Way Officer, for working with us on this and providing surfacing, equipment and the assistance of SCC Countryside Rangers.

The only thing to spoil an otherwise highly successful project was that on the second day the Council vehicles that were parked on Rosamond Avenue were broken into while the work was taking place and spare tools were stolen. If anyone saw anything that might help identify the culprits, then please get in touch with BAG.

Amey, Streetworks and Trees:

Following the protests about the felling of a mature tree as part of the Streets Ahead project, BAG contacted Amey, who responded with a detailed explanation of why the tree needed to be removed. They subsequently organised a public information session on 7 June and a walk round the area for Councillors and representatives of local community groups (Andrew Tabor went along for BAG) to explain the position in relation to specific trees.

We feel that following the initial problem, which arose largely from inadequate communication, Amey

responded well and retrieved the situation. Peter Stubbs, who lives on Bradway Road and was therefore in the front line of the streetworks, gives his own impressions of the work more generally elsewhere in this edition.

Bus Stop and Shelter for Terminus of Service 25: In response to a request from a local resident, supported by BAG, for a bus shelter at the terminus of the no. 25 service in Longford Road at the junction with Longford Drive, SYPTE has agreed to place a bus-stop sign there. Although this at first seemed to miss the point, it was explained to us that the application for a shelter could not be accepted until there was a bus-stop post in place.

Now a decision has been taken to place the bus-stop sign, the shelter will be added to the list of those pending when funds are available. Unfortunately no funds are currently available for new shelters, and we do not know how many applications are ahead of ours in the list.

Old School Field: After years of prevarication and delay, Sheffield City Council has finally moved on BAG's application for village green status for the Old School Field. If granted, village green status would provide some degree of protection against the field being built upon or turned into a car park.

Signs went up on the gates to the field some weeks ago asking if there were any objections to the proposed designation. We have heard of none. This does not mean, though, that the application will go through because the Council itself, as the owner of the field, might object. There could still be a long way to go.


Neighbourhood Forum: Dore Village Society has applied for registration as a neighbourhood forum under the terms of the Localism Act. The BAG Committee discussed whether to apply for such status for Bradway, but decided against it. However, others could do so if they wished and were prepared to organise a forum.

Out of the Dore application there sprang an issue about where the boundaries ought to be set, which is the subject of a separate article elsewhere in this edition.

Review of Local Government Ward Boundaries: A review is taking place of local government Ward boundaries in Sheffield. BAG has submitted comments to Sheffield City Council, stressing its wish to see the reuniting of the traditional neighbourhood of Bradway by removing the division of Lower Bradway from the rest of Bradway, which took place at the time of the last review ten years ago, just before BAG was formed.

We have also asked to be added to the register of interested groups and individuals that will be passed to the Local Government Electoral Commission for England, which is carrying out the review.

Meeting with Nick Clegg MP: On Friday 12 July the BAG Committee met with Nick Clegg, MP for the Sheffield Hallam constituency within which most of Bradway lies, and Deputy Prime Minister. Again, there is a separate report



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of the meeting on the back page of this edition.

Bradway Fun Day: Most people will not read this until after the annual Fun Day has taken place, on Friday 23 August. If you are one of the few who do get your magazine early and read it straight away, there may still be time for you to get down to the Old School Field for the 1pm start (or, if you are averse to fun, to avoid the area until after the event has finished at 4pm).

Stephen George

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Stop Press:

We have just received from the Principal Licensing Officer (the Licensing Service now handle village green applications) a copy of the letter of objection that has been lodged with the Licensing Service by Sheffield City Council's Legal Service on behalf of the Council as landowner. We have been given until 27 August to return comments. Presumably no decision on acceptance or refusal will be made until after this date.

Sheffield City Council as landowner say that our application to register the Old School Field as a village green should be refused because we have failed to demonstrate that the field has been continuously used for recreational purposes "by a significant number of inhabitants of any qualifying locality or neighbourhood within a locality throughout the relevant 20 year period"

We will be discussing the response with our legal adviser to decide what step to take next.

Friends of Ecclesall Woods

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There is one group of FEW members who on a voluntary basis, meet weekly at the Graves Discovery Centre (the old saw-mill site off Abbey Lane). This is the footpath group. You may have noticed them on a Tuesday morning, working in the woods, doing all manner of jobs, which help to keep the paths in as good a state as possible.

During this last year they have; dug and or cleared drainage channels at the side of various paths; cleared invasive plants such as Himalayan Balsam, (necessary as it spreads quickly especially down streams); picked up litter; cleared back overgrowing vegetation; repaired worn footpaths and improved the drainage where needed; and many other jobs.

We are so lucky to have Ecclesall woods. Walkers, dogs, cyclists and horse-riders alike, all get so much pleasure from them. If you feel you would like to join the Friends group you can ring me on 0114 2369025, or look at the web-site – www.friendsof Ecclesallwoods.org.uk

Nov 14th. Annual General Meeting. . 7.30 pm. Hector's House, G Graves Woodland Discovery Centre in the woods.. Tel: 236 9025.

Lorna Baker

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Would You Bee-Lieve It?

Maybe it was the conjunction of the longest day of the year with the biggest full moon of the year, or maybe it was just chance that brought an unexpected swarm of honey bees to Longford Crescent. They settled in a threatening looking clump, hanging from a branch on one of the flowering cherry trees on the grass verges, at just above head height. Nearby householders were taken by surprise but one of them, aware that this didn't really qualify for a 999 call, tried the 101 number instead.

After some delay, the police got in touch with Steve Wyatt, an amateur beekeeper who lives in Totley and who, by coincidence, was a Longford Crescent resident himself some years ago. He was delighted at the prospect of being able to collect this swarm so as to install it in one of his vacant hives. Very soon, he drove up to assess the situation.

When a swarm leaves its original base, it finds a temporary location – in this case a tree on Longford Crescent – and sends out “scouts” to look for somewhere permanent and to bring back nectar to feed those protecting the queen. Consequently, there is a short window of opportunity to collect them and introduce them to a good home that the scouts probably will not have found. This could only be achieved by cutting off the branch and containing both it and its buzzing cargo in a convenient box.

Using a saw would probably have disrupted the swarm and jeopardised the chances of a smooth capture. Some loppers were found, and with Steve in full “spaceman” protective rig, the deed was done and the swarm were settling down in the box, on the pavement. A warning triangle and a notice were put down, to divert pedestrians around the box, until darkness brought all the

foragers back. Steve then collected the box and introduced his new colony to Totley.

He was lucky with the immediate weather because “bees don't fly in the rain” and that meant his new babies were disinclined to leave their new home for a couple of days. With the return of more sunshine, they are now starting to bring home the bacon. Or whatever it is that bees do.

Steve also offered the following advice:-

“Wasps have the distinctive black and yellow stripes but not the hairiness of the bumble bee. Wasps tend to be more aggressive than either honey or bumble bees. Honey bees tend to be darker in colour with generally less distinctive stripes although many different shadings exist. Honey bees are unique in that several thousand will live over the winter in their hive, whereas for wasps and bumble bees it is only the queens that survive to start again the following year.

May and June is the time of year when honey bees are likely to swarm. They will have built up the numbers of bees in the colony to such a point that they are running out of space in the hive. They will prepare a new queen, and just before she hatches out, the old queen will take off with half the colony of worker bees and a few drones to set up home elsewhere. Swarming is the natural way that honey bees ensure their continuity.



Close up of the swarm of honey bees on a roadside tree in Longford Crescent.

A swarm, contrary to popular belief, is not an angry group of bees. They have stocked up on honey from the hive and so have full stomachs. They are just looking for a new home and that is their prime objective, not looking for someone to sting, which would kill them anyway (honey bees sting once and then die). That is not to say that if you approach a swarm of bees they won't feel threatened and attempt to sting in order to protect themselves.

As an amateur bee keeper I am happy to collect swarms of honey bees (contact number 235 3025) if they are in an



Steve Wyatt, in full “spaceman” protective rig, ready to lop the branch holding the swarm and place it in the box ready for removal.

accessible location. The ones on Longford Crescent were ideal. I do though only have limited spare hives so if I cannot house a swarm a colleague in either the Sheffield or Chesterfield and District Bee Keeping Associations would take them from me. To take a swarm is how someone new to beekeeping may start their apiary.

If someone has a wasps' nest they would need to call a pest control expert. Bumble bees will disappear in the autumn with the queen looking for a cosy hole somewhere to over winter.”

Frank Richardson

Help for charity

The funding coffers of Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind (SRSB) are £500 better off thanks to the support of Martyn Kemp Opticians (MKO).

The cash was raised by the hot selling of 500 unique spectacle cleaning cloths, not only in MKO's ten practices across South Yorkshire and at SRSB's centre on Mappin Street, Sheffield but also at the school attended by the seven-year-old boy who designed them!

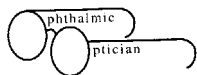
It was seven-year-old Leo Eaton Taylor who has a visual impairment and won MKO's competition to design the cloths, the production of which was funded by MKO. Leo, who won a £50 book token, donated by MKO, for his creative genius, enjoys SRSB's regular activity days and often joins his friends, with a range of visual impairments, on the charity's seaside coach trips.

The cash raised through the MKO competition will fund either another SRSB trip or activity event to grow children's and families' confidence through cooking, painting, crafts and games in a safe environment.

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Are bees in trouble?

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Sounds like plenty, so what's the problem? Well 25 other native bee species have become extinct since the 1950s and three more are on the brink.

Over the last decade, British beekeepers have been reporting huge decreases in honeybee numbers, with whole colonies collapsing inexplicably around the world in 2007.

