

Bradway Bugle

In and around Bradway, Greenhill, Dore & Totley

Amey - Streets Ahead work in Bradway

How did we get into this mess?

For decades all across Britain we've not invested enough in routine road maintenance. Sheffield isn't alone in having put off repairs and renewals. It's false economy and chickens are coming home to roost. The 25-year contract with Amey is designed to redress that. Amey take the financial risk and the government is providing the money under a PFI deal.

With hindsight the contract may have specified a number of actions that have been less effective than they might in improving the overall situation. However, there was never a commitment to resurface all Sheffield roads in 5 years, and it was not specified what would be done to every one. It was never intended to surface all because some didn't need it.

However, a lot of lightly used country roads to the north of Sheffield are now impressively smooth and more recently every road in Low Edges and Greenhill seems to have received a scraping off and replacement with traditional asphalt!

It was clear by early 2017 that the necessary resurfacing wasn't going to be completed on time. Furthermore, it appears there was a dispute with Amey's surfacing contractors which lead to them stopping work amid rumours bills may not have been paid. They've been replaced. A significant amount of the early work is already breaking up, and parts of some roads have had to be re-laid within a year!

Where we are now in Bradway

Belatedly, the penny dropped and it was realised that all roads don't need the same full treatment. From the second half of this year different criteria apply, and the Totley and Bradway Zone is the first to see them in action.

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Mickley Hall sale

Mickley Hall, the Leonard Cheshire care home on Mickley Lane, is one of 17 homes the charity is putting up for sale. The home currently looks after 36 disabled adults. The charity says that it is aiming to sell to a 'high quality care provider' to ensure continuity of care for existing residents.

The strategy behind the sale is for the charity to reach out to significantly more disabled people, with all proceeds going toward this end.



Contractors to Amey treating Rosamond Avenue, at the junction with Everard Avenue, with micro-asphalt surfacing. Residents have been concerned at its durability.

Remembrance Concert

The Annual Festival of Remembrance Concert by the Hallamshire Military Concert Band will take place at St Peters Church, Reney Avenue, Greenhill on Saturday October 27th at 4pm. It is a full Band concert with a short Act of Remembrance. All welcome.

Tickets £6 each incl refreshments available on the door or by email from: hallamshireband@yahoo.co.uk

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Council Red Lines

Sheffield City Council has begun announcing its red lines when it comes to road safety outside schools. A new traffic regulation order for the city's first red route - where double red lines replace the more common double yellow lines on busy main roads, outside schools and on bus routes - has now been advertised by the council.

Sheffield is set to become one of the first cities outside of London to introduce "red routes", following a change in the law last year. These Red routes have a tougher zero tolerance approach to traffic violations - no stopping or waiting is allowed for any length of time under any circumstances. Breaching this can lead to an immediate fixed penalty notice or fine.

The first red route is proposed to be on Baslow Road near Totley Primary School, which is being expanded to accommodate more pupils. The proposed scheme includes a signal controlled crossing on Baslow Road.

Restrictions on parking are to be introduced along Baslow Road and Totley Grange Road to allow the safe operation of the crossing. Red Route restrictions will prevent stopping on Baslow Road and the junction of Totley Grange Road. This includes a prohibition on the picking up and setting down of passengers.

Nothing is more important than the safety of our children. It only takes a *continued on page 2*

Editorial

Sadly Bradway is about to lose another retail business with the closure of Bradway Pharmacy in October. After a long struggle, recent Government cutbacks have proved the final straw to its commercial viability. Fortunately the Greenhill parent will continue to provide a delivery service to Bradway.

Meanwhile, from studying archaeology and our human past, it is clear to me that we as a species evolved as hunter gatherers, adapted to high activity levels, a varied diet and an unpolluted environment. Today's urban environment is not our natural habitat!

Our technology may have evolved, but our bodies have not, leaving them a million years behind. They are now faced with a sedentary lifestyle, pollution from numerous sources and a sugar rich processed diet. Is it any wonder we are beset by an epidemic of diabetes, cancer and other modern illnesses.

Tinkering with solutions and individual efforts are not enough. As a society we need to reconfigure our lifestyles and our urban environment to simulate key elements of our hunter gathering past, so as to better fit our modern biology.

We need to design in more pedestrianisation and cycle ways; create more public green space; and tackle sources of pollution in order to protect our lungs which crucially were designed for clean air.

Now I have got that off my chest it is back to reality and our society which is drifting to heaven knows where. Locally we have been beset by power cuts, water leakages and doubtful road re-surfacing. All of which are covered inside these pages, along with some more positive stories and evidence of people's kindness and willingness to help others.

John Baker, Editor

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Meadowgreen Surgery

Surgery moving to Jordanthorpe.

Older readers may recall when Drs Atkinson and Colley had a surgery opposite the Old School on Bradway Road. It was unsuitable and they consolidated into premises at Meadowhead, then to the Old School at Greenhill, later merging with two other practices in Low Edges. They've now grown too big for those premises and need more space. New GPs aren't attracted to the current cramped working conditions.

The financial constraints of the NHS, coupled with planning restrictions, don't allow them to spend more on their present buildings. There is unused modern space at Jordanthorpe that will give that extra space and allow them to employ more staff offering a wider range of treatments. At a packed meeting at Greenhill School on 28th June Dr James Gray gave a spirited explanation that won over the majority of an initially very sceptical audience. His Powerpoint presentation and further explanations are available on their website at: <http://www.meadowheadgrouppractice.co.uk/>

The biggest concern was transport. In truth Bradway patients are better catered for than those from Low Edges. We have the M17 bus that goes almost to the door. A petition is being circulated to have that route go through Low Edges and serve the new retail park. Another suggestion was to divert the 24 and 25 through Jordanthorpe and Low Edges. Most regular users of those buses to Bradway may be less keen.

Dr Gray concluded "This is about improving the service we offer and sustainability of the practice for the future. Doing nothing is not an option"

His audience were satisfied, not entirely happy, but prepared to see the changes go through next year.

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second to create a hazard around a school. With red lines, there is no waiting, no parking, no excuses and no second chances. If you do it, they will find you and fine you.

More details of the council's new parking strategy and can be found here: <http://democracy.sheffield.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?Id=1974>

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Aging Bradway utilities

Recently Bradway has been beset by burst water mains and burned out power cables. Electricity supplies have been cut off and water too. What's going on?

Most of Bradway was built on green fields after 1945. Our estate roads and services were mostly laid before 1980 and they're all showing their age. BAG has been in touch with the critical utilities.

Electricity is possibly the easiest to explain. The old cables are drying out and the insulation slowly cracks. When water gets in it causes a short circuit and trips a large fuse. Unfortunately that may not be before a long section of cable has burned out causing power cuts. A large section of road or pavement will need to be dug up to repair or replace the cable.

There have been several recent examples in all parts of Bradway, one blacking out the school and surrounding houses for quite sometime.

Cables liable to fail aren't normally spotted in advance. They're designed to withstand immersion in flood water, natural springs, and leaking water mains!

Wholesale replacement of all the mains is a very big and expensive job, digging up large sections of road and pavement and connecting the main cable to each household supply. The risks of disturbing other utilities while the work is done is considerable.

Normally only the damaged section of cable is replaced. The current condition

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of the mains in Bradway does not justify wholesale replacement.

BAG has been in contact with Yorkshire Water regarding the high number of leaks in recent months. They're pro-actively seeking them out and aiming for a 40% reduction in water loss by 2025. Unfortunately the average water pressure in mains in Sheffield of 5-6 bar may be 3 times the pressure in places like York and Hull. That's necessary to ensure those who live higher up have pressure, but means the mains nearer the bottom of hills will have it very high.

YW have supplied us with maps of the mains and the recent record of leaks. Our mains are of cast iron and Asbestos Cement, the most commonly used materials at that time. They're connected by communication, or service, pipes to each house and it is those pipes that are the ones that burst most often.

Older pipes are more vulnerable to movements in the ground. That may come from natural settlement, pressure from passing traffic, or even tree roots. More modern pipes are slightly more

flexible. Many leaks occur in the early hours of the morning when little water is being used and pressure is highest. When the water is turned off to make a repair the pipe relaxes, and when the pressure is turned back on it can cause a crack anywhere in that main.

In the first half of June we had 4 holes in Everard Avenue within 50 yards. The first hole dug was pro-active and the service pipe was repaired. A second leak was suspected and men started to dig, ignoring water running out of the road between the first two holes. It takes about 3 days to get Highways permission to dig up the road so that had to wait. As water ran out of the pavement, nearby the men found they'd dug a dry hole! The following day the visible leak was fixed by a different team and the first team found the other leak and fixed it.

As with electricity, it would cost too much and be too disruptive to lay new mains pipes everywhere. However, if high numbers of bursts occur in a short time between valves that will be reconsidered. We've suggested that it should be possible to reduce pressure in the lower parts and still preserve a reasonable pressure higher up.

It was good of Yorkshire Water to send a Customer Service Optimiser to Bradway armed with maps and statistics. That in itself won't prevent more leaks, but at least we'll understand more when we see the next one.

Chris Morgan
Chairman, Bradway Action Group

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A scoring system has always been used to determine whether a road needed to be treated. Some were assessed 5-6 years ago so didn't qualify for attention. Twentywell Lane is in a Zone that would have been done 4 years ago. Due to rapid deterioration it's soon to be done.

The scoring system categorises roads for most appropriate treatment. The whole road is surveyed and points awarded for the length that's bad, the width, and the type of degradation as a percentage of the entire section of road. It brings up anomalies, the longer the road the more likely this will be to happen. The condition of the road when work's done also makes a big difference to how effective it will be.

The treatments most likely to be prescribed are as follows; (Gleaned from multiple sources so apologies for any errors of interpretation).

1. Some roads are in good condition and only justify patching.

2. Traditional tar spraying with loose chippings to seal the road from water penetration. No roads are getting that treatment in this first round.

3. Micro-asphalt surfacing takes out ruts and pot holes, and extends the life of a road by up to 10 years. It's cold applied and quick. It hasn't been used in Sheffield before July, but has been used elsewhere.

Both 2 and 3 add to the thickness of the road surface. The next treatment would be by scraping off the top surface then as 4 below. At BAG's Open Meeting Nick Hetherington of Amey suggested that this should be within 10 years. To be more realistic that will probably depend on how well the current surfacing lasts.

4. Traditional asphaltting by Tarmac to a range of depths.

5. More extensive reconstruction work, only needed on a very few sections of the

busiest main roads.

Some difficulties we pointed out on Bradway roads

Given that the assessment system was not in principle a bad idea, Councillors Martin Smith, Joe Otten and myself for BAG walked part of Bradway to see how it was being applied.

We pointed out significant anomalies, particularly on longer roads where the scoring system weighted good sections and didn't take account of some really poor sections on the same road. The average was giving inappropriate treatments that were either inadequate for repairing damage, or extravagant for parts of some roads still in good condition.

Taking a few examples;

Rosamond Avenue was given a new type of re-laying about 30 years ago leaving it worse than before they started (Everard Drive was done at the same time). Quite recently years ago most of that was re-laid and parts are still in good condition. The section that wasn't re-laid between Everard Avenue and Rosamond Close is the worst road in Bradway. The scoring system said microsurface the lot. That was excessive for parts but inadequate for that major section. It was reassessed and that section has received stronger treatment because it's so bad. The best parts have not been treated this year

Everard Avenue was assessed not to need any treatment. However the section by the Old Mother Redcap, and the bus turning circle, has had traditional asphaltting. The section from Rosamond Drive to Rosamond Avenue has had microsurfacing. Rosamond Drive was not down for any treatment, but it was accepted that the scoring system had got that wrong and it has been microsurfaced.

Longford Road must have been a clerical error! The small loop was down for microsurfacing, the rest for nothing. That has been changed and it will get asphaltting because one side of the road was breaking up badly.

Twentywell Road has had the Tarmac treatment - the section from Twentywell Lane to St Quentin Close certainly needed it.

Woodland Place got only small sections at top and bottom done as it was resurfaced within the last 7 or 8 years and is still in good condition.

We asked for Wollaton Road to be reviewed. It's a bus route but the surface has been assessed for microsurfacing. They didn't change their view. It will be a test to see how that treatment works. The same goes for the rat run end of St Quentin Drive from Twentywell Road to Prospect Road.

We're assured pot holes and defects on other roads not resurfaced will be tackled asap.

Conclusions:

Early reports that all streets would be fully resurfaced raised unreasonable expectations.

Roads in previous zones seem to have had more expensive treatments than

needed.

The Colas treatment was probably appropriate for many of them.

The assessment system is too blunt in its application.

If surfaces are correctly assessed and prepared the Colas treatment will last 10 years.

Potholes need to be repaired more quickly and effectively.

By the time you read this it should all be over. Well we hope!

Chris Morgan
Chairman, Bradway Action Group

Public Transport

A number of bus routes across Sheffield see new schedules begin on 2nd September, in our case in Bradway the changes on route 25 simply sees the end of the summer timetable which had a reduced frequency in the daytime and a return to the standard timetable with buses up to every 12 minutes. There are also some minor changes to times on the 43, 76, 97, 98 and 218.

September also sees the withdrawal of the current Travelmaster under 26 tickets (Connect 18, Connect 20 and Connect 25). Instead a new 18-21 year olds discount smart card can be applied for which offers 15% off all adult Travelmaster 7 day and 28 day passes which includes Citybus, Citywide, SY Connect and SY Connect+.

Meanwhile the full range of Travelmaster day tickets can now be purchased and used as m-tickets on the Stagecoach and First bus apps. These tickets include Citybus (any bus in Sheffield, £4.50), Citywide (buses and trams in Sheffield, £4.80), SY Connect (buses and trams in South Yorkshire, £6.60) and SY Connect+ (buses, trams and trains in South Yorkshire, £8.20).

The price of the child Stagecoach Megarider tickets have recently increased, the weekly bus & tram pass is now £7 and the 28 day pass is now £28. Note the bus only option is currently the same price so I would advise getting the tram inclusive version for best value!

Remember ticket holders aged 11+ must have a concessionary pass to support the discounted price. The weekly tickets are available from bus drivers, online at stagecoachbus.com or on the Stagecoach bus app. 28 day tickets are online only.

Supertram's new tram-train line is expected to open to passengers in mid to late October. This sees three trams an hour running from Sheffield City Centre (Cathedral) to Rotherham. It will call at all the usual tram stops as far as Tinsley/Meadowhall South then join the Network Rail line to run fast to Rotherham Central station and on to Parkgate retail park. Normal tram tickets will be valid on this service, including the Stagecoach Dayrider and Megarider tickets and South Yorkshire Connect tickets sold on buses from Bradway.

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The DVLA asks drivers to look again in a new EYE 735T campaign

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You can easily check your eyesight taking 20 metres as 5 car lengths or 8 parking bays to measure the distance. Alternately 20 metres is around 26 steps for a man and around 33 for a woman.

Having good eyesight is essential for safe driving, so it's really important for drivers to have regular eye tests. Eyesight can naturally deteriorate over time so anyone concerned about their eyesight should visit their optician - don't wait for your next check-up.

Waste collection changes

Sheffield City Council and Veolia will roll out changes to waste/recycling services across the city throughout August to October, with a new brown bin to replace the current blue boxes.

Black bin collections will not be affected by the changes and will continue to be collected every two weeks. The blue and new brown bins will have their own separate collection days. The changes will be introduced in two stages for the north and south of the city.

When the changes are introduced existing blue bins will be used for card and paper and the new larger brown bins (which are the same size as the black bin) will be used for plastic bottles, cans and glass.

All residents will be notified of how these changes will affect the way they handle their waste and recycling, with leaflets going out to all households and notices being placed on bins.