So I'll have to cut back on my honey, then? It's much more than just honey at risk as one of nature's primary pollinators, bumblebees, solitary bees

and honeybees are responsible for pollinating a third of the crops that we eat. Their decline poses a real food crisis.

What's to blame? Nobody's certain. Outbreaks of disease and habitat loss have taken their toll, but most environmentalists believe modern pesticides are the biggest culprit - particularly neonicotinoid insecticides, which act as an insect nerve agent.

Recent research by the University of Stirling showed that after just two weeks of exposure to the chemicals, bumblebee nests grew much more slowly and produced 85% fewer queens to spawn new populations the following year.

Sounds pretty devastating: have they been banned? Not in the UK, but some

neonicotinoids have been in France, Germany, Italy and Slovenia.

However, the European Union has just voted to suspend their use on flowering crops (on which bees feed) for two years to assess its impact, overruling the British Government's opposition.

Whatever the true cause of Britain's decline in bees, something drastic needed to be tried. The Government should be ashamed for voting against the ban and needs to ensure our natural habitats are better protected to safeguard not only bees, but the 90% of other insects that make up the vast majority of our delicate ecosystem's pollinators.

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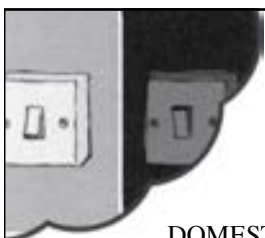
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The first sign that the much-vaunted contract to upgrade all the roads in Sheffield was about to hit Bradway, was when they came to remove certain trees that were considered to be a hindrance to successfully resurfacing some of the footways on Bradway Road. This was back in April, and was meant to be followed fairly promptly by the footway works. However, the replacement of the lighting columns soon put paid to that!

The lovely new columns were duly erected on both Bradway Road and Twentywell Lane, but then weeks went by before they were connected up. With many being located in the footway, holes were left all over the place, making it impossible to proceed satisfactorily with the footway resurfacing.

Without going into too much technical detail, the delay was evidently caused by the need to review the manner in which the lamps are connected to the electricity supply. Unfortunately, the contractors couldn't be certain what the existing arrangements were before exposing the connection, and only then could they come up with a more modern design. This then had to be ratified by the electricity supplier. All this took several weeks.

However, now the new lamps are lit, I think they are pretty impressive. I gather not everyone likes them, but to my mind they simulate a bright moonlit night, much more natural than the old lamps.

In the meantime work got underway with resurfacing the carriageways. Again, I was pleasantly surprised at the quality and management of the work, not only the resurfacing itself, but the re-kerbing that was done here and there, the traffic management, and the white lining – although I must say there appear to be a few wobbles on the centreline as you travel along the Greenhill Parkway!

When delays did occur, this appeared to be due to a problem with the supply of asphalt, hardly surprising when you consider how much had to be provided.

I do question the wisdom of working on both Bradway Road and Abbeydale Road South / Baslow Road at the same time, however. Often, Twentywell Lane was

As the first phase of the roadworks in Bradway nears completion, Peter Stubbs asks:

What Do You Think Of It So Far?

used as a diversionary route for one or the other (or even both!) and this at a time when safe passage was compromised by the many street-lamp excavations. In places it was difficult if not impossible for two-way traffic to operate. However, the alternative would have been to provide temporary traffic signals, resulting in even more delays, so on



Tinker's Corner mystery roundabout.

balance I think the decision to manage without was the right one.

I do have a couple of other niggles though. The first concerns the inadequate coordination with SYPTe regarding temporary suspensions of the bus services. Although notices relating to planned works were posted at bus stops, where road closures extended longer than intended, often there was no indication of the continued disruption to services.

My second beef (wouldn't you know it?) concerns the apparently missed opportunity to do something to make Tinker's Corner less confusing.

With the Highway Authority having

already ruled out the installation of a mini-roundabout on the grounds of restricted visibility, I was galled to see that the northern kerbline through the junction was completely re-laid. It could easily have been set back half a metre or so to enable the required visibility to be provided.

To add insult to injury, it would appear that rather than creating a more prominent T-junction the road markings are going to be replaced like-for-like, although at the time of writing only the new "Stop" and "Give Way" markings have been provided, and I have made further representations, so you never know. Immediately after the junction had been resurfaced, I actually thought they'd managed to accommodate a mini-roundabout after all (see photo). Imagine my disappointment when I realised it was just a paper plate in the middle of the road!

Of course, there are still the footways to resurface. After that, hopefully Bradway will be left in peace for a few years until it all starts again on the side roads!

Peter Stubbs

Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Welcome to the latest tit-bits from The Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society.

The summer concert was an excellent evening, with the talented bunch playing to a full hall. There were some unusual items in the extremely varied program with the two instrumental numbers being warmly received, even cheered!

As I said last time, our next production will not be a G&S operetta but "The Merry Widow" by Franz Lehar. We are all looking forward to braving this new venture and getting our teeth into a comic opera that we don't know by heart. Everyone I've met from the summer concert audience seems equally enthusiastic about the prospect of seeing the show, so I hope they all do come to see it. Much of the music will be recognised by those who enjoy light music and I'm sure that those of you who have not been to see light opera should try it at least once. It is always a fun evening's entertainment.

We will be performing it from Wednesday April 9th to Saturday April 12th 2014 at The Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street, Sheffield and tickets will be available from November onwards. Contact me (on 0114 236 2299) or go to our website (doregass.co.uk) for further details. Go on, try it, you know you want to.

If you are interested in joining the society, we rehearse at Millhouses Methodist church hall on Wednesdays and we will be starting rehearsing for the show on Wednesday 11th September. We can always use more members especially men! Meanwhile enjoy the summer or what's left of it and we look forward to seeing you at the December concert in Dore village - details later.

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On the Road Again

By the time you pick up the Bugle and read this article I will have turned sixty. Astonishing to all that know me I expect as I'm sure that I look so much younger. I have to say it came as quite a shock to me also as the last thirty years since we moved to Bradway have flown by.

Anne and I arrived here in a bright yellow two seat TR7. We were of course much thinner then and without the disadvantage of creaking knees it seemed no trouble to lower our bodies into the seating position about seven inches from the ground. With fat tyres, an absence of powered steering and a parking brake that required the effort of an Olympic event the TR was always an interesting vehicle to drive.

My thirty years on the road since have given me the opportunity to reflect on many things which have contributed to the general state of edgy contentment which I enjoy today. The years have allowed me to understand much better many things in life which used to trouble

me as a younger man.

Things like infinity as both an abstract and mathematical concept used to play on my mind as I wore out the roads until, with time, I realised that it was just a mathematician's trick to explain a black hole created by calculations which they do not really understand.

Listening to wise and educated people on the car radio over the years helped me to cogitate on so many of the things chattering fools go on about in the world and conclude so many of them are bunkum.

I realize ghosts cannot exist because they contradict the second law of thermodynamics and astrology has no merit because it is based on the ridiculous assumption that the world is flat and that all of the stars rotate around it.

You see, sitting in the car helps me to think about the world in a way that I might not have otherwise considered.

Living on the road has also given me the opportunity to observe humanity at its glorious best and at its' pathetic worst. I have learned to admire and enjoy the

displays of skill and considered driving shown by many on the roads today while learning to deal with the inept, the arrogant, the criminal and those merely with delusions of competence.

If I had the opportunity to go back and change one thing in the last thirty years though it would be this. As a much younger man I should have ignored the constraints of budget and time and returned to driver education as part of my continuing professional development.

As an adult I recognised the need to expand my educational qualifications and further my then career. I also recognised the need to update and widen my managerial and other skills on a regular basis if I was to progress within my field. However I never considered the need to update and improve my driver training. When I subsequently decided to become self employed and retrain as a driving instructor I actually believed that I knew all that there was to know about driving and road safety and all that I needed to do was sit the exams. I could not have been further from the truth.

As a driving instructor who has also worked as an instructor trainer, I almost regard my previous driving existence in the way I think about my childhood. Rather naïve and somewhat undeveloped.

If I can persuade some readers to consider that there is a place for you as an individual or possibly as a manager to include driver training as part of you or your company's professional development there are real and tangible benefits to be had.

I promise that you will look back, as I did, transformed as a driver. You will save money on insurance, have fewer road incidents, keep yourself and passengers safer and your company will save on fleet costs, disruption, recruitment and retraining.

Just sometimes when I sit in my car I reflect on the funeral of a member of my own staff who I lost to a senseless and appallingly violent road accident. I recall that sitting with her family at the crematorium was an awful place to be. These events can be reduced.

I normally wish you safe driving until next time. This time I'll ask you to try and find ways to make it a reality. That would be a great birthday gift for someone.

John Barker DipM, DSA, ADI
is a local driving instructor.

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A. Modern cars are often fitted with features like stability control (mentioned

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Scout Report

Summer is always a busy time for Bradway Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. They turned out for a camp involving the whole of Sheaf District (stretching in an arc from Bradway through Greenhill and Norton down to Meersbrook, and also including Mosborough) in Sherwood Forest during the May Day week-end, to put into practice many of the basic scouting skills such as fire-lighting, cooking with few or no implements, tracking, constructing useful items out of wood and string, bivouac building etc. Unlike 2012 when they had to endure frosty nights, this year the weather smiled on them and they returned triumphant.

The following week-end, Don Valley Stadium had been booked to celebrate 75 years of South Yorkshire Scouting. Yes, the Scout Movement was far-sighted and way ahead of Local Government in defining South Yorkshire in 1938. To celebrate these 75 years, all Scouts have been invited to complete 75 challenges before the end of December, and an appropriate badge has been designed for those who achieve this.

Don Valley offered at least 75 opportunities to all ages and abilities to make inroads into this. There were simple games and skill-based tasks for the younger ages, right through to climbing walls, Segways, zorbing, boxing instruction and similar for the more adventurous. The event was named ScoutTastic and more than 3,000 Scouts really did enjoy a fantastic day.

The end of June each year sees Scouts (and a few Guides) from across all of Sheffield descend on Rother Valley for the annual Splashdown, where they indulge in mostly water-based activities, with a few land-based ones (archery, Cycling) thrown in. This year, Bradway didn't quite do well enough to retain the Ensign awarded for winning most points in the various races, but once again the sun shone and everyone involved had a great time.

It wasn't one of the planned activities for the Friday Scout meeting on July 12th when those Scouts who were enjoying a game in the Bradway School field rushed back inside to report that there was a fire in the gennel that runs alongside the field. Immediately the whole team swung into action: buckets, bowls and anything big that held water were filled in the Scout Centre kitchen; these were passed to relays of Scouts who dashed outside and threw the water onto the flames; then

they rushed back in for more until the smoke died down. It seems that something like a discarded cigarette may have been the source of this fire, because it was confined to the gennel side of the school boundary. We are looking into whether this provides those concerned with one of the requirements for the Fire Fighters badge.

That same week-end, Bradway Scouts also entered two patrols in the recently inaugurated Yorkshire Rose Challenge for the first time. Scouting skills were put to the test across two days, and our patrols came a superb first and ninth out of 37 entrants from over the whole of South Yorkshire. Amazingly, it was our 'B' team that took the gold medal.

Finally, Bradway Scouts joined with Old Norton Scouts for a week-long summer camp – once again in Sherwood Forest. More than 30 young people enjoyed a superb week of camping, with the activities based mostly around cycling on the many traffic-free lanes as well as in Clumber Park, but also

including traditional camping stuff plus swimming and swinging through trees with the Go Ape organisation at Sherwood Pines. The cyclists completed the work for the Cyclist Badge, despite one or two mishaps along the way – fortunately, the badge requires knowledge of puncture repair and elementary first aid. The biggest event of the week was the apocalyptic storm that raged throughout most of one afternoon: this was not widely reported on either the national news channels or those that are local to Sheffield, but the whole of Nottingham city centre was brought to a standstill. The Scouts simply took shelter and carried on as normal (but not on bikes).

This account tells how much work goes in to Scouting in Bradway. The team of adults who support this keep doing it because they enjoy it as much as the junior members. If anyone else in Bradway would like to join this team, please contact Russ Wilks on 236 8920.

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Andalucia - no time for siesta

Returning to one of my favourite areas of Spain, Andalucia is like the mother ship calling me home and I never go a few years without a return visit.

Although the southern coast of Spain is one of the most populous, this beautiful area has something for everyone, not to mention sun, sea and sangria – so, with a seaside base just 5km outside Fuengirola and car hire at the ready, we were all set for our next adventure, a mix of culture, countryside and carefree walks.

With many scenic trails to choose from we decided to start our stay with the leisurely Marbella seaside walk to get us into the swing of things.

A 15km return trip, with the glistening sea on one side and the stunning majestic Sierra Blanca peaks on the other. Setting off in search of the luxury Puerto Banus marina, you meander along the coast via the wooden pier, puente romano (roman bridge), eucalyptus forest with a 16th century lookout tower, the Tower of Ancon, before reaching the Rio Verde bridge and then the marina, with time for a well earned rest and maybe ice-cream before heading back. That certainly blew the cobwebs away!

Parking on the outskirts of town, Ronda was next on the itinerary, a scenic 55 mile drive from our apartment. This beautiful old town is steeped in historic charm and is famous worldwide for its dramatic escarpment and deep El Tajo gorge that carries the Rio Guadalevin through its centre.

Most visitors make a beeline for the 18th century Puente Nuevo (new bridge), which straddles the 100m chasm ... we on the other hand slowly made our way via Merced's convent, built in 1585, to the beautiful vista point with unparalleled views, before heading to the Plaza de Toros bullring, and down the higgledy-piggledy cobbled streets via the Arch of

Philip V to the church of Padre Jesus, only to zig-zag back up the newly renovated terraces to the beautiful bridge. Heading back through the town you pass by the main square, Plaza de España, and the church of the Holy Spirit, as well as a



Wooden pier with view towards Sierra Blanca

plethora of cafes and bars ... well, it would be rude not to stop, wouldn't it?

Malaga's lake district was next on the agenda and the stunning emerald and turquoise coloured lakes, bordered by pine forests. The artificial lakes were



Lakeside for a last pic before we drive back

created by a dam built across the dramatic 200 metre high Guadalhorce river gorge and opened in 1921 by King Alfonso VIII, where he took a walk along the specifically constructed catwalk

pinned to the face of the gorge 100m above the river, now closed since 2006 for renovations ... and believe me, not for the faint hearted!

We took a wonderful scenic drive to many glorious view points throughout this region, with plenty of time to stop wander around before returning to the car ready for another magnificent vista round the next corner, eventually settling with our picnic lunch above one of the lakes and the most amazing vista. Bliss!

Back to the seaside, the next day took us into Benalmadena, where we parked at Paloma Park and made our way through this oasis of calm. Although only a few minutes walk to the seafront, you could be a million miles away from the usual trappings of mass tourism, which suited us fine. Once outside the park we made our way to Bil-Bil Castle and along the promenade and back into the hustle

and bustle of a tourist resort, strolling leisurely towards the marina and onwards to Torremolinos, only stopping for a photo opportunity or the obligatory ice-cream, which was much needed in the rising temperatures!

So, our week in Spain had almost come to an end and we hadn't even had time to return to Cordoba with its Moorish charm, or amble through the Alhambra Palace in Granada – both within easy driving distance from the Costa-del-Sol – not to mention venture down to Gibraltar and watch the apes or take the cable car to the mountain top above Arroya de la Miel. Thankfully we have done these before and are inbedded in our memory to treasure forever ... or take in during our next visit.

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Volunteers have been helping in a variety of conservation tasks including drystone walling, bridleway work, bridge work and bird box installation braving all weathers from freezing cold snowy conditions to blazing hot summer days. As well as a chance to learn conservation skills it is also a great chance to learn more about the nature reserve and get fit whilst your at it.

If you interested in join in on any of the days they run on the First Saturday of the month (unless it's a bank holiday, when it will be on the following weekend) and the third Thursday of the month. All volunteer days start at 10am and finish at 3pm;

come along for the whole day or join us for an hour or two in the morning. Tools and gloves are provided (as are tea and biscuits on weekends!) Please wear warm, waterproof clothing, and sturdy



Volunteers Nick Ugur, Benji Lang, Dominic, Honey Lang, Tamora James and Peter Liversidge working on Blacka Moor nature reserve.

footwear. If you are able to join us for the whole day, please also bring a packed lunch and drinking water.

In the autumn we will be looking at plans for the next 5 years at Blacka Moor. We will put dates and meetings about this on our website so please keep an eye out on www.wildsheffield.com or you can contact Hannah Wittram on h.wittram@wildsheffield.com for more details.

Beauchief Environment Group

Saturday 14 September:

Evening Meeting – Beauchief resident John Driskell will give an illustrated talk about his expeditions to Mount Everest. This follows the publication of his book which launched Sheffield's "Off the Shelf" event last year.

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Irony: The University of Sheffield have been advertising their Heritage Open Day on Friday 13 September at Western Bank Library. This contains the strapline:

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Irony, to put it mildly.... in the light of their recent decision, in collusion with the council, to demolish the Grade II listed wing of Jessop Hospital !

Military Concert Band

The Hallamshire Military Concert Band will be playing its 4th Festival of Remembrance Concert in St Peter's Church, Reney Avenue, Greenhill S8 7FN on Saturday October 26th at 4pm. All proceeds to the Royal British Legion, 2013 Poppy Appeal (the Band takes no fee for this concert).

Last year the concert raised £514 and was kindly attended by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield and Chelsea Pensioner John Helliwell, along with standards from the Royal British Legion and the York & Lancaster Association.

The Band is the former band of the Hallamshire Battalion (Sheffield Territorials) of the York & Lancaster Regiment. It became a civilian band in 1967 after the battalion was disbanded. It is fully self supporting relying on members fees and engagements.

The Band play for all occasions and venues including recently for Old Whittington Gala, Edensor Village fete, Chesterfield Armed Forces Day and regularly at Chatsworth House gardens. They meet on Wednesday evenings at Carterknowle Methodist Church and welcome new members.

Tickets for the concert £6 including refreshments. Please contact Christine English, Musical Director, on 01246 812846 or email hallamshireband@yahoo.co.uk

Welldressing diary

There are still a number of Derbyshire Well Dressings due to take place this year. These are just some of the dates. You can find out more at www.welldressings.com

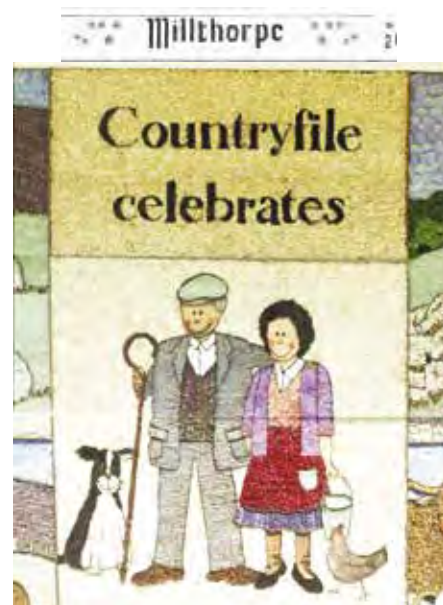
August

17-24 Taddington
22-1 Holymoorside
23-30 Killamarsh
24-31 Eyam
24-1 Foolow
24-1 Wormhill

September

7-14 Chesterfield
14-22 Hartington

On the left is the design for this years welldressing in Dore. On the right is an extract from the dressing at Millthorpe.