We in the south will receive our new bins in September or October. Each household will be given a collection calendar at the same time as the brown bin is delivered and the council is inviting residents to sign up for email alerts for service updates at www.bit.ly/sheffbins.

Under the new service a bin will be emptied every week on the same day from each household. The four weekly pattern for collections will be black bin, blue bin, black bin, brown bin. This means the black bin will be emptied once

every two weeks, the blue and brown bin will be emptied once every four weeks.

The obsolete blue boxes can be retained by households for personal use, such as planters, toy boxes and garden storage containers; however those who don't want to keep them can take them to a Household Waste Recycling Centre. Any collected blue boxes will be recycled.

The estimated annual waste management saving of £750,000 is made possible through more efficient collections. Collecting just one type of waste means that specialist collection vehicles are no longer required.

The new vehicles will have increased collection capacity and they will only need to take recycling to one location each week. This means that collections are quicker to complete and fewer vehicles are needed.

People can continue to take any extra recycling to local recycling sites across the city. To find your nearest site go to: www.veolia.co.uk/sheffield.

More information about changes to recycling services is available at www.sheffield.gov.uk

Ed. Before the city gets buried in surplus blue boxes or the recycling of blue plastic breaks down, we would like to hear of some imaginative ideas for their future use.

The article suggests for example planters, toy boxes and garden storage containers. A more imaginative example might be, if we have a heavy snowfall, using them to compress snow into building blocks for an igloo.

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Dear Sir,

I recently started a social table tennis club in Bradway Community Hall. AgeUK Sheffield funded the purchase of two tables because the group is aimed at the over 50's as part of the People Keeping Well initiative.

The group is open to all over 50's who want to play table tennis socially, it's just for fun, no leagues!

The club is every Friday from 7-9pm. We stop halfway through the evening for refreshments.

At the moment admission is free.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact me on 0778 795 4842.

Jan Clist

Dear Sir,

Sheffield has a new way to catch illegal parking and issue fines without stopping to issue tickets. The reason I am sending this information out is that it may have an impact in Bradway near the Primary School on Bradway Drive.

Those of you who take your children or grandchildren to school will have seen the change in road markings on this road. Gone are the old zigzag lines which were never fully enforceable, to be replaced by double yellow line on the grass side and single yellow line on the majority of the road outside the flats.

When the signs are installed there will be no parking on the left hand side and only parking on the other side during certain hours outside school start and finish times.

Many of you saw the parking officers along the road after the lines were put down but in future all they will have to do is drive down the road to catch the offenders. It will also affect those who park indiscriminately on Prospect Road especially on the double yellows by the crossing and bus stops. Why people put children's lives at risk by this dangerous parking is beyond belief just because they do not want to walk a short distance to the school.

Please be aware and tell any of your friends and neighbours of the potential costs of careless parking.

Les Day

Dear Sir,

Amidst all the inconvenience and traffic chaos that the residents of Bradway Bank have had to suffer over the last few weeks, there has at least been a small glimmer of light.

No doubt Chris Morgan will have referred to the chaos at length elsewhere, including the annoying curtailment of the 25 bus service during the middle part of the day that I'm sure with a bit of forethought and coordination could have been mitigated by the introduction of a temporary mini-bus shuttle service between Lowedges and Tinker's Corner.

But on the positive side were the temporary traffic signals at Tinker's Corner. This was to facilitate the repair of a minor water leak by the YWA. The work took three days altogether, but with



Residents across South Yorkshire woke to the smell of burning on Friday the 10th August as a huge plume of smoke moved across country overnight from a moorland blaze in Staffordshire.

Richard Barton captured this morning rainbow over Tinker's Corner in the smokey haze.

just a couple of hours one morning to dig a hole and repair the pipe, an hour the following day to part-fill and compact the hole with some limestone sub-base, then another couple of hours on the third day to complete the reinstatement, in reality it could all have been done in one day.

However, although the three-way temporary traffic signals were no doubt a source of irritation to some, at least they made the pecking order at the junction clear and completely eliminated all the horn-blarney, cursing and swearing that makes my life a misery on a daily basis.

For three days all was peace and quiet. Apart, that is, from the jack hammers, wacker plates, plant movements and the raised voices of the operatives! But it made a pleasant change nevertheless.

Peter Stubbs

Dear Sir,

(Letter sent to the head of Sheffield Woodland)

Probably due to requests to the council to make good the pathways in the woods, rubble has been piled at 2 entrances to the woodland in Rosamond Ave. Recently these piles have been spread in various areas on the path.

I have been taking my dog to these woods for some time but have noticed in the past few days that the rubble has been spread and is full of glass shards. This glass is really quite dangerous, not only to dog paws but to walkers, families with children and wildlife. It's a disgrace really.

I would be grateful if you would look in to this and find the person who thought it was a good idea to dump that sort of material on a public thoroughfare.

A dog with glass in its foot is a vet visit and a hefty cost. A child falling down and getting glass in their knees and hands is traumatic to the child and a possible hefty

compensation cost to the council. Injured wildlife, well goodness knows what their outcome would be.

You must surely agree that this is a very serious concern.

I look forward to your view and actions

Angela Barrowclough

Reply from BAG

It's not just the roads where we've struck a bit of bother in Bradway recently. Our Poynton Woods path improvement team were confronted with more mud than most can remember when we started, but now it's as hard baked as concrete.

The material we were sent by the Council was not to the standard expected by us, or them, so we were spending half the time sifting out broken glass. Work has now stopped and the remaining material is to be removed and replaced with more suitable top dressing to finish the work now half complete.

Apologies for leaving it in its present state. It was hard and warm work getting this far so if anyone would like to lend a hand for phase two, we'll not say no.

Chris Morgan

Dear Sir,

So, the long awaited resurfacing works have now taken place around the streets of S17. Letters were sent notifying which roads were to be resurfaced and the signage adorned each and every lamppost and tree along the designated routes. Residents cars were moved as instructed and the huge surfacing machines rolled into action. At last, our streets would be re surfaced as promised.

What a bodge job. Amey and SCC should be ashamed of themselves. As I drove onto my street I expected to see the production crew from Cowboy Builders chasing off a bunch of Pikey's who had fleeced an unsuspecting resident of their hard earned cash. Alas, Dominic and Melinda were nowhere to be seen, just a bloke from Amey positioning a cone over the grate at the end of the Cul de Sac. The street was roughly covered, but the turning area at the top of the Cul de Sac was bare so we now have a half finished 2 tone street.

Is that what our taxes are spent on? The tarmac is no more than 10mm thick, a coarse base, roughly laid with no top surface. Laid during the recent heat wave with no time to cure. Every turned wheel and tyre tread already visibly breaking the surface. Why bother wasting the money? If you're going to do the job, do it right, or don't do it at all.

I told the wife that the works couldn't be finished. There was no way any company contracted by the Council would leave a job half finished. Surely they would be back tomorrow to finish the job. I shifted my car off the road in anticipation of the crew returning the next day.

The next day came and went; the machines trundled up the next streets laying yet more of this cheap fix. No planing works to remove the original surface, no remedial work to the open pot holes, no grading or groundworks. Just a

thin layer of coarse tarmac to cover the dilapidated surface underneath. They'll be back, the signs said 3 days, I shifted my car again. The final day came and went, the crew never came back.

The signage disappeared as quick as the guys from Amey. Job done, off to watch the footie. The only evidence they had been in the area was the new deep tyre furrows at the mouth of the Cul de Sac where the driver of the surfacing machine had decided to reverse to turnaround. Its huge double back wheels slewing across the new surface and ripping it up. Surely no road surfacing engineer worth his salt would be so stupid. Alas not.

All in all, an appalling job. The surface won't last the winter and that's with the small amount of traffic using our Cul de Sac. All the roads are completed to the same unsatisfactory condition. They need ripping up and re-laying and considering the amount of council tax we pay, surely it's not too much to ask that the job be done properly. After all, just like England winning the World Cup, it'll only happen once in a lifetime.

S Butler

Drink Wise, Live Wise!

I'm John and I volunteer for Drink Wise, Age Well. Why give up my spare time to volunteer?

I have been through some difficult times arising from a sudden and unexpected death of my wife. Though the loss of my wife will always be felt, I'm

fine now. Many organisations and individuals have helped me along the way and I want to give something back by helping people in similar circumstances. There are growing concerns about alcohol consumption in the over 50's, with increased hospital admissions due to alcohol related illness and accidents.

There are many reasons why some people over 50 may be drinking too much. People over 50 often face particular challenges such as bereavement, redundancy, divorce or separation and children leaving home. These life changing events can lead to isolation and sometimes this may lead to individuals drinking harmfully.

It's now much more common to drink at home rather than the local pub. When people drink at home it's easy to be much more generous with measures when pouring your drink, making it easy to lose track of how much you're drinking.

It's often the case that someone has been drinking too much for years, but as they age older this starts to have a more serious effect on many aspects of their lives.

Drink Wise Age Well is a Big Lottery funded initiative which aims to help and support people over 50 years old who may be feeling isolated because they are facing or going through the challenging circumstances mentioned above. We run and/or support a range of free activities within Sheffield, with the emphasis on healthier living and making new friends/social connections within the

community.

Drink Wise Age Well has managed and/or provides health walks around the City, Art Classes, Model Making, Antiques Club (we went to the BBC Antiques Roadshow!), Dancing, an Allotment, Walking Football and many more activities.

Drink Wise Age Well also runs free Resilience courses which help people to manage and cope with life changing situations. This is where I come in as I help deliver these courses which cover aspects of life such as relaxation, managing anxiety and worry, getting a good night's sleep, maintaining your health, healthy relationships and setting goals and keeping active.

And for those concerned about their drinking, we can provide further advice and support. For example, as well as the activities mentioned above, we offer:

free confidential support and advice for you/your family or anyone concerned about how alcohol is affecting them; advice and support in your community, including visits in your home;

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The Golden Thread

During this year of our school's 50th anniversary, it has been very interesting to explore what has changed and what has stayed the same in the teaching profession and in our schools.

This year we have welcomed many visitors who knew our school in the past, including Dorothy Mosely, one of the original teachers from the days when the school was called 'Sir Harold Jackson'. On a recent tour of the school, she sat in the teacher's chair in the very same classroom that she had taught in 50 years before and commented that 'not much had changed'!

Indeed in many respects schools haven't changed so much in the last 50 years. For example we still use classrooms to teach children in, children still love to play games at playtime and the pattern of the school year is still essentially organised around the original demands of the farming and industrial communities. I don't suppose that there will be many children going off to help their parents with the harvest this summer though!

An aspect of school life which remains remarkably constant is children's play and it remains vitally important for children to learn about relationships and the physical world around them through play. Although seismic changes have occurred in society around play and the use of technology, at school the same games are still common such as tig, hide and seek and football.

In the 1960's and up until 2002, there were concrete pipes on the playground which featured in many ex-pupils' reminiscences. Although they sadly could not remain because of health and safety regulations, their popularity at the time shows how children have always made the most of their environment and have always made their own fun.

Bradway Primary Term dates

5th September:

(First day of autumn term for pupils)

29th October – 2nd November

(Half term holiday)

21st December:

(Last day of autumn term)

9th January 2019

(First day of spring term)

3rd and 4th September;

26th October; 9th November

and 8th January 2019

(Training Days for school staff)

For example in the last year I have seen children making houses out of small sticks, towers out of grass, marvelling at a dog-shaped cloud in the sky or creating a picture out of leaves; their imagination knows no bounds. Similarly children love our 'Playpod', a large shed which is full of items such as old carpet rolls, a zimmer frame, boxes, cargo netting, suitcases and computer keyboards.

If you put random items out for children to play with, their natural imagination takes over. In a recent competition on the infant playground for example we had an office, a travel agency, a beach scene, a jungle and a zoo!

And of course teacher-pupil relationships are still very much valued. We haven't been completely replaced by robots or online tutors yet! This month, after seven years my daughter finally left secondary school and we have both been reflecting on experiences of school, hers as a pupil, mine as a parent. What I have found most striking is how much she has appreciated the teachers and how important her relationships with them have been.

Indeed she has spent many hours making personalised cards for every one of them. For me this summarises the 'magic' of teaching since this profession is still much more of an art than it is a science, and always has been. Research rightly leads us in our quest for ever better teaching but no research is ever going to unravel the special relationships that can be created between pupils and their teachers.

We can probably all think of times when we were at school when a wonderful teacher made us want to try harder; helped us to believe that we really could do something which before we had thought was impossible. The importance of this special relationship between pupil and teacher has been valued throughout history and truly great teachers are the ones who are able to make each and every child feel valued, even loved.

Teaching of course is so much more than imparting knowledge, it is, or should be, a shared voyage of discovery rooted in mutual respect.

I have been Headteacher at Sir Harold Jackson/Bradway Primary School for over 16 years and, despite many changes in education and in society, we have

always held true to our school mottoes of 'Learning Through Enjoyment' and 'Everyone's Good At Something'.

I am proud that many of our 50th anniversary visitors this year, who knew our school in the past, have praised us for maintaining the focus on education for the whole child, a golden thread which has always been a notable feature of the school and which, by all accounts, has been woven through the last 50 years of our history.

We are still a school where the importance of developing confident resilient learners is recognised as being of paramount importance.

If I am still around to witness the 75th anniversary, I truly hope that this golden thread of excellent teaching and a wonderful curriculum continues long into the future.

Paul Stockley (Headmaster)
Bradway Primary School

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Supporting St Luke's

You may have seen St Luke's branding in the Tooty Pharmacy window recently and the notice announcing funds raised for St Luke's. A year ago we chose St Luke's as our preferred charity and our partners in a sponsorship deal with Sheffield United, with the aim of raising St Luke's profile.

We are delighted to announce that a great season of sport fundraising from Tooty Pharmacy, Sheffield United and also the McCabe family charity - The Scarborough Group Foundation - has raised over £7,000 for St Luke's.

These funds are to be used directly for patient care and will help them continue the great work they do for a cause that touches the lives of so many people across the whole of Sheffield. While most people associate St Luke's with cancer, the charity but also supports people with a range of other illnesses including neurological conditions such as Motor Neurone Disease, HIV and end stage heart, lung and kidney conditions.

In addition it supports families and loved ones and carers through a difficult time, offering support and counselling - last year they cared for 5300 relatives and loved ones. They also have 20 community nurses who visit and care for patients at their homes - last year they made 6501 such visits.

As with everything that St Luke's does there is absolutely no charge for any of this. Since they receive limited NHS funding, they have to raise more than £6.4 million annually. Having visited St Luke's and seen the great work they do and the facilities they provide, it is with great pleasure that I can confirm we will continue our support for them next year, and am delighted that we will also be renewing our partnership with Sheffield United to help St Luke's fundraising.

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core values of providing the best care and going the extra mile for our patients. We also see ourselves as being at the heart of the community just like St Luke's. Without pressuring anyone, if you are looking to help a charity, perhaps you could consider St Luke's as your charity.

We hope that continuing our high-profile sponsorship of Sheffield United will help promote St Luke's and raise funds. To help this, we will again be holding auctions and draws for prizes, so keep an eye on our website and social media feeds for your chance to enter. We are looking to develop this further and will be launching a St /Luke's donation station in our pharmacy. We would welcome your expertise in fundraising, so please pop in to see me at Totley Pharmacy if you have any ideas.

Tajinder Singh
Totley Pharmacy

Sheffield General Cemetery

The Sheffield General Cemetery, including its extensive range of catacombs, was designed by Samuel Worth for the General Cemetery Company in 1834 with the landscape design overseen by Robert Marnock. The cemetery opened for burials in 1836.

Located on the fringe of the city centre in the Ported Valley, the site is one of the last remaining complete garden



Sheffield General Cemetery main entrance on Cemetery Road, S11 8NT

cemeteries in England and is listed on the Historic England Heritage At Risk register. The recent restoration of the Nonconformist chapel, known as the Samuel Worth chapel was completed in 2016 has proved to be a catalyst for the ongoing preservation of the wider landscape, including the catacombs, by Sheffield City Council who have recently secured a £3m HLF grant for these works.

The cemetery is a registered Local Nature Reserve and is home to numerous Red Data List (endangered) species of birds and fungi. Birds such as Tawny Owls and Wax Wings, winter migrants which grace the city centre, use the Cemetery as a roost. Three species of bats, including a colony of Pipistrelle bats roosting in the Anglican chapel, have also been recorded on site and along

the river. There are several recorded sightings of Munt jack deer in the park.

Sheffield General Cemetery Trust are the custodians of the overall site, working with a committed group of volunteers and in partnership with SCC to maintain and enhance the nature reserve and the numerous listed buildings and monuments across the site.

The Trust currently offer a varied range of activities and events for the public, on a donation only basis but which attract a wide range of visitors interested in history / archaeology / geology / wildlife and architecture. They also hold annual events for Heritage Open Day and Remembrance Sunday, host the Sharrow Lantern Festival each year and run a number of workshops for children and families to actively engage in arts and crafts.

They have produced a number of publications detailing stories of those buried in the cemetery and offer a burial research service for anyone interested in tracing ancestors who are listed amongst the 87,000 burials on the site.

The Samuel Worth chapel is available for hire and offers a simple, fully equipped venue, regularly used for a variety of events including film screenings, music performances, parties and wedding celebrations.

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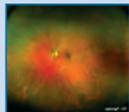
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Revealing Sheffield Castle

Excavations to uncover how much remains of Sheffield's medieval castle have begun with trial trenching being carried out by Wessex Archaeology, funded by the Council's Castlegate Kickstart Programme. It is hoped there will be lots of opportunities for the public to view the work and learn about this forgotten chapter in the city's long history.

This is the first ever comprehensive investigation of the whole site, since the castle was demolished at the end of a Civil War siege, made possible by the demolition of Castle Market in 2016. Previous archaeological work was confined to either observation by dedicated amateurs when construction was taking place and two trenches on the market's upper loading bay back in 2002.

The archaeology team will host tours for schools, community and heritage groups and the public, working with the Castlegate Partnership which includes the council, the Friends of Sheffield Castle, the University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University, together with local businesses.

At the same time the first scientific analysis of the Museums Sheffield collection of artefacts from those previous excavations is being carried out by experts working for the University of Sheffield's Archaeology Department applying the latest techniques. This archives work has been funded by a bequest to the Department of Archaeology by one of its alumni, Pam Staunton from Dronfield.

Also in development is a new more accurate and detailed computer visualisation of the castle, and how it is believed to have looked in its heyday, which will be launched in September at the Festival of the Mind and will be accessible on smart phones around the site.

Councillor Mazher Iqbal, Cabinet Member for Business and Investment at Sheffield City Council, said: "This excavation is very exciting and will help us to decide how to make the most of this historical asset whilst also identifying which parts of the Castle Market site can be redeveloped to create a lively,



The Saxton Mee team and guests with Harry Gratton at the 2016 Enchanted Winter Ball

attractive and prosperous setting at the heart of the Castlegate quarter. We are looking forward to learning so much more about the forgotten history of our brilliant city and its very origins, when the whole of Sheffield life was focused around its castle."

Martin Gorman, chair of Friends of Sheffield Castle added: "The Friends have been campaigning for several years for this and we are looking forward to working with the archaeological team to see what remains of this rich historic site. By examining the past in this way, we can help ensure Castlegate can have a thriving future."

It is believed that a motte and bailey castle was constructed at the confluence of the River Sheaf and the River Don, sometime in the century following the Norman Conquest. This was destroyed in the Second Barons' War. Construction of a second castle, this time in stone, began four years later in 1270. Much later Mary, Queen of Scots was held prisoner in this castle and its associated estates for 14 years between 1570 and 1584.

The castle was held by Royalist forces for part of the English Civil War, and was surrendered to the Parliamentarians in 1644 following a short siege. Its demolition was ordered soon after, and the castle was razed. Excavations in the 1920s revealed stone foundations from the castle begun in 1270 as well as evidence of earlier structures.

Enchanted Winter Ball

While most of us are anticipating to the first belated signs of spring, Sheffield estate agency Saxton Mee is looking forward to a drop in the temperature! The company, which has eight offices spread over Sheffield, Hope Valley and Derbyshire, has been confirmed as the headline sponsor of the 2018 St Luke's Hospice Enchanted Winter Ball.

The popular November 24 event will be held at the Ponds Forge International Hall and will be hosted by BBC Look North presenter and St Luke's patron Harry Gratton. Tables of ten will cost £1,000, including a luxury dinner and entertainment, the evening will also include a charity auction featuring some fantastic money can't buy prizes.

"Our aim is to raise vital funds to ensure St Luke's can continue to support the people of Sheffield affected by terminal illness," said St Luke's Director of Income Generation Kathryn Burkitt. "Our ball would be perfect as a seasonal celebration to bring friends, colleagues and clients together. "I hope you will join us on this magical night to support St Luke's and make a real difference to our patients and their families."

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The Time Travellers Travelogue

The Time Travellers resumed excavating at Whirlow Hall Farm in May as part of a University of Sheffield led project. We dug a pretty large trench over a feature that had appeared on a geophysical survey of the farm. Despite digging four or five feet down we couldn't absolutely determine what the feature was or just how old it was. Well we can't win them all and we did still find some lovely flints during this excavation!

This activity took place as part of the Department of Archaeology's summer Field School and over 50 students took part, most of them having their first taste of practical archaeology. A handful of the more experienced members of The Time Travellers were happy to show the students the ropes in digging and trowel work.

One of the highlights for the youngsters was to see and handle some of the more interesting artefacts unearthed by our 2011 and 2016 projects, such as sherds of Iron Age and Roman pottery and flint tools, especially our iconic Bronze Age arrow head.

Many of these finds are now on display in the café at Whirlow Hall Farm, we think they are worth a look the next time you visit the farm. You could also familiarise yourself with the progress made by our activities and see the history

of the Whirlow area through the three information boards that we have erected there.

Also in the Whirlow vicinity, The Time Travellers were delighted to have been invited to dig 'test pits' in the rear gardens of some of the houses backing onto the field at Whirlow Hall Farm where we made such fantastic discoveries over the last few years. These are shallow trenches around a metre square and just a few centimetres deep, just like those often dug during the excavations shown on TV by the professional archaeologists on 'The Time Team'.

Unfortunately, our small scale explorations found very little but the residents seemed very happy to have been part of our work and were very satisfied that we left their lawns as good as new. In fact, in one garden we even threw in a bit of landscaping as part of the service.

If you think that you might have an interesting archaeological feature lurking underneath your garden then please get in touch with us but not just for an horticultural job though!

The Time Travellers did our usual stint at the recent Whirlow Hall Farm Fayre and delighted local children by setting up a 'digging area' where they could find their own 'treasure'. We had a stand beside the original dig site of 2011 and 2016 that was popular with visitors both young and old. The 'clay pipe test' was a favourite of visitors as they tried to

identify stems from 1700's, 1800's and the 1850's. As well as Iron Age and Roman remains right on our doorstep, the more recent finds can be just as fascinating.

During this glorious long hot summer it was nice to escape the heat by seeking the cool refuge of an Ice Age cave. At the end of July a large group of Time Travellers paid a fantastic visit to Creswell Crags where we had special access to Pin Hole Cave which was occupied by Neanderthals around 50,000 years ago.

Our day was greatly enhanced by a very informative and enjoyable talk which told us lots about the history of Creswell Crags. We also got to view and handle the collection of finds that have been made, including many animal bones that have been left behind over the millennia.

We also managed to fit in a quick return walk up to Froggatt Edge this summer where we saw one of the best examples of a white coal kiln in this area. Finally, plans are taking shape for our annual archaeological excursion to North Wales, taking in Chester Castle, town walls and amphitheatre, Caernarvon Castle, Conway Castle, Beaumaris Castle plus a range of prehistoric sites on Anglesey.

If you are interested in finding out more about the programme of activities that The Time Travellers have lined up for the next few months then log on to our website at www.thetimetravellers.org

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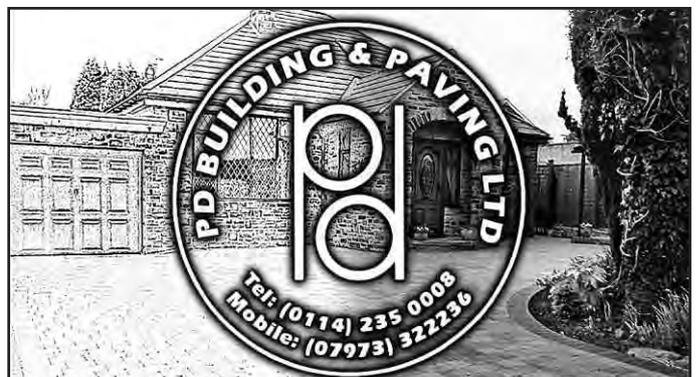
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Thankfully the weather perked up around lunch time and in the afternoon, groups could be seen walking around clutching their maps and visiting the 13 venues that had opened. A big thank you to all those who put so much time into getting their gardens looking their best – there were some real gems!

Despite the weather we got some great feedback (not to mention raising £1,600) and will almost certainly do it again next year – probably over two days. So ... if you live within a 10-15 minute walk of the library and might be persuaded to open next summer, we would love to hear at gardens@greenhill-library.org.

Coming up ...

Continuing our gardening theme, we're planning a communal bulb-planting day on 20 October to brighten up some areas in front of the library. It should be a great opportunity to involve the kids. Details are still a bit vague so keep an eye on our web site (<http://greenhill-library.org>) and Facebook page if you'd like to take part.

Starting on 4 September we're running weekly code club sessions. Code club is a nationwide network of volunteers who run free clubs to teach programming skills to 9 – 13 year olds. Shelley Walsh is in the driving seat for these. Places are strictly limited so if you know someone who would like to take part, reach out to Shelley at codeclub@greenhill-library.org.

On Sunday 9th September, we're holding our next Farmers' market – definitely a date for your diary! Then later in the month (Friday 21st) we have a treat for railway buffs as Stephen Gay comes to talk us through a 20-mile journey from Sheffield to Edale along the magnificent Hope Valley line.

Our summer reading challenge is now underway and has attracted a lot of interest. Organised by The Reading Agency, the challenge encourages young people to read more books. Children must read six library books to complete it and receive a medal and certificate, with other rewards along the way. It started in July but it's not too late to register.

Behind the scenes, we're holding a series of meetings with architects to plan an adaptation and extension of our premises to provide better community facilities including a new community room, a bigger kitchen and a disabled toilet. Much remains to be decided, then there's funding to apply for, so you



Enthusiastic youngsters at our code club pilot event. Sessions start for real in September

won't see the builders in any time soon. In the meantime, we're contenting ourselves with more minor improvements like painting the railings, replacing our extremely unreliable fluorescent lights with modern LED units, and – now that our lease with the council is finally signed – changing the external signage on the library wall.

Finally, our new web site should be going live round about the time you read this. Completely redesigned with help from students at Sheffield Hallam University, and with a more modern look, its part of our efforts towards a more professional social media presence. We hope you enjoy it.

Bowling & Snooker Club

If you would like to join a friendly, family club then Bradway Bowling and Snooker Club is the one for you. You can become a social member and use the facilities we have to offer. We are fully licensed and have entertainment nights including live artists, beetle drives and quizzes etc. There is a bowling section which encourages all ages and abilities. Thursday is practice night during the summer months.

There is a snooker section which also encourages new players. You can play friendly games with other club members or, if you prefer, you can join the league team. There are 2 full size tables available. We have television room and a dart board for your enjoyment.

There is an art section which meets on a Wednesday evening. Expert advice is provided in water colours and pastels. There will be an Art Exhibition on the afternoon of Saturday the 3rd of November to which everyone is welcome and an evening of live entertainment on the same day. Again all welcome.

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Greenhill Village Heritage events

Fri 14th / Sat 15th September

All across England, the largest heritage festival is taking place - Heritage Open Days - celebrating local places, stories and the multitude of familiar and hidden places on your doorstep, completely free of charge.

Locally there will be the opportunity to learn more about the history of Greenhill Village as Greenhill Village History Society are organising guided heritage walks around the old village. Discover what it was like whilst still part of Derbyshire. Hear about the significant buildings and some of the local characters.

The event takes place on:

Saturday 15th September. There will be four tours: 10am, 11.45, 13.30 and 15.15. The walks begin at Greenhill Methodist Church and will take you through the village lasting approximately 1 hour. (Car parking and toilet facilities are available, with light refreshments available to purchase).

A FREE event, but booking is required as there are a maximum of 14 places per tour. Booking closes on September 12th. Please call in to Greenhill Community Library or ring them on 0114 237 7657 to book your place.

In addition to the official heritage event walks other events will be running in Greenhill. Public buildings of note will be open to visitors from 10am – 4pm:

Greenhill Methodist Church, will be offering self-guided tours around the buildings (including the 'Old Chapel'), the Church Registers will be available for visitors to browse and displays from the Church's long history will be on view.

Browse the displays at Greenhill Community Library, not forgetting the hundreds of books on offer - including those which give further insight into the history of the locale. At 2pm, there will

be a film show suitable for younger visitors.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, St Peter's Church will not now be open to visitors.

At the venues, volunteers will be available to answer your questions.

In addition, many of the local shops will be participating – independent retailers where you can purchase cards to clothes, paint to pies - not forgetting the local hostelrys and cafes where more substantial refreshments will be available.

Friday 14th September at 7pm,

Greenhill Village History Society will be hosting an event, called 'Our Heritage – a century of transition in the Greenhill area'. This will consist of a 'Now & Then' video of the locale, Pea & Pie Supper and a Quiz on your knowledge of the area.

This is to be held at Greenhill Methodist Church – tickets cost £7.50 (to be paid when booking). Be sure to book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are on sale at Greenhill Community Library Reception.

Transport 17

As the song goes "The wheels on the bus go round and round..." and much has been happening to ensure that this is true for Transport 17. Lots to chat to you about.

The summer months are so busy for everyone. There is always something going on putting pressure on people's time and purses. Despite all of this we managed to raise a fantastic £427.00 at our coffee morning on the 16th June. As always we are very grateful to all the local businesses that support us by donating great prizes for the raffle, to everyone else who donated items for the stalls and to you for attending.

We are very lucky to be the beneficiaries of some local fund raising. Cakes and Cuttings, organised by the Catholic Church, raised a great £450.00 for us. The weather has been glorious for the Totley and Dore Open Gardens Weekends. Thanks go to them and of course all you garden lovers who support the events from which we benefit. We hope that you all enjoyed yourselves.

Looking forward, we have a couple of events on the calendar. Once again, we will have one of the T17 buses at the Totley Show on September 15th, so you can come to have a look around and chat with us about our service and hopefully you'll be interested in finding out about volunteering for us! This year you will be able to enjoy our picture quiz of places around Totley - so get swatting on those local places and you may be our lucky winner.

For the past two years we have run a very successful fundraising Bridge Drive at Abbeydale Golf Club. This year it is on Tuesday 2nd October so, any bridge players out there, please get in touch via Aileen on 236 6013.