Soulroots in S17

Young people in our community are generally very well cared for and have access to an excellent education. This is after all one of the more affluent parts of Sheffield. But is there another story underlying this?

Two years ago Soulroots was formed by the amalgamation of two youth work charities based in the area that were struggling financially. There was clearly a need for this work as so many young people were involved. Soulroots is now growing even more and is on a better financial footing. There are two full time youth workers employed and we have a student youth worker with us.

Young people from Y6 to Y13 regularly meet in our area and have protected, organised time when they can explore some of the difficult questions they are facing and will face through their lives. We see them building friendships built on trust and these friendships often endure through the separation of university. These meetings are unashamedly based on Christian teaching but some of the meetings are less overtly Christian and no one would feel out of place.

Fresh: This is for younger members Y6 to Y9 and is a combination of games and discussion on Sunday evenings in Dore Parish Church Hall.

Fishdotcom: Y9-Y13 a youth group held in the Soulroots Youth Centre in Dore, where the young people play games and enjoy a lively discussion.

Roots: a midweek small bible study and discussion group.

Rock Solid: Tuesday evenings in St John's Abbeydale church hall. This is games based.

Watch out for the launch of a new group based at Totley Rise Methodist Church.

There are weekends away and other activities planned. There are opportunities for involvement helping other charities. The website www.soulroots.org.uk and Facebook (if you are over 13) are the places to look for information on what is happening.

This work is funded by donations from

members of six churches in the area. These individuals understand that young people need a bit of space away from their parents where they can explore with others what they really think about the important questions they face. We thank our donors for their vision and generosity. Soulroots helps some young people, but not all in S17, and there are some who still do not know about what we offer. We want all to at least know who we are.

Anita Campbell

*Soulroots Youth Community. Reg
Charity No 1087814*

Abbeydale Miniature Railway Timetable

First train 1pm – last train 5pm

Aug Sun 25th & Mon 26th (BH)

Sept Sun 8th & 22nd

Oct 6th & 20th

Secrets of the bed chamber

Visitors to National Trust managed Eyam Hall are now able to take a look into one of the most private rooms in the house – the Master bedroom, as it is opened to visitors for the very first time.

The principle upstairs room, second only to the library, it is gracefully proportioned with windows on three sides overlooking the delightful garden.

Opening this additional room will also give visitors the chance to see more of the Hall's collection of furniture which the Trust has been able to take out of storage, including a beautiful embroidered fire screen made by Irene Wright, who lived here between 1940 and 1990. Her embroideries, she said were her legacy to the Hall, which she loved.

The Hall has been home to eleven generations of the Wright family and it is this story that visitors can explore indoors. Outside the Centre, housed in the Hall's former stable yard and featuring a National Trust shop, a café

and a number of craft units where visitors can see local craftspeople at work. The Hall and gardens are open to visitors Wednesday to Sunday 10:30am – 4pm March through to November while the Centre is open all year round.

For more information please visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/eyam.

Social Members Welcome

The culture of meeting friends for an evening out has been changed by many local pubs closing. Dore & Totley Golf Club are welcoming social members to join their club and take advantage of the many benefits the club has to offer to the community.

Situated opposite the Bradway Hotel (now going to be replaced with a mini supermarket) the Dore & Totley Golf Club is set in a beautiful parkland golf course that can be the perfect setting for weddings and special occasions, with photo opportunities taking in the fabulous course as a backdrop. Enjoy an evening out in the lounge bar, benefiting from discounted food and drink prices, and be part of the regular quiz nights or enjoy the entertainment evenings which include live bands, tribute nights and variety shows. There is also fun for younger family members to join in the family disco events and a full size snooker table for those competitive social nights. The lounge is also available for classes such as yoga, Slimming World or even knitting groups etc...

Dore and Totley Golf Club is proud to be celebrating its Centenary this year and there are many events taking place at the club, as well as social membership there are a number of playing memberships on offer not to mention the new Academy Membership which offers an opportunity to sample the golf experience with mentoring and guidance from the Golf Professional.

Talk to your friends and become a social member – for more information contact the club secretary on 236 9872.

Dore Show 2013

Saturday September 14th 2 – 4.30pm

This year's Dore Show returns to its traditional scene in the heart of the village – Dore Methodist Church Hall and Dore Old School – and will be opened officially by Radio Sheffield's popular presenter, Paulette Edwards, with all proceeds going to St Luke's Hospice, of which she is an active supporter.

There will be a record 82 categories for exhibits, a charity auction and a raffle and visitors to the community event could meet Paulette, be entertained by Oughtibridge Brass Band and Chesterfield Garland Dancers and even treat themselves to a delicious cake!

Full details, including how to submit entries, are available on www.dorevillage.co.uk/doreshow.

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This little brick building was constructed in 1866 as a school room for the children of navvies involved in the construction of the Bradway Railway Tunnel which is immediately below the Community Hall. John Dunstan's account of "The Origins of the Sheffield and Chesterfield Railway" published by the Dore Village Society in 1970, shows it was a social initiative by Messrs Thomson, the main contractors for the building of the Tunnel. Dunstan adds "a local tradition lingers that it [the school room] served as a shelter for the railwaymen".

The Surrey Street Circuit of the United Methodist Free Church started to use the school room as a chapel in 1867. When the Tunnel was complete and the contractors were moving out in 1869, William Thompson gave the school room together with the books and furniture to the United Methodists.

Because it had been built on land owned by the Midland Railway Company William Thomson was not the legal owner of the school room. The minutes of the Surrey Street Circuit quarterly meeting on 22 March 1869 record that some of the brethren had signed an agreement to pay 5 shillings (25p) per annum ground rent to the Midland Railway Company on account of the Bradway Chapel which Mr Thomson, the contractor had kindly presented to Surrey Street Circuit.

In 1881 the United Methodist Free Churches Annual Assembly commissioned a national survey of all their buildings. The return for the Bradway Preaching Room: describes the building as being occupied under a yearly tenancy from the Midland Railway Company; claims perhaps optimistically

Bradway Community Hall

The history and planned refurbishment of the Small Hall at Bradway Community Hall

that 120 persons could be seated in the building and shows it was also being used as a Denominational Day School.

During the late 1870s and early 1880s there were proposals to build a chapel at

Trustee of the Midland Railway Company's Mission Room at Bradway whereby the Room will be devoted to Church purposes on Sundays and three evenings a week". The Room was to be used as a Reading and Recreation Room from 7.30 to 9.30 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Gas was installed in the 1920s (at the same time as other nearby buildings.) This was just a gas fire. In the 2000s this



The Small (Mission) Hall at Bradway Community Hall, badly in need of refurbishment.

Bradway-presumably a larger more suitable building. In 1883 there was a report that £16 from the sale of Wincobank Chapel could be used for erection of a new chapel at Bradway "should such a scheme be entered into". In the event the £16 contributed to the cost of alterations in 1884 to the existing building.

In September 1886 the Surrey Street Circuit appointed a committee to look into matters arising in connection with the Bradway Church. By November there was agreement with the Vicar of Norton as a result of which St James Church Norton took over responsibility for paying the rent. Thus began a Church of England link with the building that has continued until now, though in a greatly modified way since 2,000.

The Surrey Street Circuit records in the Sheffield City Archives do not describe the problems which led to the United Free Methodists giving up their tenancy. However, St James Norton PCC minutes for 1887 describe the annual rent to the Midland Railway Company as £1-a considerable increase from 5 shillings in the nineteenth century when prices were very stable. The 1881 survey had recorded an annual income of £4.50 and annual expenditure of £4.

As a Church of England building the former Bradway Chapel was usually described as the Bradway Mission Room. The title Mission Hall seems to have come into use after the construction at the beginning of the 1950's of the larger of the two buildings on the Community Hall site. In 1891 the Vicar of St James "entered into an Agreement with the

was condemned as unsafe because of a structural problem with the chimney and the gas disconnected. The Norton Parish Magazine for January 1930 mentions that the "Bradway Mission has been much improved by the installation of electric light" and records thanks to Mr Fox for "kindly having the path much improved to the room".

During the Second World War the Bradway Mission was used by the Home Guard. The Church had to use Bradway Day School instead and pay for it. The PCC minutes for 5 April 1943 mention "various kinds of damage done by the Home Guard to tables, chairs etc. belonging to the church". On V E Day in 1945 there were two services in the Bradway Mission Room to mark the end of hostilities in Europe. "Our thanks are due to the willing helpers who, at short service, assisted in making the Mission Room habitable once again."

What was then described as Bradway Church and Community Hall was built as a joint church and community effort in 1951 and opened on 26 January 1952.. Future activities at what is now Bradway Community Hall were then very much in the new, larger and better building. However refreshments were prepared in the Mission Hall during the period between the opening of the Church and Community Hall and the addition of a kitchen in 1965.

For many years Bradway Football Club used the Mission Hall as a changing room. Two or three years ago they found themselves unable to meet their costs and disbanded. The Mission Hall is now mainly used for storage.

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£7.50 per hour

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£34.50 for up to three hours, £11.50 per hour thereafter

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£9.20 per hour

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£14.60 per hour

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It is now in a poor state of repair and without investment will continue to deteriorate leading to possible demolition. Though the Small (Mission) Hall is not listed nationally, it will be included in Sheffield City Council's Local List of Buildings of Architectural and Historic Importance.