We have been so grateful to our bus volunteers for the extra time they have given to Transport 17 this year. Now of course it is holiday season and this means there are often gaps to be covered as each volunteer disappears off for that welcome break.

Somehow or another we manage to cover this and we have not had to cancel a journey. This is down to some hard work in the office and volunteers stepping up to do extra sessions to cover

We need to keep asking the question, do you have some spare time? Do you think you might like to volunteer? We ask the questions but you may ask, so what does the volunteering entail? Each volunteer tends to work set days that suit them each week.

Others help out on a more ad hoc basis, providing cover when others aren't available. Some of our volunteers are drivers and others are passenger assistants. The passengers love the interaction they have with the assistants and drivers.

Also beetling away in the background are a group of volunteers who help with our fund-raising events. Some are on the sub-committee responsible for organising events, others just come and help at events. Whatever your interest or experience we can soon find a role for you.

We regularly update our Facebook page and hope that you have looked us up, liked us and are following us. Alongside this is our new website www.transport17.co.uk Please take the time to have a look.

All our volunteers are a key part of Transport 17's success. If you are at all tempted to get involved or want to find out more, please pop into the Transport 17 Office, 172 Baslow Road or contact Jenny via transport17@btconnect.com or on 0114 2362926.

Even better, come and chat to us at Totley show on September 15th. This is at Totley Primary School. Doors open to the public at 1.30pm. The show closes with prize giving at 3.30pm.

Together we all try and make sure "The wheels on the bus go round and round..."
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(on behalf of the Management Committee)



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Bradway Action Group

Old School Field

– Bradway Village Green

Unfortunately, the two wooden picnic benches have succumbed to a combination of age, the weather and some very robust use/abuse! We are looking into how and where to replace them.

August is when the equipment is used most. It's also the time litter is worst. BAG members and other Bradway residents try to keep the area tidy, but if we could all try to encourage the young people to use the bins, or take it home, it would be a big help.

Vandalism on Recreation

Ground behind Sainsbury's

Sadly, the new bench top beside the football pitch was used to support a barbecue tray and now has a chargrilled impression to remind us all. This reinforces our view that it would be pointless to replace the bench overlooking Dore Moor with anything other than stone! That won't happen soon.

In the meantime, we hope those making use of this open space, originally purchased by Norton Council over 100 years ago for recreational purposes, will not light any fires, and take their litter home, or put it in the bins as they leave.

Defibrillator. We had a number of requests to provide a defibrillator for Bradway. It's still being considered, but where it should go, and how practical it would be in a possible emergency have still to be confirmed.

Bounds of Bradway Walk. Peter Stubbs once again led our annual walk around Bradway, explaining much of the history spanning over 1,000 years back to when we lived on the border of Northumbria and Mercia. This was originally started by Tony Smith who has devoted much of his spare time to

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chronicling our local history. If you missed it this year, look out for the last Sunday in May in 2019.

Paths in Poynton Wood. We started clearing mud from the main paths in order to allow more to make use of them all year round. That may be for dog walking, getting down to Abbeydale Road to catch a bus or train, or just a ramble. Early in the year they'd never been muddier.

Then they became as hard baked as we've known them and it was rather hot to work when we came to laying material intended to consolidate the mud. That was not an unbridled success as we discovered the material we'd been sent by the council contained a lot of glass fragments. Despite a lot of sifting too much was getting through and we suspended work

As this goes to press we've had the sub-standard material removed and better has been provided to add a smoother top surface. If you'd like to help with spreading this please send a brief message through our website.

Future BAG Activities - More details on our website and Facebook page

15th September – Bradway Fun Day – see elsewhere in this issue

3rd October – Annual General Meeting (*Provisional date)

December – Bradway Traders Christmas Events

Membership. A big thank you to those who have joined or renewed for this year. Without your support we'd get a lot less done. With more support we may be able to do more. We always welcome new members. Just go to the Membership page on our website where you'll find instructions on how to join, renew, or set up a standing order.

It only costs £2 a year for individuals, or £3 for a family. This helps us pay for the little things, like the Christmas lights, plants for the planters outside the shops and all the items that arise over the year. Slowly we're building up funds for some bigger items, like the next addition to the Old School Field equipment.

There's now an option to pay by standing order or direct bank transfer –

the way things are going in the 21st Century. We're grateful to those members who've paid that way for 2018.

Website:

<http://bradwayactiongroup.weebly.com/>
Check the site for latest news. Drop us a line if you have any news you'd like to us all to know. Old copies of The Bugle back to 2012 are all there.

You'll find links to all the local bus and train timetables. There are self-help links for things like reporting potholes, blocked gulleys, etc.

Facebook: Bradway Action Group
We're trying to keep up with technology – use this QR code on your smartphone.



From volunteer to director

The Glen Private Nursing Home on Abbeydale Road South, Dore, was owned and managed by Sally and Tony Williams until May. After 24 years of successfully building the reputation of the home they have sold the business to the current Assistant Matron, Kathryn Ferris, and her family.

Local girl Kathryn lives in Bradway with her husband and 8 year-old triplets. She started as a volunteer at The Glen 15 years ago, after completing her A levels, in order to gain relevant work experience to support her application to study nursing at Sheffield University. She continued to work there part time as a carer during her studies. On qualifying as a nurse she worked at the Northern General but still did a couple of shifts a week at The Glen. When a vacancy arose at The Glen for a full-time nursing sister Kathryn applied.

The Glen is home from home for Kathryn and four years ago she joined the management team as Assistant Matron, alongside Matron Christine Johnson. When the opportunity arose to buy The Glen Kathryn persuaded her family to form a company to acquire the business and she became a director.

It is now "business as usual" with all the staff remaining at the home and the day to day management under the Matron and Kathryn. Being registered for only 19 residents makes the home one of the smallest available. Sally and Tony left The Glen on a high with a CQC unannounced full inspection giving a glowing report, rated "Good" on all aspects: Safe, Caring, Responsive, Effective and Well-led. The report said, "We saw in all cases, people were cared for by staff that were kind, patient and respectful." You can read the full report on the website.

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Night Strider 2018

Enough light and colour to illuminate Sheffield's autumn darkness...the St Luke's Hospice Night Strider is back. Night Strider – sponsored by Pricecheck and Gripple - is the annual nocturnal half marathon and 10k walking challenge that aims to raise more than £130,000 towards patient care at Sheffield's only hospice.

Last year's event saw a thousand fully illuminated St Luke's supporters take to the streets as darkness fell on the city on an October evening. And already entries are coming in for Night Strider 2018, which makes its return for a fourth year on October 6 and promises to be the most spectacular Night Strider yet!

Starting out from Tudor Square in Sheffield city centre as darkness falls, the walk takes in some of Sheffield's finest locations as it heads out towards Ecclesall and then back to the Tudor Square finish line. With no running involved, there's plenty of time to take in the city's best known views by moonlight as walkers embark on their nocturnal challenge.

Either a full half marathon distance or a shorter 10k route, Night Strider is open to everybody over the age of 10 - though participants aged 10 to 17 must be registered and accompanied by another participant aged 18 or over - and is suitable for all ages and abilities.

Wheelchair users are encouraged to take part in Night Strider but due to the



The 'Night Strider 2018' launch in support of St Luke's Hospice in Sheffield

nature of the route and distance it is advisable they should source suitable assistance throughout the length of the challenge.

"This will be the fourth year of Night Strider and every year it gets better and better, with more people signing up to enjoy a great fun challenge and raise money for Sheffield's only hospice" said St Luke's Senior Corporate Fundraising Manager Joasia Lesniak.

"It will be a magical spectacle, with hundreds of people illuminated with

lights striding together under the Sheffield night sky, with every step helping us raise the vital funds needed to ensure we can continue providing the very best care for all our patients and their families. "Come along and join the party – it's a great family night out for anybody who wants to support a fantastic cause."

Individual entry fee is £25 - to sign up simply visit www.nightstrider.co.uk or contact the fundraising team on 0114 235 7551 during office hours.

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NOW and THEN: Where Days Are Seized While You Wait

Pedal to the Mettle

Let me persuade you to cast aside, for the moment, the roiling boom of politics, news and current affairs to consider a far more fundamental question: What happens if, against all weight of popular wisdom, you actually do forget your first time?

Before your mind strays too far down intimate lanes of verdant sensuousness (I don't wish to deprive you of a simple pleasure, but you can pick up where you left off at the end of the column after all) I should add that the First Time I have in mind is learning to ride a bicycle successfully.

It's just that, if we are never supposed to forget the 'how' of riding a bike, is the all important 'when' equally lodged in our minds as well? It is in mine, but like my many other memories of Bradway, it's hard to say how representative my experience might have been.

Not that I didn't have my own observations of others at the time. Strange to say, but for many a child in the early 1960's, the first unaided two wheeled travel was linked with a gentle form of parental betrayal. Even now, I remember being on the 'Recce' (pronounced 'Wrecky' for the uninitiated) watching the ritual.

From my vantage points on the banks overlooking the open greenery, I would spy, clenched in a state of mild terror, a Tiny, grasping overlarge handlebars, cupped in the steadying weight of a parental hand and forearm, beginning the tentative circulation of pedals.

Wrists, elbows and teeth all locked, our proto-cyclists stared straight ahead, convinced that a turn of the head alone would be enough to bring about an early, undignified and turf-stained heavy dismount.

Progressing in this full-body rictus of concentration, and lulled by the gentle waterfall of adult vocal encouragement cascading at their side, they would fail to register the slow withdrawal of physical support, the hand hovering ever more distantly, the diminuendo of instructions increasingly punctuated with panting.

One of two things might then happen:

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the joy of discovery at a hidden talent for balance, or the slough of despond at a less than soft landing. Either way, as a fellow Tiny, I sensed that the sneaking feeling of having been the target of some kind of adult practical joke clung to those kids, like fog to a tree.

Did they learn to ride a bike, or did they learn for the first time that not everything that parents said was true? Probably both, but I could tell they only seemed to dwell on it if they couldn't ride away singing.

Although stabilisers (or training wheels as they were called in American comics) had been invented in the 50's, few kids learnt on a bike fitted with them and fewer parents thought they were necessary.

The odd ones that I had seen only worked on the pavement and did not leave a positive impression on me; trainee postilions lurched sideways back and forth from one badly adjusted stabiliser to another, looking like extras from the chariot race in 'Ben Hur' (either version). They would probably never again experience such uncertain progress unless, in later life, they attempted to cycle under the influence of drink.

Even after immersing myself in what not to do, it did not occur to me that I might lack anything in the cycling stakes other than opportunity. I had clearly outgrown my trusty spoke wheeled tricycle (red frame, blue mudguards, capacious but inexplicably bread-bin-shaped 'boot' over the rear axle) as my shins, bruised from constant contact with the handlebars, attested.

I could maintain two wheeled status of a sort amongst my peers by cycling round corners very fast and lifting the inside rear tyre off the ground, (the slight reverse camber of the pavement on Bradway Grange Road aided this manoeuvre) but I could tell it would not convince people for long. I felt that I would have a much stronger business case for proper bike procurement if I

could prove that I could ride one in the first place.

This was not the first nor the last time I got my thinking somewhat about face, but my best friend Stephen unknowingly came to the rescue. As Stephen could already ride a mighty 24" wheeled steed, I quizzed him on his technique. Luckily he did not know enough about Physics to tell me anything other than it was easy. 'Come and try it' he offered with an innocence and generosity that warms me still in the telling of it.

Stephen lived down near Edmund Avenue and their long, thin back garden had a washing line that ran the full length down to the bottom, accompanied by a concrete path that ran parallel to it like a runway. He retrieved his gleaming two tone blue Raleigh from the garage, and we set it up pointing down the incline to the horizon.

'It's too tall to get on' I observed. 'Not if you do this'. He leaned it over towards him and swung a leg over the crossbar, planting his foot on the other side and righting the bike again. My initiation into the arcane knowledge of cycling had begun. He gave me my turn and I copied him.

'Now what?' 'Just ride down the path'. 'But how do I balance?' 'Just keep pedalling.' And I rode. All the way to the bottom of the garden.

I rode because I trusted. I rode because I wasn't impeded by knowledge. I rode because it never entered my head to do anything else. This single straight-line experience alone was enough to convince me that I knew how to ride a bicycle and even more eerily, it turns out that I was right about that. Stephen has never known this, but what he taught me that day has helped me though a lot of First Times.

Muscle memory is no more neutral than any other kind of recollection. Attached to any physical skill that resurfaces on command is an emotional cadence that can't be separated from it. There's no getting away from it: a familiar sequence or gesture takes place, the synapses snap, the neurons do their dance and it's the first time again, every time.

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Life at Beauchief Abbey in the 21st Century

The Abbey has been host to a number of visits in June and July – we welcomed the Pilgrimage from St Thomas of Canterbury School - 210 pupils and staff visited the Abbey. Brownies from Holy Trinity came for tea and delighted the congregation at the Abbey by sending memorable individual drawings of their visit. We've also welcomed around 25 Scouts from Bradway.

The Abbey is a little unusual; it was founded in the 1170's and flourished as a monastery before becoming the chapel to Beauchief Hall after the Reformation. In 1932 the Abbey and Beauchief Park was given to the people of Sheffield and still belongs to the city. Weekly church services are all organised by the congregation and taken by visiting volunteer clergy.

The Abbey is a "Peculier" which means that it remains under the direct jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury rather than the Bishop & Diocese of Sheffield. The Abbey and its surrounding area is not a Church of England Parish but a Liberty.

You are welcome to join us at a service or for a visit. Our services are based on the Book of Common Prayer which is a traditional Church of England form of Worship.

Another memorable event was held at the Abbey on the 22nd June, when we were delighted to be hosts to the third

Centenary Celebration for the 100th Birthday of the Sheffield Diocese. Celebrations are being held across the Diocese throughout the summer.

It was a glorious day with over 300 people attending. The Bishop of Sheffield, the Rt Revd Steven Croft and Bishop of Doncaster, Rt Revd Peter Burrows led a service to a packed audience in the Abbey which was relayed to people outside. Bishop Steven showed off his impressive new (commissioned for 100th anniversary) crosier apparently it supports the latest technology with the latest wi-fi connections!

It was a festival atmosphere, families tucked into picnics sitting on the front lawn during the performances of the Ecclesfield Bell ringers. The Centenary Choir provided music inside and outside the Abbey in an area close to the original "Cannons Quire stalls".

The preparations for the day included marking out and painting the original footprint of the Abbey and we were delighted when Tony Smith, local historian visited the Heritage stand and gave his approval.

Pete Deakin, Artist invited people to contribute to his painting of the event which will form part of a giant picture of each of the events.

There were book stalls, souvenirs, barbeque and refreshments. Many took part in activities provided by Beauchief Environment Group - willow wand making and the history hunt.

Richard Parry led a very entertaining

history tour of the Abbey and Grounds with Wilfred, the Abbey's 12th Century Monk. BAFTA awards should have been awarded to the Knights and St Thomas a Becket - played by children from the audience who had volunteered to re-enact the events leading up to the formation of the 12th Century Abbey.

We wish to thank BEG, the Bell ringers and all the volunteers from across the Diocese and volunteers from members of the Abbey congregation that helped to make this event such a success. For information about the next Centenary events - www.sheffield-centenary.org.uk

Our next event at the Abbey will be Heritage Open days – the Abbey will be open on September Thursday 11th, Friday 12th and Sunday September 14th - there will be an 11am service followed by refreshments and the Abbey will be open between 12.30 and 4.30pm All are welcome.

For more information about Beauchief Abbey see our web site www.beauchiefabbey.org.uk or Contact email info@beauchiefabbey.co.uk.