For affordability reasons the Small Hall was not included in the successful refurbishment of the Main Hall in 2009. If we are able to raise enough funds Bradway Community Hall Phase 2 will begin in November or December and be completed in March or April next year. There are two broad objectives: to ensure the long term future of the Small Hall while retaining its original characteristics; and to provide better facilities for the local community.

More specifically the project includes: creation of a small meeting room; converting the corridor which runs between the two building into a new main entrance to both of them; new doors from that corridor into both halls; a more suitable store room; installation in the Small Hall of an accessible toilet which can be used by people with disabilities as well as others; central heating, better insulation and rewiring in that Hall; a new slate roof; Double glazed windows in keeping with the age and characteristics of the building; the installation of fire alarms in both buildings; and improved fire exits from both of them.

BRADWAY ACTION GROUP AGM

Tuesday 8th October

7.30pm at

Bradway Primary School

Everybody welcome

See notice board for details

The new meeting room would provide better facilities for existing users. For example, the Acorn Pre-School Playgroup, who use the Hall five days a week in term time, would be able to take small groups of children into a quieter atmosphere, thus facilitating their education and personal development. Participants in a variety of dance and exercise classes would have a more suitable place in which to change. In addition groups which are currently unable to use the Community Hall because of the heavy demands on it would be able to do so following a successful refurbishment of the Small Hall.

In April we received four competitive tenders for the work. As a result we have identified the potential contractor, their prices being frozen until 26 October. The still to come project cost is a little under £65,000. We will be able to contribute £22,000 from our own funds and are

trying to obtain most of the balance through various grant applications. If we find ourselves unable to meet the full cost, we will ask funders to agree to whatever improvements are feasible with the money available.

Any donations by individuals and local businesses would both directly help to ensure our target is met and demonstrate local support for the project to potential funders. Cheques payable to Bradway Community Hall can be sent to me at 127 Westwick Crescent. Sheffield S8 7DN. If donors who are taxpayers wish to increase the value of their donation by 25% at no cost to themselves, could they please email JhChild@aol.com and ask for a Gift Aid declaration form.

John Child

*Treasurer, the Friends of Bradway
Community Hall*

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Heritage Exhibits move

Shopping treasures from the closed Traditional Heritage Museum on Ecclesall Road are being moved to Manor Lodge as part of a new three-year project. The most popular elements of the heritage museum displays will form part of an old Sheffield shopping street including a Pollards coffee shop, chemist, cobblers and corner shop telling the story of the late Victorian Manor Castle Village.

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Croquet for all

It may have an image as a genteel game, played by the upper classes on manicured lawns, but a new Sheffield club is setting out to change perceptions of croquet, promoting the idea of the game as something anyone can enjoy.

The newly created Sheffield Croquet Club meets regularly at the Transport Sports Ground at Meadowhead. It is the first of its kind in the city that is open to all, and they are actively looking for new members - particularly younger folk new to the sport. The average age of croquet players has typically been 60-something. But things are changing and quite a few of the top players are now in their late teens or early 20s.

The sport is played around the world with more than 200 clubs in the UK.

Its history can be traced back to a set of rules registered by one Isaac Spratt in November 1856 with the Stationers' Company in London. In 1868, the first croquet all comers' meeting was held at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Gloucestershire, and in the same year the All England Croquet Club was formed at 'Wimbledon, London.

Today, several variations of the game are currently played, each differing in the scoring systems, order of shots and layout, but each boils down to same basic principle - hitting coloured balls with a mallet through hoops.

Club Chairman Adrian Simmerson says that Croquet is a game that can be played and enjoyed by all ages, and all levels, with men and women competing on equal terms. And it is a fresh air sport that doesn't require extreme fitness, although co-ordination and thinking are important.

At the moment the club plays other clubs in friendly matches, but may join a league later in the year. Courses for beginners are planned - you don't need



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any special equipment as the club has its own mallets for members to use. The only problem at the moment is with foxes digging up one of the lawns. Anyone who knows how to discourage this will be particularly welcome.

The club plays Monday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. To find out more visit www.sheffieldcroquetclub.org.uk, call Adrian on 07925 957 769 or the membership secretary Mike White on 07917 298 228.

National Women's Register

The National Women's Register (NWR) is a network of local groups and individual members who enjoy lively discussion and conversation, both serious and light-hearted. It is for women who like to be informed and share ideas. By actively participating in the content of meetings, members share their opinions and ideas and form long-lasting friendships.

As the local Dronfield group we plan and organise our own meetings which are held in members' houses. There is no obligation to host or chair meetings - the level of involvement is a personal choice. Evening meetings are held once a fortnight, rotating through Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday so that if any member has a regular commitment they can still attend. Meetings start at 8pm and finish at around 10.30pm.

NWR does not raise money for anybody or any cause. It exists for the benefit of its members. The annual national subscription is £17 and we also collect 50 pence per meeting which is shared between our group funds and the hostess to pay towards tea, coffee and biscuits.

The national organisation is for women of all ages, though our local members range from the late 50s to early 70s. Now that some of our members are retired or working part-time, we have started daytime meetings as well, which are

once a month, on Thursdays from 2 until 4pm. We also have a Book Group and Lunch Club which meet monthly, and a Walking Group.

Prospective members are welcome to attend a few meetings to see if they would like to join. Meetings are very informal so you will find a warm welcome whatever your age or personal circumstances.

If you would like more information or would like someone to pick you up for a meeting please contact Joan Cohen, Tel 01246 4127123. Further details at <http://www.nwrdronfield.co.uk/>

Jean Watson

24 hour Swimathon

A novel way to celebrate the Summer Solstice....

It might not have been the most spectacular sunrise at 3.30am but that didn't stop the first 40 swimmers from starting their first mile in the first ever "24 hour Swimathon" at Hathersage Open Air Swimming Pool.

Students from Hallam University competed all day and night to see who could swim the most miles within the 24 hours to raise funds for their chosen good causes. A sleep tent was set up on the pool side so competitors could rest in between their challenges. Hot drinks, soup, pasties and home-made cake were served by the local villagers to give sustenance and encouragement to the hungry swimmers throughout the day. By late afternoon, the pool was filled with children who had rushed home from school to join in the challenge.

The Community spirit was amazing; local company IMT Lighting donated low level lights which enabled the event to go ahead. Ewan and Sam Elliott and a band called "The Cuckoo Clocks" provided great music from the bandstand and by late evening the pool was brimming over again as the sun set over Stanage Edge bathing the pool in glorious sunshine.

Many came to swim a "Mile at Midnight" - a first ever event in Hathersage Pool. Participants also included a lady who swam 6 miles as part of her training to swim across the channel, the Sheffield Hallam Water Polo team and a group of ladies who took time out from their Hen Party celebrations to raise money for their chosen charity.

Pool Managers Mike and George said the atmosphere and support for the Swimathon had been truly amazing and they are very keen to make this an annual event. The next fundraising events include the Late Night Swims to live music which usually take place on the 3rd Friday of each month (tickets in advance are just £5) and Hallowe'en will be celebrated at the pool for the first time this year on 26th October between 11am and 3pm with a Cold Water swim!

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Bradway Bowling Club

Bowls is a sport in which the objective is to roll biased balls so that they stop close to a smaller ball called the "jack". It is played on a pitch which may be flat or uneven as in crown green bowls. Why is it then that such a simple game can be so complicated and frustrating at times and so joyful at others. Our club started in 1920 but the oldest surviving bowling green is the Southampton Old Bowling Green, which was first used in 1299. It was a much different game to what it is now and it was banned for many years by the Kings of England because the youth of that period were only supposed to practise their archery skills and not their bowling skills.

The game as we know it today really took off in 1849 when the Scottish bowling clubs published the basic rules of the modern game. The patenting of the first lawn mower in 1830 probably had a great deal to do with the rapid growth of bowls as the green could now be cut properly and kept in perfect condition. Since that time clubs have sprung up all over the world but the home of the modern game is still in Scotland.

Lawn bowls is usually played on a large rectangular and flat surface but the green at Bradway is for Crown Green bowling. Crown Green Bowling utilises the entire green which has a smooth but undulating surface. A player can send the jack anywhere on the green and is played with two bowls each. The jack and the bowls have a bias which causes the bowl to travel in a curved path and because the green slopes as well, this can cause the bowl to go in unexpected directions.

The bowls themselves used to be made out of a very hard wood called lignum vitae but modern bowls are made from a hard plastic composite material and can be any colour you like. The game is usually played to 21-up in singles and doubles.

If you wish to try this very interesting sport then there are free lessons at Bradway Bowling Club on Thursday evenings between 7pm - 9pm. The club provides all the equipment that you will need, just wear flat shoes or trainers.

Dates for your diary are Open Mic Night for budding musicians on the 31st

Aug and The Bradway Art Exhibition for budding artists on the 14th, 15th Sept. All enquiries to Bradway Bowling Club.

Stuart Wood Hon. Sec.

Halloween event

Blacka Moor Nature Reserve

Get creepy and creative this Halloween – which ghoulish spiders can we find roaming around the nature reserve? Test your detective skills and see what creepy crawlies you can find. Need a broomstick for trick or treating? Come along and make your own around the campfire to take away with you.

Join us for Blacka Moor's creeps and broomsticks. We'll be meeting at the Stony Ridge car park grid reference SK 277 806 (off Hathersage Road) at 1pm, on Thursday 31st October, 1pm – 3pm.

*Hannah Wittram,
Sheffield Wildlife Trust,
Tel: 0114 2634335*

New priest ordained

The Revd Catherine Staziker, curate at St John's Church Abbeydale (opposite Abbeydale Sports Club) and Holy Trinity Millhouses was ordained priest on Tuesday 2 July at Holy Trinity parish church by the Bishop of Doncaster, Peter Burrows.

Catherine, a former stockbroker, who spent her childhood in Saddleworth in the West Riding and has lived in Sweden, Ireland, Kent and Cambridge, loves being back in the North with the hills and continues to enjoy being creative as a potter and a musician. She works with Canon Peter Ingram, the vicar, in serving the people of these two Church of England parishes which cover the communities of Millhouses, Abbeydale and Bradway.

They lead worship at Sunday Services at 8am (1st and 3rd Sundays at St John's) and 10am, and conduct baptisms, weddings and funerals for those in the locality, as well as offering pastoral care (along with the rest of the ministry team) to everyone in the parishes, not just those who go to church.

Catherine is a strong believer in the fact

that we are all made in the image of God and that all people are loved and valued by God and that it is each person's responsibility to love and treat their neighbour (which actually means everyone with whom we have contact) as they would like to be loved and treated themselves by others.

She believes that the Church of England has wasted far too much time debating peripheral issues such as the ordination of women to the episcopate and sexuality, rather than putting its energy into looking after the poor, marginalised and needy in our society, particularly during these particularly stressful times of financial austerity, cut-backs and unemployment.

If you would like to make contact with the church for any reason, or think someone would benefit from help, contact us via our website www.stjohnsabbeydale.co.uk, or via catherine.staziker@sheffield.anglican.org

Recipe Corner

A twist on eton mess

Red fruits, marscapone cream & crunchy meringue & mint sugar
Ingredients: (serves 4)

1 punnet of strawberries
1 punnet of raspberries
1 punnet of blueberries
1 x 250g tub of marscapone
1 bunch of fresh mint (stalks removed)
120g caster sugar
6 small meringues

Calvados

Method:

Wash & mix all the fruit together.

Add 20g of sugar to the marscapone with a dash of calvados (as much as you like!).

In a pestle & mortar or robot coupe, pound / liquidise the mint adding the remaining sugar a little at a time.

Crush two meringues and place in the base of a glass bowl.

Add half of the fruit followed by the marscapone mix and a sprinkle of the minted sugar. Repeat the layering.

Finish with the remaining crushed meringues and a sprinkle of the minted sugar.

Bon appetite !

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Bradway Birds

April and May yielded more blackbird song than I ever remember hearing before. The bird, the male, is by far our most prominent local songster, with his rich fluty tune and scratchy end. You might not appreciate it if its song-post is a TV aerial or tree near your bedroom, for it will start at 4am, before dawn, and continue for up to two hours.

At dusk, it is a different matter, as all the locals sign off, announcing that their particular territory is still occupied, thank you very much, and here I am if any potentially adulterous females are interested. It sends a tingle down the spine to be in the garden watching for bats and to have your local bird throwing forth its song. Often, they counter-sing, replying to a neighbour/competitor/possible territory-stealer, as soon as its last note fades. As they move to their roost, they will give repeated chink-chink or pink-pink calls, obviously of significance to them but with a meaning unknown to us.

What is noticeable this year is the number of birds and the amount of singing, facts I suspect are related. To walk down Everard Avenue, or Rosamund, during the day rather than its beginning or end, is to be bombarded by sound. One stretch of my Bugle delivery round has a singing male every fifty metres, which is an unheard of density. The species has clearly been doing well locally, even if declining gently in the country as a whole. Many gardeners feed birds, and we had fewer continental birds competing for food last winter, so winter survival was good. Dry conditions are also bad for blackbirds, reducing their ground-surface prey in both number and accessibility; and drought was not a problem they faced last year, so numbers are high.

As a consequence, territories are compressed. The pressure is on to maintain what they have. Too much squeezing means that young cannot be fed, which of course would reduce future numbers and cause territories to return to earlier sizes. Each male, however, fights (sings) to keep its space intact, and as large as it can under the circumstances.

And of course the presence of so many other nearby birds raises the stakes and the stimulus. Subduing the song of one neighbour is not enough, because there are so many others which our bird can hear all too clearly. My own garden bird is singing from the middle of bushes, as it flies and as it feeds on the lawn. A bird across the road sings from its conifer-top, and one sings from the roof. The song comes from Rosamund, and the bird flies to our back-garden birch and has another go.

Singing so loudly requires a lot of energy. The bird is of no great size, yet can be clearly heard for half a mile. A song thrush can manage even more. A tiny wren quivers and shakes as it pours forth its rattle. The evidence is that females select the best singer, because powerful and prolonged singing is good evidence of general strength and fitness. Males are therefore impelled to sing and sing.

Meanwhile, enjoy and marvel at it, and rejoice that at least one species is in good health currently.

Last year, Canada geese discovered Tyzack's Dam – a couple bred on the small island, I think for the first time. Large and striking birds, though smaller than a swan, they are brown of body, with a black neck and white cheeks. Introduced from North America to the lakes of rich landowners' parks, three hundred years ago, they have escaped, spread and become naturalised. They are doing very (too?) well and now number up to 100,000 in Great Britain.

Go to Bakewell and you will see why there is concern at their success. By and on the Wye, there are now dozens of them, shoving smaller birds out of the way, and pestering for food – as they have every right to. Their droppings are large and copious, can foul ponds, grass and paths. In Canada, they are culled by wolves, species of fox such as Arctic foxes on their breeding grounds, lynxes, gyrfalcons and so on.

We are without these predators (pity about the lynxes!), so numbers are rising.

Anyway, last year's pair raised four young. The babies, of course, are delightful, with yellow fluff, and trusting winning ways. They used to swim in line astern, behind the parents. In summer, they departed, presumably to the Moray Firth in north-east Scotland, where for some reason thousands gather to moult. In bad winter weather they might then leave for Europe south of us.

This May there were six adults! So the increase is now on for us. Two bred (last year's?), and again there were four goslings – on sunny days, such as there were, the parents took them to Beauchief

Gardens, where the babies potted about in the flower beds for grubs and soft leaves. They didn't mind being approached, but mum and dad set up a stern honking, and approached, heads up in pugnacious style.

The other four adults were elsewhere on the lake or dozing on the dam wall. Canadas live for twenty years or so, and do not breed till they are three, so the four could well be young of recent years (last?) learning the ins and outs of adulthood but not yet able to breed.

Watch them in 2014. There is little doubt that they will be back.

John Kirkman

PS. On the beautiful last Sunday of May, a check on Tyzack's Dam revealed the goose family, parents proudly and watchfully guarding the goslings, which were still naively pottering.

However my earlier count of four was too low, because there was now a bunch of six. The guides say that families are of five six or seven, so our pair is well up. Once again, the birds were ignoring the pond, and were on Beauchief Gardens' lawns and in the flower beds. Two dozen mallards were dozing, heads over shoulders, and they were also on the grass rather than the (much safer) water.

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Snippets

Incidents of fly tipping on parks and open spaces in Sheffield have more than doubled in the last year according to council statistics.

Sheffield is the happiest city in the UK according to a new survey, with a third of respondents saying they felt happy every single day.

The Blackstock Road 'dump-it' site in Gladless Valley is now open for an extra two days a week, 10am to 4pm from 1st October, only closing on Wednesdays.

Proposals to redevelop the former Abbeydale Picture House as a centre for climbing and other community leisure uses have been approved by the council.

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We take the 21:28 train back to Sheffield - with more music - arriving at 22:03. More details at: www.folktrain.org.uk

27 August 2013. The New Orleans Strollers. Jazz on a Summer's evening. A welcome back to our old friends The New Orleans Strollers. Certainly a different kind of traditional music but one which gave birth to skiffle which, in turn, stirred people's interest in our own traditional music heritage.

24 September 2013. Jess & Richard Arrowsmith and Friends. Nationally acclaimed, Jess and Richard are part of the reason for Sheffield gaining the accolade "Epicentre of the Folk Universe". They have appeared on the Folk Train in various entertaining combinations in the past so we await this evening with eager anticipation.

Time Travellers Travelogue

The spring and early summer has seen the usual very busy mixture of activities from our local amateur archaeologists, 'The Time Travellers'. Great interest from the members meant that two walks over Stanton Moor were needed in April and May, taking in several cairns, standing stones and highlighting a look at the Bronze Age Nine Ladies stone circle

Another very popular event was the visit to Laxton village in North Nottinghamshire where we saw the last remaining Open Field Strip System still operating in Europe. Moving away from agriculture and onto industry, we took a trip to Wortley Top Forge which is home to the only working Hammer Forge in Britain and dates back to the 18th century.

Taking advantage of the finer July weather, The Time Travellers' Chairman, John Baker led a 'historic walk' around Holmesfield, showing us the site of the Norman castle that once dominated the area. John also took us to a moated manor site, well off the beaten track and currently enjoyed by a herd of very inquisitive cows. This included a housing platform surrounded by a still clearly evident ditch, that dates back to medieval times. We then strolled in the evening warmth down hill to Millthorpe to see the remaining evidence of the mill that presumably gave the hamlet its name, ending the evening at the local pub 'socialising' and discussing what we'd seen.

Committee members of The Time Travellers have been busy during the last few months spreading word of what the group offers. We took a stall at the

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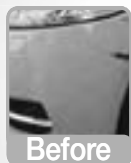
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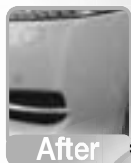
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Sheffield and District Family History Fair at Hillsborough which attracted some new members to the group – we now have around 70 paid up members plus as many again on our email circulation list. This is a huge increase from the 15 people who attended the inaugural meeting to talk about local archaeology just two and a half years ago!

Our Secretary, Dorne Coggins has also been busy telling people what we discovered about Sheffield's Roman history through our excavation at Whirlow Hall Farm in 2011. Dorne recently hosted an exhibition at the farm and led guided history trails around the

site as our contribution to the Council for British Archaeology's annual Festival Fortnight.