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Dore & Totley Library

Improving our facilities. We're delighted that the building work on the extension at the back of the library will start at the end of September. Once complete, this scheme will provide the much-needed new disabled toilet facility for our library users. It will also provide extra storage space for the library. The building work is expected to take around two months.

Whilst we will aim to keep disruption to the library service to a minimum during the building work, it is likely that the library will have to close for a week half way through the scheme. We will make sure we let library users know in advance of this temporary closure.

Unfortunately, during the eight weeks of the building works we will have put the chairs we use for events into storage. This means that our regular film showings will be temporarily suspended. We will show our usual three films in September, as detailed later in this article, and then film showings will stop to resume from December.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience to our users during the work being undertaken but hope you will appreciate the improvements once complete!

The redecoration of the Children's Library is now complete, and I'm sure you'll agree it looks very bright and fresh! We have also recently completed the redecoration of the external paintwork of the library.

Our ability to make these improvements depends on our fund-raising activities as the funding from the Council is to meet essential running costs. We are exceedingly grateful for all the help we have from our local supporters who attend events or have signed up to our Lottery, all of which helps us to raise funds to improve the library. Thank you to all of you who grew plants or attended our recent Spring Plant Sale – which raised a fantastic £1000 for the library! We also held a number of successful events at the library over the last few weeks including an interesting talk on the Shepleys of Woodthorpe Hall.

Looking for New Volunteers. Totley Library is run entirely by volunteers, all of whom are keen to help maintain a local library for everyone in the area. We are now looking for new volunteers to work in the library and also in support areas such as running the film club and cleaning.

Our library volunteers issue books, answer queries, organise books on the shelves and keep administration on track. You can choose shifts according to your availability in an online diary so it's flexible and can fit round your other commitments.

For our film club we need a couple more technicians operating our up to date digital equipment. It's really very simple and full training is provided. We also need more volunteers to help with front of house, selling tickets, refreshments



Dore Gilbert & Sullivan members resplendent as the cast of the Mikado.

and ice-creams. There are normally only three films per month (children, adults and over 65s), so with shifts being shared out it's not a big draw on your time and you get to see a free film thrown in!

Our cleaning volunteers work just one hour in the morning from 9.30-10.30am, so it's a quick way to contribute to the upkeep of Totley Library. Recently in the library an elderly gentleman was overheard saying "Since the library was taken over by volunteers it has been so lovely, clean and tidy." So, there you have it, it's not a thankless task.

The library is very sociable place to volunteer and many people enjoy it because it enables them to use and develop their skills and give something back to our community. If you are interested in finding out more please pop into the library or complete our volunteer registration form at www.totleycric.org.uk.

Children's Activities Our Story Time for Toddlers and pre-school children which is held weekly from 10.30am on a Wednesday morning continues to be very popular. Each week has a different theme and children can come along with their parents or carers to enjoy a story and related activities.

Family History Events - we are planning to hold an event in the library to help people interested in researching their family histories. Talks will be given by Marianne Morgan of the Sheffield Family History Society to provide advice to help people interested in researching their family histories. Details will be available via the library or the Totley Library website in the near future.

Totley Library Community Cinema
Details of our film showings can be found on the Totley Library cinema page at <http://www.totleycric.org.uk/totley-library-cinema.html>. Current listings are as follows:

Sunday 16th Sept. 2pm. Peter Rabbit
Thursday 20th Sept 3pm. The post
Friday 21st Sept 7.30pm. Darkest Hour
Isabel Hemmings

Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Please, please, please tell me where the year has gone. I know we've been busy with show rehearsals, the show itself, concert rehearsals and the actual summer concert but despite this glorious weather where we've spent more time outdoors than the whole of last year, the time has flown by. I must be getting old. Time passes at a speed proportionate to your age I am told so the older you get the quicker it passes, and doesn't it just!

Anyway – for those of you that did not manage to get to our summer concert I am told by those that did brave the heat, you missed a splendid evening. One gentleman came up to me and said that you go to the Lyceum and pay up to £70 and it is often nowhere near as enjoyable as his evening had been for £7.

There was a very wide variety of music from the classic, (Dvorak; Gershwin; Faure) through musical theatre (Fiddler on the Roof; Cats; My Fair Lady; The Dancing Years), to comedy (Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud; The Boy I love is up in the gallery; Taylor, the Latte Boy) as well as the wonderfully funny anecdotes from Anne Senior and more about Albert and The Lion from Alan Wade..

There will be more to come at the Christmas concert which we hope to hold at 2:30pm on 22nd December in the Methodist Church, Dore. In the meantime five blokes and one lady entertained some elderly folk in July. It was fun as we were surely the smallest operatic group in the country. We sang several numbers from G & S operettas as well as Flanders and Swann pieces with another couple of comic songs thrown in. I can't speak for the audience but I know I enjoyed it.

Thank you to all who have supported us this season. It's a pity about England but you can't win 'em all and they did not disgrace themselves. Have a great summer everyone and we'll see you in December.

Derek Habberjam

Public Notice

This is the wording of a public notice recently posted in the window of Bradway Pharmacy.

Dear Patients & Customers,

It is with great sadness and a very heavy heart that I have to announce the final closure of Bradway Pharmacy at 3:00pm on Wednesday 31 October 2018.

The financial environment in community pharmacy has been extremely difficult over the past few years and the final straw has come as the Government imposed a "pay cut" on us of 7.4% from December 2016 to March 2018.

These cuts did include a "Pharmacy Access Scheme" subsidy, supposedly designed to "support" small, vulnerable pharmacies such as Bradway. We were originally promised that this payment would have been around £2,900 per month in 2016/2017 and £1,500 per month in 2017/2018, so, for a while we were optimistic that we might have been able to survive. The actual eventual payment under this scheme was £13.80 per month! A derisory figure that has ensured that this pharmacy is wholly unsustainable. This is very sad.

At the time of writing, I understand that around 156 pharmacies across the UK have closed since the imposition of these very significant cuts: the sector anticipates many more closures. Obviously, the smallest and most vulnerable will be first!

We have had the privilege of serving the people of Bradway for only a relatively short time (since October 2012) and this stewardship has been fraught with financial difficulty almost from the start, following the unexpected abolishment of the previous "essential small pharmacy" (ESPLPS) subsidy that the pharmacy had received for many, many years, in 2015. Closure then seemed certain, until I took the decision that we would subsidise Bradway Pharmacy ourselves: unfortunately this subsidisation is just no longer sustainable.

This long-established community asset has been side-lined by Government thinking for a number of years now and we are simply no longer able to make ends meet. I suppose we just have to

accept that healthcare funding in the UK is no longer able to support smaller facilities and that some communities will be marginalised.

I find it difficult to explain how upset I am that I am having to take this decision, but I can assure you that there is no alternative and that the financial costs of staying open this long have been considerable.

We are transferring the remainder of the business to our pharmacy in Greenhill, 206 Bocking Lane, Greenhill S8 7BP: tel 0114 237 7599 where our friendly, knowledgeable and experienced staff will be very happy to look after you. The staff at Bradway are transferring to Greenhill, so familiar faces will be waiting for you.

We would also like to remind you that Greenhill Pharmacy will be continuing the home delivery service to Bradway for those that need it: just ask at Greenhill Pharmacy.

It merely remains now for me to thank you for your support and apologise that we were unable to withstand the latest blows inflicted upon us.

Humbly yours,

Andrew Duckenfield
Managing Director & Superintendent
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TOADS update

When I submitted my last Toads update, Britain was in the grip of 'The Beast from the East', with blizzards, snow storms and treacherous roads. Today, as I write, Britain is in the grip of a heat wave, with temperatures regularly in the 30's, hose-pipe bans pending! The anomalies of the British weather! Someone should write a play about it!!

And now, as is our wont, Toads November play is in the pipeline. Rehearsals have started already. This play will be a murder/mystery, written by the master of the genre, Norman Robbins, entitled "At the Sign of the Crippled Harlequin". Set at Christmas-time in a hotel in the Peak District.

Our director this time is John Bettridge, making his directorial debut with this play. Many of you will know John as a very experienced actor through his many

appearances in Toads plays for over 30 years. We are in very safe hands. He is also my husband ... what more can I say!!

However, back to our last play ... 'Arsenic and Old Lace' was a lovely play to appear in and was very popular with our audiences, young and old. Our audience found a lot of humour to be had in the concept of 2 old ladies who cheerfully and methodically murder 12 old gentlemen and bury them in their cellar! Hmm! It was great fun, with a cast of eccentric characters.

We had great audiences, even on the Saturday matinee, which coincided with two slightly important events on TV – the Royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan, and the F.A. Cup Final! Actually, we were pretty fortunate that all the cast turned up, including me! But hey, what can you do!

The dates of the next play are Wednesday 21st November to Friday 23rd November at 7.30pm, and Saturday 24th November at 2.30pm. Please come along and support your very own local AMDRAM society, it will be lovely to see you.

Toads meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Guild Room at St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South, and if you feel like treading the boards or helping out in any way please pop in and see us. AMDRAM is not all about the actors, there are numerous jobs that all contribute to the whole thing – we are a friendly lot and you would be very welcome. You can always contact me on 01246 460318, or visit our web-site www.toadsdrama.co.uk.

The venue is as always, St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Please call 0114 2351206 to reserve your ticket, or contact any Toads member. Ticket price £6, or £5 for concessions.

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Anne Bettridge

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On 30th and 31st there will be open class sheep dog trials when many of the "One Man and His Dog" competitors will be taking part. At 3.30pm on 30th, subject to any unforeseen circumstances, there will be a parade of local hounds courtesy of the Barlow Hounds, Pennine Foxhounds, High Peak Harriers and the Ecclesfield Beagles.

Following the local class sheep dog trial on Saturday 1st the Longshaw Fell Race is to be run. Starting at approx. 10.30am, this is open to all adults and is enter on the field. Following the start of the fell race there will be a demonstration of dog obedience and agility.

On Saturday 1st the trials culminate in a double gather championship at 12.30, 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 sponsored by Taylor & Emmet LLP.

Entrance charges are just £5 per adult each day, no charge for children and there is free parking adjacent to the trials field. For further information please contact the Secretary, Mrs. Sheila Humphreys, MBE on 01433 651852, or e-mail lsdta@talktalk.net

This will be the 120th year of the Association, thought to be the oldest continuous sheep dog trials in England with the two world wars and 2001 because of foot and mouth being the only years when no trials were held.

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.

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Cattle Cowfunder

Sheffield's runners and walkers got together in a unique 'cowfunder' appeal this summer. The aim was to raise nearly £3,000 in under 48 hours for a new fence on a popular run route near Ringinglow, also frequented by a herd of Limousin cattle.

"There'd been a few incidents over the last few years, and we knew that a lot of people felt nervous about running through that field," said Doug Banks of Kandoo Events, who organise the Round Sheffield Run race that uses the route at the top of the Limb Valley.

"If you've got 20 cattle weighing about 7-800 kilograms each staring at you, it can feel quite intimidating." In 2014, runner Simon Coldrick was hospitalised after being trampled by cattle when leading a Totley AC fell race through the field.

So after talking to farmer Andrew Clark, Sheffield Council and runners and walkers groups, Doug set up a 'crowdfunder' appeal in June to raise £2,675 for a new fence to separate the beasts from the athletes. He was amazed at the stampede to contribute, with the total raised in 14 hours - too fast for many people to get involved, said Doug.

"There are enough people who connect with the Outdoor City and realise it's great that we've got all this on our doorstep that we don't formally pay anything for," he said. "So this seems to

say that if there's a specific thing that needs solving, there's definitely a lot of people who will chip in."

He added that the discussions helped him understand the difficulties faced by farmers, who have to keep rights of way available while raising their animals, but have no obligation to keep livestock away from paths. "We hope we've come up with a solution that benefits everyone," said Doug.

The fence is now in place, and Sheffield Council is resurfacing the path. A plaque will go up shortly to celebrate the appeal, marking everyone who donated more than £25, including Dig Deep Races and the Steel City Striders club who each donated a three figure sum.

"I'm really pleased how it went. Walkers, runners and families will now be able to use that route safe in the knowledge they won't be chased by cattle," said Doug. "People in the Outdoor City connect with each other, and this appeal gave me the real sense that people care for Sheffield."

David Bocking

Bradway Birds

Late in March, just after summertime started, I had to walk from the Midland Station through town to the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, at first light.

Town pigeons were already up and about in the near dark, on the station square, on the Novotel steps, by the Peace Gardens and along Division Street. Their quest for food is ceaseless, as it has to be to find tiny morsels in such an artificial environment. Find food they clearly do, because there they are, year after year, but it is hard work for them

Do they have and defend a territory, or stick to one patch of the city? No one knows, or has done any research on it, though the causes and successes of their adaptability must be worth a doctorate for some young hopeful academic.

I walked along Division Street, still in dim light. Three leafless trees on Devonshire Green broadcast a bell-like tinkling with a touch of raspiness. Goldfinches! There were a hundred of them, greeting the day. What a delightful surprise to find such a large flock, in very much an inner city setting.

On to West Street, and a male blackbird was pacing the pavement by the old barracks. No soil, no plant in sight; how did he make a living? Two more blackbirds soon followed, one opposite The Harley Hotel in Glossop Road and another in a tiny front garden opposite the hospital car park. These two were singing, in patches of greenery but the patches were the size of a bathroom. One of the patches even contained an old bath!

In a shrubbery behind the Student Union, green finches sang their wheezy song. I didn't look for these birds, they thrust themselves on my attention, more by sound than sight. The finches and

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blackbirds are woodland species, yet they were making a go of life in a completely different setting.

Back to our Poynton Wood Crescent crow family.....by mid May, one crow was around nearly all the time, two occasionally and three never. The betting is that the male was the constant, the female the occasional, last year's youngster the missing party. The female was probably sitting on eggs and the male feeding her. The youngster had gone, as is usual in the previous autumn, but I saw no dispute or chasing, which is the typical behaviour. Such a dependent child as was the baby crow is unlikely to survive; no crow NHS or DWP, but you never know.

May and June were miles better than for many a year. One result was good numbers of orange-tipped butterflies. Recent years have been very bad for them. Depending on the weather, they fly in April (not this year), May or June. Small and dashing, the female is white and lacks the males orange tips. What use is a spring without these little characters?

The 2017 adults can't have laid many eggs, but this year's superb late spring allowed a high proportion of those to produce adults. The adults mate and die in Spring, the eggs, caterpillars and pupae last for a year until the following Spring. You get no orange tips in high summer or autumn.

Eggs are laid on stinging nettles and garlic mustard or jack by the hedge. We all know the former; the latter is very common locally round the edge of any

waste ground or the woodland verge. It stands two feet tall, and is thin with small white flowers. If you pull one out, you might well be killing next year's orange tips.

The swifts were back at Mickley Lane and Glover Road, and at the foot of Bushey Wood Road. The house martin colony has ended, however. We are at the northern edge of that part of England where martins are declining. Further North they are fine. In Northumberland we saw them in every town and village, often with sand martins. They are increasing in Scotland as well, and not even Nicola Sturgeon knows why.

Swallows show the same regional pattern. There has been a pair at Tinkers Corner since at least 1990 that I know of, and this year there are two pairs, which is good news indeed. Think of the journeys these fragments make and survive, to the tip of South Africa and back, and marvel.

A bird we used to see in our garden and which went missing for a year is the stock dove. It is a smaller relative of the wood pigeon, more delicate and much better mannered. From early May we regularly have had two or three. I don't know why they returned but their spacial memory must be very good.

They are a very rural bird and must come from Holmesfield way. Having returned they are often the first bird of the morning and the last at night. The latter is one of their behavioural changes, because previously they never appeared after 12 noon.