Continuing the Roman theme, some of the most enthusiastic Time Travellers have established a thriving sub group that is uncovering and investigating evidence of where local Roman Roads and other sites of interest may have been located. There have been numerous walks and pieces of analysis that have thrown up some interesting local road names that are thought to be of Roman origin. I'm sure you'll see much more of these endeavours in future Bradway Bugles.

Finally, The Time Travellers held their annual Summer BBQ recently. Far less

intrepid partygoers would have thought twice about venturing out with thunderstorms forecasted, never mind sticking it out for the afternoon. However, we were proud to see that not one of the 46 members and partners left early – probably because it was raining too heavily to move away from the gazebos! It takes a lot to separate a Time Traveller from their barbecued chicken!

Don't forget that you can keep up with what The Time Travellers are up to by going to our website at thetimetravellers.org.uk where you can also find out how to join us or where to attend an event as a visitor.

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A major project of mine this year has been to rebuild a pergola and decked area at the bottom of my garden. Those of you with a good memory might recall that a couple of years ago I had a problem with some flooding on my patio. Although this was much reduced following the discovery and repair of a burst water-main on my neighbour's property, it was not eliminated entirely, and a degree of flooding continued to occur after prolonged periods of rain.

With the prospect of a major upheaval at the bottom of the garden, I decided to try and solve the flooding problem once and for all by installing a land drain from the patio to a soak-away beneath the decking.

Although this proceeded well enough, despite having to remove and relay several flagstones on the patio and the whole of a block-paved pathway, the end result was not as successful as I'd hoped. The underlying soil in the vicinity of the soak-away is predominantly clay, and despite digging a hole almost a metre deep, I still couldn't get below the clay. But at least the water now collects at the end of the garden and not on the patio. However, this presented something of a problem for the design of the pergola.

The main reason I'd had to rebuild it was because the old posts had rotted away at ground level. With so much water around I didn't want the same to happen with the new one, even though it's unlikely I'll be around 15-20 years down the line, and even if I am, I'll not be up to rebuilding it a second time. In fact, it's this feeling, as you get older, that you want things to last and see you out that prompted me to look for a robust design for the pergola in the first place. Perhaps I'm becoming more of a codger than a bodger!

The pergola itself was to be surrounded on three sides by fencing, and having considered various ideas for supporting the posts, the "Road to Damascus" moment came when I realised I was dealing not with three fences, but with a shed without a roof! I decided to support the superstructure on a timber framework raised off the ground on concrete blocks.

For stability, I decided these concrete

blocks would need to be more like short piles driven into the ground. In another flash of inspiration, I decided to fashion these out of high-density (frost resistant) "breeze" blocks. These can be purchased for less than £1.50 apiece, then cut in half lengthways with an angle-grinder and shaped to a point at one end.

After carefully marking out where they needed to be located, I excavated the first 200mm or so, then drove them in to the required level with a sledgehammer, protecting them from damage with a thick piece of timber. Perfect! I subsequently fastened the deck joists down to the blocks using concrete screws, making any minor adjustment needed to the levels by either packing or shaving a bit off with the angle grinder. A piece of plastic membrane inserted between the concrete and the timber acted as a damp proof course.

Although quite challenging due to restricted workspace and the need to keep the boundary secure, the construction of the pergola itself was straightforward enough. However, it took longer than expected because of the July heatwave when after a long lunchtime siesta I rarely managed to get going again. Oh, and in the meantime, yet another water-main burst was repaired in the road so maybe all my flood defence measures will have been unnecessary after all!

The Bradway Bodger

TOADS

Watch out for TOADS next production which will be from Wednesday 20th November to Friday 22nd November at 7.30pm and Saturday 23rd November at 2.30pm. A murder mystery, 'Cat's Cradle' (presented by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Ltd), written by the well-known actor and play-write Leslie Sands. The venue is as usual St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Please call 2351206 to reserve your ticket or contact any TOADS member.

If you are interested in treading the boards, or helping out back-stage, why not pop down to the Guild Room, St John's Hall any Tuesday at 7.30, or contact Sarah by email - sarah@toads-drama.co.uk.

Totley Rise Methodists

Big Welcome Perhaps you have wondered what churches are really like. Who you may meet if you go inside? Will you feel welcome? If you have questions and keep meaning to pop into a church one day but never quite make it. Why not put the 22nd September at 10.30 in your diary. You and your family and friends are always welcome, but sometimes we need an invite and a date for our diary.

Harvest Festival Sunday 6th October at 10.30am. All are welcome to this family service. Any gifts given will go to international Relief and Development Fund and Sheffield Grace Food Bank (non-perishable food), for those in need in the local community.

Sheaf CAB is situated in the TRM Centre at Totley Rise Methodist Church each Tuesday morning between 10 am and noon offering free advice to citizens who have any legal, financial, employment, benefits or any other problems on which they would like advice. All advice is confidential and no advance booking is necessary.

Alpha Dinner, followed by discussion about life, the Christian message and its relevance today. Alpha is a 10 week course, every Monday evening starting in September. For more information call 0114 236 6819

The Quiet Garden is situated at the side of Totley Rise Methodist church. A time and place for anyone to visit during daylight hours. Whether it's time to think or the need for a bit of peace, come down and take a seat in the garden.

Knit and Natter. A time to Knit and a time to natter but you don't have to be an expert at knitting, just keen to make new friends and have a good chat with them. Come along on every Tuesday morning between noon and 3pm. Bring your own packed lunch but coffee and tea are provided. Bring your own knitting or join a group knitting for good causes.

Messy Church. Come and join our Messy Church and see for yourself all the fun and exciting things that happen at this active event on Saturday 14th September 2013 3pm-5pm. A fun filled themed afternoon of Noah and the Ark including crafts, food and a story.

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More local events

Bradway Agewell Leisure Club

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New members welcome.

Sept 3rd. My experience as a magistrate - Talk by Ken Bell

Oct 1st. The life and music of Percy Grainger. - Talk by Sally Brown.

Nov 5th. J G Graves. Businessman and Benefactor. - Talk by Michael Spick.

More information from Stuart Sawyer. Tel. 236 9830

Totley (M) Townswomen's Guild

The Guild meets at 10am on the third Tuesday of each month (except August) in Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall.

Sept 17th. 40 years in broadcasting, talk by Gerry Kersey

Oct 15th. Gardens of Cornwall, talk by Mr & Mrs Thomas

Nov 19th. Nature's Year, talk by Mr J Lintin Smith

There are also separate meetings of the Social Studies Group, the Choir, the Walking Group and the Scrabble Group. New members and visitors are assured of a friendly welcome.

For further information, please contact Mrs Eileen Mason, (Chairwoman) tel: 236 7190 or come along and join us.

Totley Show

Sept 7th at Totley Primary School.

8.45 to 10.45 entrants registration 1.30pm doors open to the public, 3pm prize giving. 4pm show closes

Proceeds after costs go to Transport 17. Details from 0114 236 4190

Totley History Group

Sept 25th. Khaki Suited Me Talk on the Auxiliary Territorial Service by Bessie Renwick. 7:30pm Totley Library Non-members welcome

www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

Leonard Cheshire Disability

Sept 28th. Autumn Fayre, Mickley Hall, Mickley Lane, 2-4pm. Cakes, Preserves, cards, Jewellery, gifts for Christmas Presents and more. Free entry.

Friends of Gillfield Wood

Sept 17th. Caddisfly Magic. Illustrated talk by Stuart Crofts, 7.30pm, Totley Library Refreshments available. Members free/non members £3.

Sept 26th. An evening Bat Survey in Gillfield Wood with Derek Whiteley of Sorby Natural History Society.

Sept 29th. Practical Conservation Morning, 10am to 12 noon working with a Sheffield City Council Ranger. Tools provided. Refreshments available.

Oct 5/6th. Mammal Survey with Val Clinging of Sorby Natural History Society.

Nov 14th. Heritage lottery fund launch event "All Our Stories" Project All Saints' Church Hall, Totley Hall Lane, Totley.

Visit www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com or email fogwsecretary@gmail.com

Bradway Community Association

Sept 1st. September Ramble

Oct 5th. Harvest Supper

Oct 6th. October Ramble.

Nov 3rd. November Ramble.

Nov 16th. Pub Sign Theme Night

Dec 14th. Murder Mystery

- A Christmas Event.

Badminton 8.30pm Bradway Scout Centre Thursdays. John Child 237 6577

Walks: Peter Smithson 236 9876

Social Secretary Jean Hunter 236 4922.

Sheffield Bach Society

Oct 19th. Splendours of the Baroque Victoria Hall Methodist Church, Sheffield

Nov 23rd. Britten: St. Nicholas, Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings St. Mark's Church, Broomhill, Sheffield

Dec 2nd. Handel's: Messiah

Victoria Hall Methodist Church

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Holmesfield Flower Club

Aug 21st. Demonstration of Flower Arranging by Glenda Bream (NAFAS demonstrator) entitled "From Small Beginnings". 7.30 pm.

Nov 20th. Demonstration of Flower Arranging by Jean Fordham entitled "A Village Christmas". 7.30 pm.

Tickets available at the door: £6 (members £3) includes refreshments.

Venue: Holmesfield Village Hall (off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield - ample parking. Arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. All are welcome.

Contacts: General info - Diana 0114 237 7601 or Sandra 01709 541187 for workshop information.

Tuesday Afternoon Group

Meets at the Parish Centre of the Church of St Peters, Greenhill at 2pm on the second and fourth Tuesday.

Sept 10th. St Lukes - talk by Mrs F Morley.

Sept 24th. Travel around Britain - talk by Mr A Firth

Oct 8th. Sheffield Housing etc - talk by Mr J Clarke.