Other changes are that they will land in

our tree or wait on our roof; previously they came in and left vertically, from and back into open space. They also seek and find food hidden on the herbaceous border and under logs, something they never used to do.

One or two philosophers, especially Descartes regarded all animals as no more than machines. I don't think so.

John Kirkman

United Reformed Church

Dore and Totley United Reformed Church on Totley Brook Road have recently installed a defibrillator on the outside wall at the front of the church. In an emergency it can be accessed by dialling 999. The defibrillator is simple to use but we will be offering first aid training later this year.

As we continue to support Sheffield Health Action Resource for Ethiopia (SHARE), we have two events coming up.

Coffee morning: join us on Saturday September 22nd between 10am and 12noon for refreshments with home-made cakes.

Dronfield Genquip Band: from Proms to Poppies on Sunday November 18th at 3pm. Tickets are £6 each and will be available by calling 0792 972 0977.

Christmas coffee morning: This will be in December (date to be confirmed) and if you would be interested in having a stall please contact Margaret on 0114 231 1831 or Elaine on 0792 972 0977



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Not Quite Squaring the Circle

Over the summer, my daughter and son-in-law decided to remodel the bottom end of their garden. This involved demolishing the old summerhouse, by now some 25 years old and falling to bits, replacing the resultant gap in the boundary with some new fencing, and creating a new patio seating area.

I was delighted to be able to help with the site clearance, etc., and erecting the new fence, even though my main role was supposed to be that of technical advisor.

The project was completed with the addition of some new garden furniture and a circular fire pit. It was at this point that my bodging skills were called upon in earnest.

It was decided that the fire pit could do with a cover to act as a table top when the pit was not in use. With several pieces of 40mm x 15mm lathe left over from the fencing, it was agreed this would make the ideal material.

My first job was to come up with a design. I calculated that, allowing for a 25mm overhang all round, I would need 15 pieces of lathe spaced 10mm apart.

To work out how long each of the pieces needed to be before being trimmed to a circular shape, I decided to use the old "squared paper" technique. Finding a piece of squared paper was a bit of a challenge, but I eventually found some in the back of an old brochure I had advertising bathroom furniture.

Knowing the diameter of the cover I was aiming for, I scaled this off in one direction, then using the Steadtler Mars Precision compasses that I bought all those years ago when I was a student and which had lain for decades almost forgotten in the back of a drawer, I drew the circular shape of the cover.

After marking the position of each of the lathes on the drawing I began scaling off the length of each, beginning with the longest. Immediately I noticed a problem. For some reason, the number of squares in one direction was different from that in the other. What was going on? Had my neglected compasses suddenly started drawing oval shapes instead of circles?

After checking and re-checking, it eventually dawned on me that the "squared paper" wasn't squared at all. The "squares" were longer in one direction than the other! Obviously, the person responsible for designing the bathroom furniture brochure had manipulated the image of the squared paper to fit the page! I dread to think what their bathroom furniture was like!

Having identified the problem, I was able to determine the correct lengths of the lathes by simply multiplying those I'd measured from the drawing by the ratio between the two sides of the "squares".

Although cutting the lathes, fixing them to some cross-pieces and fashioning them into a circle was on the face of it fairly straightforward, without boring you with

the details it's fair to say certain frustrations arose, as the neighbours within earshot (i.e., about half a mile!) will undoubtedly confirm. But happily, it all worked out well in the end and the new cover provided more than adequate support for a bottle of Prosecco and some glasses a few days later.

The Bradway Bodger

Local pubs and Beer

With the Old Mother Redcap still closed and awaiting a new manager to be recruited at the time of writing, many locals are instead using the Shepley Spitfire on Mickley Lane, which is about a 10 minute walk from the Redcap via Wollaton Road and the footpath down. Alternatively in the daytime bus M17 provides a link!

The pub is owned by Greene King Brewery of Bury St Edmunds, however guest ales from local breweries also feature with beers recently noted from Sheffield Brewery, Abbeydale Brewery and Dead Parrot Beer Company. The pub is currently run by a Greene King manager with their national food menu and drinks offers, however I'm informed the pub may soon be leased by the brewery to an independent operator - no official announcement as yet though.

Abbeydale Brewery have in the last year or two expanded their production beyond the traditional real ales they have been known for and started experimenting with some interesting modern craft specials, including a Birdhouse green tea beer and a Salvation Espresso Martini Stout.

They are holding a 'funk fest' at the brewery on the August bank holiday weekend (advance tickets required, available online) featuring beers from Abbeydale Brewery and selected guest brewers with a main focus being on a celebration of sour and mixed fermentation beer styles. More details at www.abbeydalebrewery.co.uk.

Most of our local brewers will be represented with beers on the bar at Sheffield CAMRA's annual Steel City Beer & Cider Festival, this takes place at Kelham Island Industrial Museum from 10th to 13th October. The nearest breweries to Bradway include Abbeydale (Aizlewood Road, near the old Picture House), Mitchells (Meadowhead), Collyfobble (Attached to Peacock Hotel at Barlow), Barlow Brewery, Hopjacker Brewery (based at the Dronfield Arms) and Drone Valley Community Brewery (Unstone).

Andrew Cullen

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Throughout the spring and summer, a succession of old Derbyshire villages put on well dressings, often associated with a week of village festivities.

These are just a few of the dates and venues remaining for 2018 You can find out more at www.welldressing.com.

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Research by leading pension provider Royal London has found that the amount of retirement savings needed for a comfortable retirement has grown in size in real terms by three quarters since 2002, from around £150,000 to £260,000. This so-called 'pension mountain' increases for those who don't own their home and need retirement savings to pay rent in retirement. The research shows these savers could need retirement savings as high as £445,000 to avoid a slump in living standards.

Royal London's new policy paper seeks to answer one of the most frequently asked question in pensions – how much do I need to save for my retirement? It looks at an average earner on just under £27,000 per year, and assumes that they draw a full state pension of just over £8,500 each year. It assumes that retirement will bring some cost savings such as no longer having to pay a mortgage, contribute into a pension or pay work-related costs, and therefore suggests that workers who retire on two thirds of their pre-retirement wage won't experience a fall in their standard of living. This means a private pension income of just over £9,000 is needed in addition to the state pension.

How the 'pension mountain' has grown

Back in 2002/03, when interest rates were higher and life expectancy was lower, retirement savings of around £150,000 would have delivered a private pension at this level through retirement. However the pension mountain has grown since then to stand at roughly £260,000 today.

As well as looking back, the paper also looks forward to an era when fewer people will have become homeowners during their working life and more will have to fund rent out of their retirement income. For the minority of pensioners renting from a local authority or housing association, this means an extra £125,000 will be needed in retirement savings to generate an income sufficient to cover ongoing rent in retirement. But for the growing number of pensioners renting from a private landlord, higher private rent levels mean a total pot of £445,000 will be required. That's £185,000 more than those who have no rent or mortgage costs in retirement.

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This research is a reminder that when you are saving for retirement, you are chasing a moving target. If your retirement savings are going to support you through a longer retirement and in an era of lower interest rates, you will need to build a much bigger pot than in the past.

More worrying still, we can no longer assume that you'll be mortgage-free homeowners in retirement. For those unable to get on the property ladder during their working life, a large private rental bill needs to be factored in to retirement planning. For all of these reasons, we cannot afford to be complacent about current levels of retirement saving, and the value of advice is stronger than ever.

This research also has big implications for the mandatory 8% contribution rate from April 2019 for those who have been enrolled into a workplace pension. This is a great start, but the government needs to act quickly to nudge people up to more realistic savings levels. Without this, many millions of people will face a sharp drop in living standards when they retire.

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Rooted in History

Digging into the development of Britain's street trees....

Mark Johnston's recently published book - *Street Trees in Britain: a history* - charts the rise of the street-tree movement in Britain. These trees, deliberately planted as an ornament in the thoroughfares of our towns and cities, were largely a 19th-century phenomenon that coincided with a number of other improvements to the urban environment brought in by various public health acts.

They have always been a hot political issue, and the battles faced by the Victorian movement have a familiar and contemporary ring, as Chris Catling now reports.

In *Street Trees in Britain*, Mark Johnston describes the magnificent avenue of lime trees that runs for 3.5 miles (5.6km) up Sheffield's Rivelin Valley Road as a 'jewel in the city's arboreal crown'. It forms the second longest lime avenue in the country, but unlike most historical leafy avenues, this one was not designed to beautify the estate of a wealthy aristocrat or industrialist.

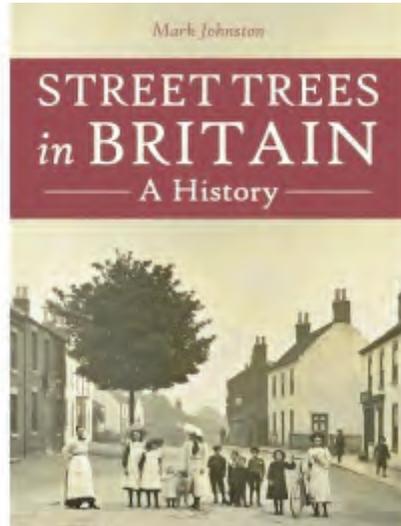
Instead, the construction of the road, and the planting of the 700 lime trees that border it, resulted from a make-work scheme in 1905, devised to relieve the city's very high level of unemployment.

The initiative was paid for by Sheffield Corporation's Water Committee to connect the built-up suburbs of north-western Sheffield with the wooded reservoirs the Corporation owned in the Peak District to the west of the city.

Several mature trees already existed along the route, which the road-builders were reluctant to fell, so the road was diverted around them where possible and those that still encroached on the road had their trunks whitewashed as a warning to motorists. 'It is hoped', Mark wrote optimistically in his book, 'that future management will protect and sustain this spectacular natural monument rooted in Sheffield's history.'

In January 2017, the words 'jewel in the city's arboreal crown' were used as a battle-cry by Sheffield residents involved in a bitter dispute with the city council, whose contractors are cutting down these and many other 'mature' trees in the city.

So far, 5,350 street trees out of the city's total of 36,000 have been cut down as part of a highway maintenance scheme, and many more are doomed. Those that are being lost are mainly the large deciduous oaks, limes, and the few veteran elms that have survived Dutch elm disease.



The city council's website argues that the felling is necessary because 'over 75 per cent of the city's street trees [are] mature or over mature'; their removal and replacement by better-behaved fastigate saplings (growing upright, rather than spreading) will 'help us prevent a catastrophic decline in our street trees and to maintain a healthy age profile across the city'.

Angry residents, who know a great deal about trees and are therefore aware that 100 year-old oaks and limes are mere youngsters and not in any sense 'over-mature' or unhealthy, have been doing what they can to secure a reversal of policy by the city authorities. But so far their protests have had no effect, despite

the support of authoritative bodies such as the Woodland Trust, which says on its website that 'what is happening is abysmal... we abhor the unnecessary loss of these natural and cultural landmarks, green totems that provide such an array of benefits for people and place'.

Rather than seeking to understand the views of the people it is supposed to represent, the city council stands accused of taking residents to court to prevent further protests and, says the Woodland Trust, 'as time ticks by and the chainsaws continue to roar, pessimism persists'.

At loggerheads

It is tempting to think that this is a very 21st-century conflict, born of the post-war baby-boomer generation's raised awareness of the natural heritage of the British Isles and a desire to protect that legacy.

In fact, arguments for and against street trees have been raging for 175 years, and the battle lines were drawn up right at the start of the movement in the 1850s. It was at this time - in response to poor sanitation, inadequate housing, and overcrowding, as well as cholera epidemics in many urban slums - that local authorities began to plan urban improvements.

They were partly inspired by what was happening in Europe. On one hand, people in Britain looked to the Continent with horror because of the civil unrest that had preceded much-needed reforms in cities such as Paris and Vienna; on the other, they admired the kind of large-scale urban-improvement programmes that had transformed those metropolises.

Driving wide, leafy avenues through London slums was seen as a moral imperative. A Parliamentary Select Committee, set up to consider plans for the improvement of the capital, reported in 1838 that those parts of the city 'densely occupied by the lower class of persons' living in a 'state of moral degradation deeply to be deplored' could only benefit from new thoroughfares that would introduce 'improved habits' as well as 'the freer circulation of air' - thus helping to 'extirpate those prevalent diseases which not only ravage the poorer districts in question but are also dangerous to adjacent localities'.

Street trees were seen to play an important role in transforming dirty, unhealthy, and crime-ridden inner city areas because they were seen as 'disinfectants', absorbing the 'filth' that was blamed for causing fevers and infections.

How they did this was not stated, but campaigners were in no doubt that 'trees in streets temper the heat' while the evaporation from their leaves 'keeps the surrounding air cool, clean, and healthy'.

Opposition to all of this came from property owners, who greatly resented the increase in rates needed to pay for metropolitan improvement works and were in the habit of electing as representatives those councillors who could be counted on to oppose expenditure on public works.

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We tend to think of the 19th century as a period of great civic pride, when philanthropists enriched their cities with museums, libraries, town halls, parks, and fountains.

But the writings of the socialist reformer Sidney Webb and others make it clear that such acts of local patriotism - resulting in the rich architectural heritage of cities such as Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Halifax, Birmingham, Glasgow, and Edinburgh - were confined to a small minority of wealthy businessmen, and that the majority opposed any improvements that threatened their 'rights', including the compulsory purchase of land and targeted for vilification into the 20th century by those who were unnerved by the dramatic visual changes that were brought to once-familiar streets.

Little by little, however, the voices of those who argued that 'street-tree planting, like most other new fashions, appears likely to be overdone' were gradually defeated by the supporters of the idea of greening our streets - even though, as 21st-century Sheffield proves, tree-lovers have not yet won the day and still face formidable opposition.

This article is based on an article by Christopher Catling, which was originally published in Current Archaeology 340 (July 2018).

Further reading: Mark Johnston, Street Trees in Britain: a history, Windgather Press, paperback £39.95, ISBN 978-1911188230.ebook £19.95.



A King Henry VIII Testoon

Testoon Tests Auction Buyers Nerves

During the reign of Henry VIII, a shilling or a 5p in modern money, was known as a Testoon and during the 1540's this coin caused quite a scandal as following a secret order its silver content was gradually downgraded and replaced with copper as the Kings Treasury tried to raise much needed funds. This change undermined the principle at the time that the bullion value of the coin was broadly equivalent to its face value.

As the 1540's went on the silver content of the coin continued to reduce and eventually became so thin that it rubbed off easily from prominent parts of the coin including the King's nose showing the cheap copper underneath, leading rise to the King's nickname, "Old Coppernose". By the late 1540's the Testoon was being withdrawn and melted

down as silver coins were being re-introduced and although common at the time, good examples of the Testoon are hard to find today.

So when a good example turned up at Sheffield Auction Gallery's Fine Coin Auction on July 26th it created quite a market response. Lot 904 was catalogued as; "A King Henry VIII Testoon, good, fine or better, with very good portrait" with a guide price of £2000 - £3000. However, after much intensive bidding the auctioneers hammer finally came down on a buyer's premium inclusive £10,020, selling to a telephone bidder.

Setting a new house record for a medieval coin, Auctioneer John Morgan commented; "These top prices arise when rarity combines with condition and buyer's nerves can be really tested, we are delighted with the auction result".

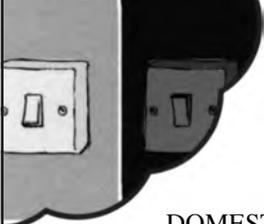
Entries for the next Coins Auction on 6th December are currently invited.

For further information please contact the Saleroom office on 0114 281 6161 or enquire@sheffieldauctiongallery.com

Reader feedback

We are always pleased to hear from readers, whether letters on local issues, snippets of local history, or information about local or charitable organisations.

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Parkrun Ultra

This summer saw Sheffield's second ever parkrun ultra attempt: 31 miles of early morning running, taking in the full courses of all five parkruns within the Sheffield city boundary, and the roads between.

"Why?" said organiser Matt Rimmer. "Why not? It's there to be done!"

The first 'parkrun ultra' saw three athletes from the Steel City Striders club complete the 'uphill' course two years ago to celebrate Matt's 40th birthday. This time ten runners made the whole distance: Graves to Castle to Concord to Hillsborough to Hallam (at Endcliffe Park). Technically this was the 'downhill route' since Graves is higher than Endcliffe, but the 17 or so hill climbs didn't make it feel that way.

The nine men and one woman (from the Steel City Striders and the GoodGym charity) cantered round the ring road, through post industrial Attercliffe, then climbed up through Grimesthorpe for a banana and brownie breakfast at Concord Park, before descending again to Hillsborough, where fellow runner Tony Bilsborough was attempting his own marathon the same morning, with 26 gentle laps of Hillsborough Park. Then a final 300 foot climb and semi-hysterical descent up and down to Endcliffe Park, where 553 Hallam parkrunners cheered the ultras off before their final 5k at 9am.

"It's fabulous," said Dr Ollie Hart, ambassador for both parkrun and the city's Move More activity campaign.

"These crazy guys are pushing the boundaries at the extreme end of the scale, but hopefully they will inspire and interest and stimulate other people's imaginations to have a go at something too. That might be just taking the dog for a walk in the park more often, or starting a couch to 5K programme and running a parkrun, or maybe even working up to the next parkrun ultra themselves."

"With five parkruns within a 30 mile circuit, Sheffield is probably the only city where you could do something like this," said Mike Jones of GoodGym. "For me it's been fantastic to see so much of the city, including the industrial areas."

The ultras aimed to highlight the Outdoor City's smaller picturesque park runs like Concord and Castle, when the huge Hallam run sometimes reaches colossal participation levels (up to 800).

The Sheffield Hallam University team who launched the run in Endcliffe Park are currently looking into a new south Sheffield venue to relieve the pressure, while the 'Parkrun Practices' initiative encouraging GP surgeries to direct patients to local runs is also interested in new runs around the city.

"One of the great things about parkrun is that it's not just about great runners, it embraces everybody," said ultra Jason Brannan. "It's enabling health, and before you know it you get people off the couch, leading more active lives, and Sheffield's at the heart of that."

Matt Rimmer seemed relaxed about the

possibility of more parkruns to incorporate in future ultras.

"We'll be doing it uphill next year," he said ominously.

David Bocking



The nine men and one woman (from the Steel City Striders and the GoodGym charity) on the parkrun ultra

Speaking up

We have all suffered from inflation since the War; the cost of having a home of your own is a curse we have willed onto our children, but when did the price of words rise to a pound apiece?

I don't mean the written word. I'm talking about the cost of passing the time of day. I say it costs nothing at all, beyond a soupçon of good manners, to offer a friendly "Good morning" "Nice Day", or even "Ow do". Half the folk in my street couldn't tell you their neighbour's name. People seem content to keep themselves to themselves, stuck in front of the telly or walking about with tacky earphones on. They've lost the ability to speak except on the mobile phone.

When I were a lad, and not busy with my Meccano or stoked up on sherbet dabs, the main purpose of life was conversation. Lively chatter was expected; any failure on my part to greet an adult politely meant a swift cuff round the ear followed by a firm "where's your manners?" Better stores have trained staff (or colleagues) to share a few words of greeting or make affable comments: "What a nice colour you've chosen." Or "Aren't these good value?" Sadly, I've been in charity shops where some sullen volunteer doesn't even look up to offer a greeting.

If my old Mum was on a bus with a stranger for ten minutes she'd find out family details going back three generations! It certainly provided free entertainment for us little 'uns, with our ears flapping. Intimate matters were discussed by Mum and her friends whilst I was ostensibly absorbed in my comics: love, infidelity, illegitimacy, incest, all human life was there.

Midsomer Worthy had nothing on us, except that the only thing we murdered was reputations. I remember a hairdresser confiding to my Mum that her boy-friend kissed her with such passion that she swooned, which I thought at the time to be a most inconvenient phenomenon.

Chattering, nattering, indulging in gossip or exchanging ideas was part of our lives. In the 21st century, our love of personal privacy and travelling in the solitary confinement of a car has led to rudeness being tolerated. In the shops of my boyhood, in queues, on the bus, everyone spoke. In the street, I extended a "Good Morning" or "Hello" to all.

Most importantly, after sunset, one never passed a living sole without offering a clear "Good night." Where there were no streetlights, it provided reassurance, recognition and was universally accepted as the polite way to behave. I know I talk too much but how it grieves me when even close neighbours pass without speaking.

Go on, give it a try; make a Resolution to offer an affable word of greeting to everyone you meet and a ghost of a smile if you can afford it. If the object of your attention does not manage to give you a reply – well, that's their loss.

Good bye!

Robert Smith

On The Beat

Neighbouring policing update.

Hello once again Bradway residents. At the time of writing the heatwave is still with us. My garden at home is beginning to resemble a fifth day test match wicket (followers of T20 cricket will probably be lost at this stage!), Chris Froome is looking like a fifth Tour De France will elude him at this stage and criminals are still out there, only with a better suntan!

The good news for residents is that the last three months have only seen three recorded burglaries in our area (still 3 too many). My patrols in the local area have been a revelation with residents taking on board previous security advice and not giving our criminals an easy run for their money. Please keep up the good work everyone.

Remember, any resident seeing anything that they think is suspicious is requested to call 101 (or contact SYP online) to register such activity.

I am, as always, aware of reported anti-social behaviour by members of the community and will endeavour to patrols such areas at the target times in order to reduce this type of activity. Residents if they prefer can always contact me on ken.blake@southyorks.pnn.police.uk to report anything that requires my attention. At the end of the day I am here to provide good, professional front line local neighbour policing to you all. Please feel free to use this service.

Finally, residents requiring up to date information on criminal activity in our area can register with our SYP Alerts system (www.sypalerts) to receive daily updates and relevant information in a timely manner.

Stay safe and free from crime.

PCSO 8153 Ken Blake

PS. It has now rained for a few days and Chris Froome did not after all win the Tour De France!

Sheffield Photographic Society

Sheffield Photographic Society offers members a wide variety of activities. Our main season runs from September to May with a weekly programme of events at St Peter's Church Hall, Reney Avenue, Sheffield S8 7FN. These Tuesday evening meetings are a mix of talks by visiting speakers, competitions and member's evenings. During the summer months weekend outings and evening visits are arranged to places of interest.

The Society has its own web site in addition to a Forum to promote general discussion, and the sharing and critique of member's images.

The Society organises several public exhibitions each year allowing members to display their work. This year the Society hosted the prestigious Yorkshire Photographic Union Annual Exhibition in the City. Other activities include:-

An Audio-Visual group aiming to enjoy the AV aspect of photography.

Small informal groups meet regularly to critique each other's images in a supportive and constructive manner.

Internal print competitions are held with member's work assessed, with constructive comments, by a visiting judge. Inter club events where members offer their work up for judging alongside other clubs, and well as in national salon's and exhibitions.

Tuition / demonstration sessions are held on digital photography, equipment and processing software.

If you are interested in joining the Society please contact the membership secretary Judy Smith LRPS DPAGB BPE3* on:- 0114 230 3980 or sheffieldpsms@gmail.com

Running for fitness

Running is an activity that has gained in popularity over recent years with over 2 million people running at least once a week in England (Sport England, 2016). However, it is likely that 2 or 3 times as many people run on a regular basis.

There is a multitude of ways to take part in running; from fell running, ultra-marathons and athletics to park runs, jogging and road running. Anyone can take part.

If you are a person who is running competitively or for social and fitness reasons or you want to take part in an event to raise money (and win of course!), running is open to all; you just need your feet and a space to do it.

Unfortunately, injury can be a pitfall of running and it is estimated that 70% will sustain an injury at some point, even if it is just a minor strain. Injury is always a risk in running due to the large stresses put through the body every time a step is taken, which could be around 10,000 steps in a 10km run.

The most common areas of injury are knees, foot & ankle, the lower leg and hip & pelvis. Various methods can be employed to reduce injuries including wearing appropriate footwear, having a

sensible training regime, good warm up and cool down regime and incorporating exercises that stretch and strengthen muscles used in running.

A very useful strategy is to have your running technique analysed by an experienced therapist. This way you can have your stride mechanics, impact levels and upper body position assessed. You will be advised of any beneficial changes which should hopefully reduce risk of injury and improve performance.

Andy Okwera of Activ Physiotherapy says: - "We provide a service to runners in our clinics where we assess strength and movement in muscle groups and areas that are involved significantly in running. We then assess your running technique through video analysis in our gym or outdoors."

Their new Activ Runfit service has been well received; "We have had positive feedback so far from a variety of clients including competitive athletes, recreational runners and more recently a lady who was prevented from being able to continue running as part of her fitness regime due to a knee injury"

Although there is the risk of injury from running, as there is for any physical activity, the benefits of running outweigh the risks. There are many benefits of running from weight loss and boosting your mood to a reduced risk of illness such as heart disease and stroke.

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Take a break

Absolutely Fabulous Algarve

It's always nice to try something new, so when our go to destination wasn't available we finally decided on Portugal, somewhere we'd been only once and didn't really take to!

This time we fell lucky and both our accommodations were further west than we had previously stayed. The first 3 nights in the beautifully modern Pestana Gramacho Residence. Our reservation was for a room with kitchenette and albeit it being slightly inland we had car and would travel!

The resort is built with golfers in mind and set neatly on the golf course. It still catered for the regular client and had 2 pools. We didn't get chance to try either, partly as the weather was quite mixed and partly due to our exploration of the area.

From Pestana Gramacho Residence it was a 5 minute car journey to Ferragudo where we ate all 3 nights. This pleasant low key town had a plethora of restaurants from pizza to fine dining and everything in between! Perfectly understated for our liking.

Days were spent along the coast exploring the amazing coastal scenery from Praia da Marinha to Benagil Cave and the seaside resort of Carvoeiro ... and everything in between. This time around we are loving the Algarve!!

So, after 3 days at Pestana Gramacho it was time to head to Praia da Luz, but not before a few stops enroute. First stop was the popular resort of Praia da Rocha, we had a quick walk around, however a slight shower put paid to a full recce!

With the wet weather clearing, our next stop was Alvor and a pleasant stroll along the beach boardwalk before a scramble down and through a tunnel to the east side of the beach and Praia dos Tres Irmaos, with stunning stacks and picturesque vistas ... we were loving this surprise view!

The further west we travelled the more beautiful natural scenery we came across, so over the final few days we were in for an absolute treat.

For us the car rental was essential, as we thrive on exploring, however, for those looking for a less active vacation, Praia



Praia dos Tres Irmaos, with stunning sea stacks and picturesque vistas at Alvor

da Luz would surely fill that bill.

From our base at Baia Da Luz apartments it was a 5 minute stroll or so downhill to cafes, supermarkets, restaurants and the beach, as well as a short promenade to take your daily constitutional. What a lovely laid back place.

Onwards west we had a day around Sagres and entered the fort (only €3 per person) to take a stroll around the vast grounds and drink in the beautiful sea views from the cliff top.

Lagos was another great area to explore and although we only walked from the exclusive marina down the promenade filled with many different stalls and boat tour sellers, it was great for people watching and admiring the water vessels come in and out, as they ferried holiday makers out to sea to explore the caves, arches, stacks and general magnificence this area had to offer.

I have to say one of our ultimate favourites was the Farol da Ponta de Piedade area ... with many cliff top trails boasting amazing vistas down to beaches, stacks in the water and more stunning scenery ... who knew the Algarve had so much to offer, wow!

Our final day was spent in Faro before dropping the car off and heading home. This was another surprise! We parked in a huge free parking lot and headed out to explore.

A great end to a wonderful 11 days.

With another sting to my bow, it proves you can teach an old dog new tricks, haha! We were so pleased we gave it another go and wouldn't hesitate to recommend it to anyone ... as Arnie would say, I'll be back :)

Lindsay Allen

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Blue Badge prosecutions

More than 60 people have now been successfully prosecuted for using someone else's blue badge to park for free in Sheffield – with fines totally around £30,000. In the latest three prosecutions, a further 15 people have been fined £5,575 – an average of more than £450 per fine.

The blue badge is confiscated upon successful prosecution with no guarantee that it can be re-applied for, meaning that the badge holder and potentially their families are left out of pocket and inconvenienced by the actions.

The improper use of blue badges has a major impact on people who actually do have disabilities, causing parking problems and discrediting the whole scheme. Nobody else can use the blue badge unless travelling with the owner.

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I'm John and I volunteer for Drink Wise, Age Well. Why give up my spare time to volunteer?

I have been through some difficult times arising from a sudden and unexpected death of my wife. Though the loss of my wife will always be felt, I'm fine now. Many organisations and individuals helped me along the way and I want to give something back by helping people in similar circumstances. There are growing concerns about alcohol consumption in the over 50's, with increased hospital admissions due to alcohol related illness and accidents.

There are many reasons why some people over 50 may be drinking too much. People often face particular challenges such as bereavement, redundancy, divorce or separation and children leaving home. These life changing events can lead to isolation and sometimes this may lead to individuals drinking harmfully.

It's now much more common to drink at home rather than the local pub. When people drink at home it's easy to be much more generous with measures when pouring your drink, making it easy to lose track of how much you're drinking.

It's often the case that someone has been drinking too much for years, but as they age older this starts to have a more serious effect on aspects of their lives.

Drink Wise Age Well is a Big Lottery funded initiative which aims to help and support people over 50 years old who

may be feeling isolated because they are facing or going through the challenging circumstances mentioned above. We run and/or support a range of free activities within Sheffield, with the emphasis on healthier living and making new friends/social connections.

Drink Wise Age Well has managed and/or provides health walks around the City, Art Classes, Model Making, Antiques Club (we went to the BBC Antiques Roadshow!), Dancing, an Allotment, Walking Football and many more activities.

Drink Wise Age Well also runs free Resilience courses which help people to manage and cope with life changing situations. This is where I come in as I help deliver these courses which cover aspects of life such as relaxation, managing anxiety and worry, getting a good night's sleep, maintaining your health, healthy relationships and setting goals and keeping active. And for those concerned about their drinking, we can provide further advice and support. For example, as well as the activities mentioned above, we offer:

free confidential support and advice for you/your family or anyone concerned about how alcohol is affecting them; advice and support in your community, including visits in your home;

free training on starting the conversation about alcohol, recognising and responding and alcohol's impact as we age; and free alcohol awareness sessions for local organisations and employers.

If you want to find out more about Drink Wise Age Well or would like to volunteer, please contact us on Freephone 0800 032 3723 or go to our Website: www.drinkwiseagewell.org.uk

John Nelson

The Axe Man Cometh!

Ringinglow Archery and Target sports Centre have always incorporated both axe and knife throwing into their range of activities on offer, but have recently expanded their throwing collection to include both a throwing shovel and more recently a double bit throwing axe!

Both of these items have been used historically with the shovel being used by the Russian Special Forces for both digging trenches and its more lethal use of taking down the enemy. The Spetsnaz Shovel is about two foot long and with its robust handle and solid head is remarkably easy to throw and extremely satisfying when you hit the target.