New Members & visitors welcome. Annual subscription £12, visitors £1

Contact: Mrs S Holbrey 235 1670

Dore Show

Sept 14th at Dore Old School.

9am-10.30 entrants registration, 2pm doors open to the public. 4.30pm show closes with auction of donated produce.

www.dorevillage.co.uk/doreshow

St Peter's Church Greenhill

Aug 26th, Sept 23rd, Oct 28th. Table Top Tea-Time 2-3.30pm Entrance Free. Join us for a game of Scrabble, dominoes, draughts, chess or cards. We have large print versions of Scrabble and dominoes as well as other great board games. Entrance free

Sept 13th. Themed tea 2-3.30pm Talk on Dore Male Voice Choir. Entrance free

Sept 29th. Harvest Festival 9.30 and 11 am services join together at 10.30

Oct 11th. Themed tea 2-3.30pm. Topic to be decided Entrance free

Oct 26th. Festival of Remembrance Concert with Hallamshire Military Concert Band 4pm Tickets £6 including refreshments All profits to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Nov 8th. Themed tea 2-3.30pm. Talk on Whirlow Hall Farm. Entrance free

Nov 10th. Remembrance Sunday 9.30 & 11 am services join together at 10.30

For social events, tel Carole Wattam 274 9661 or Margaret Kohler 274 7203; Church Hall bookings, tel Michelle Hayes 237 7102. Pastoral needs, tel Rev Harry Steele 327 3103 or 0794 9470178.

Sunday Services-except 29 Sep&10Nov 8 am Eucharist (said)

9.30 am Traditional Sung Eucharist

11 am Contemporary Worship

Weekday services: Morning Prayer at 8.45 am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays

Eucharist at 10 am on Wednesdays

Other regular activities

Bubbles for Mums and Toddlers, from bumps to pre-school, for playtime, singing and snacks from 10 -11.30am on Mon & Tues in term time (Ring 07729 200215 for more information)

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Occasional Men's Snooker Nights on Tuesdays (Ring 07949 470178)

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The Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials will take place this year on 5th, 6th and 7th September, on Longshaw Pastures in front of Longshaw Lodge, near Grindleford, starting at 7.30am each morning. We are very honoured this year to have as our President Mr. Eric Rigby from Holmesfield.

On 5th and 6th there will be open class sheep dog trials when many of the "One Man and His Dog" competitors will be taking part. We are pleased to have Mr. Gordon Watt, who is himself a keen and experienced competitor and the winner of the championship in 2003, to judge the open classes and championship, whilst the local class will be judged by Mr. Jan Pieters, from Holland, who will be competing in the open class.

At approximately 3.30pm on 5th there will be a parade of local hounds courtesy of the Barlow Foxhounds, Pennine Foxhounds, High Peak Harriers and Ecclesfield Beagles.

Following the local class sheep dog trial on Saturday 7th, the annual Longshaw Fell Race is to be run. This will start

LONGSHAW SHEEP DOG TRIALS

at approximately 10.30am, and is open to all comers with entry registration on the field. Following the fell race there will be a demonstration of dog obedience and agility.

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7th the trials culminate in a double gather championship, which consists of the 8 highest pointed runs from both Thursday and Friday, when the winner will take home the prestigious Longshaw Championship silver tea pot.

Entrance charges are just £5 per adult each day, no charge for children, free parking, and starting at 7.30am, weather permitting, finishing at approximately 5.30pm. For further information please contact the Secretary, Mrs. Sheila Humphreys, MBE on 01433 651852, or e-mail lsdta@talktalk.net

This will be the 115th year of the Association, thought to be the oldest sheep dog trials in England. There will be a licensed bar, hot and cold food and drinks, and ice cream available. The magnificent array of trophies will be on display, so please come and join us for a day on the moors to see some of the wisest dogs in the world. We look forward to meeting you.

Mrs. Sheila Humphreys

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Itchy skin

- could it be an allergy?

Did you know that it's not just parasites that can give your pet an itchy skin? Allergies are immune reactions in which an animal responds abnormally to common, usually harmless substances; these substances are called allergens.

Our pets come into contact with allergens in three main ways: allergens can be inhaled (e.g. pollens), contact (e.g. flea bite allergy where certain pets develop an allergy to flea saliva) and ingested (e.g. food allergies).

Inhaled allergies are common at this time of year - during the spring and summer months a surge in pollen levels

can lead to seasonal allergies in humans and pets alike. However the symptoms are often very different; whilst humans get 'hay fever' and sneeze, affected pets tend to show skin symptoms - becoming itchy. Dogs may show generalised itchiness, but more commonly may show localised signs of paw chewing, face rubbing and itchy ears (leading to recurrent ear infections).

Flea allergies are another common problem. Whilst fleas will irritate most pets, some pets (especially cats) become allergic to flea saliva, leading to very intense irritation and sometimes extensive hair loss - caused by over grooming. Food allergies can present both with symptoms of diarrhoea and/or dermatitis (itchy skin).

Diagnosis of allergies can be tricky, but blood tests and skin testing can help us to identify substances in the environment that individual animals are allergic to, and food allergy trials can enable identification of food allergies. Common culprits include various pollens, fleas and house dust mites, as well as food ingredients such as beef, pork and wheat.

The best form of treatment, which is usually life-long, is to minimise the exposure of the pet to the allergen. Flea saliva allergies are greatly improved by effective flea control, whilst food allergies may be improved by a new diet that avoids the problem food. Inhaled allergens are more difficult to control, but new forms of medication can be helpful in reducing itching.

If your pet gets itchy for no obvious reason, has recurrent ear problems or has a very sensitive stomach - it could be an allergy, so please get checked-up!

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A word of warning:

Edward, a 10 year old Fox Terrier, was seen at our practice a few weeks ago with severe dehydration after being trapped in

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Nick Clegg MP

At the end of May this year the Bradway Action Group was asked to host a meeting with Nick Clegg MP to discuss local issues. Mr Clegg is, of course, the Deputy Prime Minister, but this meeting was in connection with his role as MP for the Sheffield Hallam constituency, within which most, although not all, of Bradway lies. The meeting took place on Friday, 12 July.

We decided to hold the meeting in the Bradway Community Hall because Mr Clegg had supported the refurbishment of the main hall, and he wrote to the Chief Executive of Network Rail in August 2006 about the interest of the Hall Management Committee in buying the freehold.

That resulted in the Committee obtaining a much longer lease - for 20 years expiring on 7 February 2027 - which in turn greatly helped fund-raising efforts. Mr Clegg also wrote "To Whom It May Concern" letters of support for both the 2009 and the planned 2014 refurbishments.

In addition to showing Mr Clegg what had been done to the main hall and giving him plans of what is proposed for the small hall, we told him about the improvements BAG has made to the playground on the Old School Field, and explained about our campaign to get village green status for the field.

We also discussed the Sainsbury's planning application, HGVs using Twentywell Lane, the forthcoming review of Sheffield local government ward boundaries, the problems for small voluntary groups like our own in replacing financial support from the former Community Assemblies, and the train services from Dore & Totley station.

One issue in which Mr Clegg was particularly interested was our experience of the roadworks that have been going on all around us as part of the Streets Ahead PFI project. He had a



Members of the BAG Committee meeting Nick Clegg MP.

meeting scheduled with Amey for the following Friday, and asked us to send some notes to him that he could use as background material. We gave Amey a generally positive score, but outlined the issue of the tree removal and the length of time that Twentywell Lane had holes all down the side awaiting the new streetlamps.

Our main suggestion was for an additional Streets Ahead web site that is updated daily giving accurate information on the road closures and restrictions for that day. This might have helped with some problems that we highlighted. We pointed particularly to inadequate advance warning about road closures, citing the evening when quite a few Bradway residents had been made late for events in the city centre because they had joined Twentywell Lane from either Kenwell Drive or Twentywell Road, and had not encountered a road closure sign until they reached the bottom, where Abbeydale Road South was closed off for the night. We also commented on what seemed to be

inadequate liaison between Amey, the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, and the bus companies over when roads would be closed and when bus services would be curtailed outside of Bradway.

There were several other issues that we had on our list, but we ran out of time. Having made contact, though, we will follow up on these other issues by email.

This was a very good meeting, which was attended by two of our three Councillors as well as nine out of the twelve members of the BAG Committee. We hope to see some positive outcomes on specific issues, but above all it reinforced BAG's links with local elected representatives.

Finally, perhaps we should emphasise that BAG has no party-political position, and the Committee is happy to communicate with any political party that wishes to pay attention to the concerns of the community of Bradway.

Stephen George

Chair: Bradway Action Group

Dore Park and Ride Officially Open



Transport Minister Norman Baker officially opened the new Park and Ride facility at Dore and Totley Railway Station on 19th June 2013. The new car park is being very well used and is full to capacity on weekdays.

Clearly this facility will help to enable people living anywhere on the western side of Sheffield to easily access train services, facilitating commuting by rail to other cities and reducing the amount of traffic heading into Sheffield city centre. The number of drivers parking on Dore Road and the grass verges nearby has been reduced, but is still a problem that will need to be monitored.

The Victorian twin pavilion station building that was previously flanked by trees and was the focal point as travellers approached the station, seems demeaned in the presence of the inevitable expanse of new tarmac and by the positioning of the modern cycle shelter and poster rack.

The planning board promised that the wooded character of the station would be preserved by retaining trees and planting more native species. The landscaping on the roadside is appropriate but unfortunately all the trees against the flats were removed and not all of them have been replaced.

The new trees that have been planted have suffered badly in the summer heatwave and may need to be replaced again. A beech hedge has been started along the platform edge, though this will be some years before it matures.

Dawn Biram