The double bit throwing axe has its roots in the Viking era. This large axe, measuring nearly three foot, is not something that can easily be handled and needs a double handed throw. Yet as with the throwing shovel the feeling of wielding this axe combined with the reward of hitting the wooden log target makes it a truly a fun and satisfying experience. With coaching from experienced and qualified staff you can be assured of a fun, challenging and rewarding time!



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The Wildlife Garden

When the weather eventually improved in the spring, the trees, shrubs and plants came to life. Almost overnight there was a mass of wonderful fresh green. The new Crab Apple, Wild Cherry and Blackthorn all blossomed and the Holly and the Hawthorn were growing strongly. In April, the spreading patch of delicate white Wood Sorrel flowers looked lovely on a small bank in front of a dry stone wall under the Alder trees.

Large bumble-bees were checking out the hedges for nest-sites. The hedge-bottoms are a haven for wildlife when plant debris is allowed to build up. Garden cuttings and some of the lawn clippings etc can be disposed of there to rot down naturally, and Greater Stitchwort and Sweet Woodruff can be planted in, or in front of, the hedge.

Small bees visited the established favourites of Greater Celandine and White Deadnettle, but there were fewer bees than last year. The main cause of the decline of pollinators is the use of pesticides in inorganic, intensive farming, but the many pesticides on sale in garden centres will be adding to the problem.

Now is the time to plan for next spring, and source native spring-flowering trees, shrubs and flowers that are produced in this country.

While the Marsh Marigold bloomed well by the ponds in early April, two of the ponds were affected by green slimy weed. The local Wildlife Trust helpfully suggested adding native Ramshorn Snails and using barley extract enzyme which seem to be working.

From May onwards, there are numerous wildflowers that will support wildlife. They need to suit the soil type and conditions of the garden. My clay-based soil is now a healthy, living loam after several years of organic gardening. Native plants do not thrive well where chemicals are applied.

The following plants are good for sunny areas: Tufted Vetch, Marjoram, Betony, Greater and Lesser Knapweed, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Field and Small Scabious, Red Clover, Hemp Agrimony, Dandelions (Yes . . . Dandelions!), Rock Rose, Meadows Cranesbill, St John's Wort, Self Heal, Garlic Mustard (a biennial) and Purple Loosestrife (in damp areas).



Small White Butterfly on Field Scabious in our wildlife garden.

In semi-shade, Red Campion, Welsh Poppies (yellow), Hedge Woundwort, Foxgloves, Nettle-Leaved Bellflowers and Tutson (a small shrub) thrive well.

Ivy (non-variegated) supports lots of life. It is good cover for protection and nesting birds and it flowers late, supporting pollinators for a longer season. Like Holly, Ivy also supports the Holly Blue Butterfly that lay their eggs on the leaves in autumn.

It has been a very hot summer. The soil is dry and cracked, but I will not be watering the garden, even from the water butts. The flowers are fine and I am interested to see how they fare in the heat. If they die back, I shall wait to see if they grow again next year and whether any seeds germinate. I shall not water the lawn either - it will recover.

Our water supply is very precious and the author of a book on environmental issues points out that it is not good to have planters or hanging baskets as they need regular watering. I am not a fan of planters, preferring a more natural look, but I do have one with chives in which can withstand long dry spells.

Wildlife has fared quite well, but no hedgehogs in my garden; and no bats (not enough insects round here!).

Despite the pondweed problem, there were lots of tadpoles, but one of the frogs provided a good meal for a patient heron!! There are lots of newts, too.

Birds are everywhere. Blue Tits produced a good clutch of young in the newly-fixed bird box on the Alder tree. When they fledged, there was good cover from nearby Hawthorn and Hazel trees to give them protection. It also provided a cooler area during the hot spell. Young Blackbirds, Starlings and finches enjoyed bathing in the water dish and the young Greenfinches found insects among the debris in the flower-beds which I don't clear away.

I had planted some "good for birds" Common Sorrel. It's not at all showy, but in late June, young Goldfinches clung to the fragile stems to get at the seeds - one of those very special things to be able to see. They should have Teazel seeds to feast on later. After several years, House Sparrows are back again - wonderful!

It was a very pleasant surprise to have more bees than last year from July onwards, mostly on the Betony, Rock Roses, Field and Small Scabious, but most varieties of flower were visited at some time.

There were more butterflies around too. In June a Large Skipper was attracted to the Rock Roses and a Meadow Brown was around in July. Large and Small Whites were attracted to the Betony and Scabious flowers and several female Orange-Tip Butterflies were around and landing on Ivy leaves where, hopefully, they have laid their eggs. A Speckled Wood was also around.

Our wildlife needs our native wildflowers with which they have evolved over huge periods of time. There is increasing scientific evidence that more cultivated trees, shrubs and flowers are causing health problems for our insects which is contributing to their decline.

We really have to start appreciating the natural wonders of nature; if we keep trying to mould and manicure it, there will be a heavy price to pay. Cultivated and foreign imports can look spectacular, but "all that glitters is not gold" and our wildlife knows the difference.

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Hedgehogs on the Edge

At least half the population of our native hedgehogs has been lost from the British countryside over the last two decades, warn two wildlife charities in a recent report.

“There are many reasons hedgehogs are in trouble,” explains Emily Wilson, Hedgehog Officer for Hedgehog Street, a public action campaign run by PTES and BHPS. “The intensification of agriculture through the loss of hedgerows and permanent grasslands, increased field sizes, and the use of pesticides which reduce the amount of prey available, are all associated with the plunge in numbers of hedgehogs in rural areas.”

Whilst The State of Britain’s Hedgehogs report highlights a worrying decline in our countryside, it shows a more positive outlook for hedgehogs in our towns and cities: although the species has declined by a third in urban areas since 2000, the rate of decline is slowing. Hedgehogs are not disappearing from urban green spaces as rapidly as they were fifteen years ago.

It is exciting to think that the combined efforts of thousands of volunteers who have joined Hedgehog Street and pledged to make their gardens more hedgehog-friendly, may be making a difference. Urban and suburban areas are becoming increasingly important for hedgehogs, so we need more people in those locations to help. Hedgehogs are a generalist species, so the more people can do to help them in their own back garden, the



Hedgehogs need your help

more they will also benefit other wildlife.

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Green Flag Awards

Thirteen of Sheffield City Council’s parks and woodlands have again received national recognition at the Green Flag Awards. These are among a record-breaking 1,883 UK parks and green spaces receiving the awards. Locally Millhouses Park and Ecclesall Woods are included.

Beauchief Gardens

You may be surprised to hear that Beauchief Gardens is actually in Ecclesall Ward.

The plaque in the wall near to Abbeydale Road reads “This garden and the adjoining sheet of water were presented to the city of Sheffield by the J.G.Graves Charitable Trust in April 1935”.

This is just one of the many ‘gifts’ given to the City of Sheffield, by the founder of this early mail order company, and which included Graves Art Gallery, Graves Park, the Round Walk etc. This particular gift was awarded at the time of the annexation of Dore, Totley and Norton from Derbyshire to Sheffield.

Close by the plaque a small stream runs between the flowerbeds; this is the head goit or feeder of water into the dam at Abbeydale Works. On the railway side of the park is the River Sheaf which had its level raised to feed the goit. It would appear that the bed of the River Sheaf was straightened (possibly for the railway line) and the parliamentary borough and ward boundary is faithful to the old route.

If you look over the wall between nos. 283 and 285 you will see the final section of the River Limb through Ecclesall Woods, emerging from under the road before it joins the Sheaf. The Limb, of course, was the boundary between Derbyshire and Yorkshire. It was also the boundary between the religious provinces of York and Canterbury.

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Looking forward and looking back, old services and a new canopy

Previous reference has been made to a canopy to provide more cover between the two wings of the existing station building. It wouldn't cover everyone waiting for the 7.14 (see below) but would be better than beneath the conifer at the entrance. A concept design was provided by Northern almost a year ago and a detailed plan should have been received before you read this. It could be in place before Christmas and we may have two traditional lanterns as they did at Glossop last year. This will be the culmination of 3 years of lobbying by FoDaTS, more of which we hope to tell next time.

The long-awaited hourly weekday Northern train service began on 20th May but we find several trains towards Manchester don't stop here leaving gaps of 2 hours or more. That's worst if you miss the 20.21. The next isn't for 2 hours 33 minutes. For the time being take the 97/98 bus from a stop in town, or during the working day the half hourly 218 from the Howard Hotel opposite the station.

At times a ride to Grindleford to get the train back would be quicker than waiting 2 hours for the next direct train! If feeling fit the walk to Dore & Totley takes about 70 minutes. There are taxi options. We've tried all these and hope to convince the train operators to bridge some of the gaps by May 2019.

The ticket machine-TVM-a comedy of errors

Regular station users will know the old ticket machine was troublesome. We've been asking for two new machines for ages, but finally got one on the 31st May. The planners were going to put it in front of the big gate at the entrance until we pointed out it wasn't a fence and had to open - oops! It would be a problem with the swinging gate if the machine was positioned by the flower trough. It's too big to face the same direction as the old one, so now faces due east. The huge screen is fine on a dull day, but acts as a mirror, making it all but impossible to read the screen on sunny mornings.

But that's not all. In the recent hot and sunny weather it has suffered from sun



One of the traditional lanterns installed at Glossop last year

stroke, blacking-out, then closing. It's not a tropicalised model and needs a bigger cooling fan. In the meantime, pay on the train, or if collecting tickets remember there are two machines at Dronfield. Or use an App and have the ticket on your phone. Sometimes you just have to laugh or you'd cry!

Dore & Totley as a destination

Dore & Totley is also a destination station. Stop here for the Industrial Hamlet, Ecclesall Woods, Beauchief Abbey, Abbeydale Park Sports Club, the miniature railway, Sheffield Round walk and Chatsworth House. Yes, really. If you see people looking a bit lost around the station they may have been directed by an App to travel from Manchester to Dore & Totley to catch a 218 bus to Chatsworth. Many appear to be of Chinese descent and are working or studying in Manchester. A group encountered recently were on a 20-day tour of Britain - the following day was to be Edinburgh.

If you meet any please make them welcome and help them on their way, possibly extolling some of the things they may be missing hereabouts.

Annual passenger survey

Observations of commuter trains were made in July 2017 showing emphasis towards 40-mile distant Manchester, rather than to Sheffield, a mere 4 miles away. This year's spot check in June was primarily to see what difference the

recently revised timetable has made at our little station. June is busier than July so a lot should not be read into the numerical increase.

324 passengers boarded trains before 9am (2017 267)

59% went towards Manchester (2017 61%) - 41% went towards Sheffield (2017 39%)

56% used 4 TransPennine Express trains (2017 50% on 3 trains, new train at 6.25)

25% used 4 Northern trains (2017 22% on 3 trains, new train at 7.57)

19% used 3 East Midlands Trains (2017 28% on 3 trains)

The busiest train was the 7.14 where 92 boarded the 6 carriages. By the end of the year most TPE trains should have 6 carriages. Our station platform is only 4 carriages long so that's difficult as the train is made up of two 3 carriage units without a connection. Doors can only be opened safely in one coach of the rear unit requiring the train to have two conductors. Loading and unloading here can often take 2 or 3 minutes, a problem that won't be resolved until we get the second platform and the existing platform is extended.

Looking back 80 years, some comparisons

Today there are 27 trains into Sheffield from 6.50 until 23.28 with a maximum gap of 90 minutes. In 1938 there were 38 trains into Sheffield with a maximum gap between them of 66 minutes from 6.19 until 23.19. 80 years ago we had trains at 8.25 and 8.27, now it's 8.24 and 8.28. Then there were 4 tracks into town, now there are only 2 so trains can't run as close together - and we only have one track through our station. No wonder we don't get so many trains.

Looking forward

So, I hear you ask, when will we have that new second platform? It's vital if we are to get better services.

Clues come from varied sources. The new East Midlands franchise starts next autumn but the Liverpool - Norwich service is only included until December 2021. Then the Liverpool - Nottingham section will be split off and given to Northern or TPE. When the second track is ready for use there should be a third fast service between Sheffield and Manchester, probably provided by either

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either TPE or Northern. Our current best information is that work may start next year, but probably won't be completed until 2021.

Stop press – no news on the canopy, but the ticket machine is to be relocated out of the morning sun.

If you're a Facebook user, you can find and join us by searching for FoDaTS. It's a very active group. If

you're not on Facebook and would like more information please send an email to our Secretary; njbarnes@outlook.com

There's lots of information on our website at: www.fodats.net

Chris Morgan, Chairman

Bradway Scouting

This article ought to include a report on the Scouts' summer camp, traditionally held during the first week of the school summer break. This year, however, despite plans having been made for a week on a site at Bramhope, just north of Leeds, the event had to be cancelled when one Leader was strongly advised by his doctor not to indulge in the vigorous activities planned, and another was committed to working in Edinburgh that week. To overcome the disappointment this generated, plans are now being laid to fix up either a different camp or a series of days out (hiking, cycling, on the water etc.) later in August.

Cubs: The culmination of a packed

summer term programme was an amazing last session at Padley gorge. Cubs made paper boats and raced them in teams: the excitement was incredible - something so simple but so much fun had by all.

That was an excellent send-off to Nichola and John who have now stood down as Leaders, but they will be involved in the district camp in October at Glenbrook, covering the Emergency Badge work. The autumn programme will cover the Cyclist Badge, led by Nick Taylor; road safety by taking the bus to Woodseats and walking back using pedestrian crossings, road signs etc.; and doing a Community Badge visiting Greenhill library and reviewing everything else that is now available for the community. The Cubs will be involved in Samaritan Purse in early December, and the Jewish festival. It's a full and exciting itinerary for all our Cubs.

Beavers: With 6 of the 12 Beavers moving up to Cubs in September and only 4 currently just reaching the age of 6 and who will join in their place, there is capacity to take in more new starters.

Adult Support: Within Scouting, Bradway Scout Group is part of Sheffield Sheaf District which covers an area embracing Heeley, Norton, Woodseats, Greenhill and Bradway as well as Mosborough. In addition to the individual Groups within the district there is an Explorer Unit for 14 to 18 year olds, and the Sheaf Scout Active Support

Unit. This latter comprises former and current leaders, and other adults who are interested in supporting scouting without the regular commitment of weekly meetings. Every Active Support member is a member of the Scout Movement and is keen to support the district in various scouting activities. In addition, there is a social calendar for members and their partners. Anyone who would like more information about this Unit should contact: Dave Macpherson – daveandjennymac@icloud.com for more information.

Archive: For anyone who wants to know more about the history of Sheffield Scouting there is an interesting website www.sheffieldscoutsarchive.org.uk which gives a list of all the groups that were ever formed in Sheffield, photos (including of one of Bradway Scout Group when the Scout Centre was opened in 1978), newspaper cuttings and other interesting items.

Silver Anniversary: In 2020 Bradway Scout Group will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary. If any Bugle reader who has been involved in the Group during the last 50 years would like to take part in this celebration please contact: Pamela Powell - pamela.powells65@gmail.com.

We will keep your details and contact you when we have more information of what is being planned. Please pass on this information to any former members you may know who are now living outside the area covered by this magazine

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Circus! Show of Shows

Weston Park Museum

A major new exhibition celebrating 250 show-stopping years of circus in Great Britain is now open at Weston Park Museum this summer until 4th November. Shining a spotlight on the remarkable stories behind the much-loved spectacle, Circus!

Show of Shows brings one of the world's most famous circus paintings to the city to go on show alongside a dazzling array of costumes, props, rare historic posters, films, archive photographs and more.

In 1768 in London Phillip Astley unveiled a show which, for the very first time, combined equestrianism, clowning and acrobatics within a now iconic circular ring. This ground-breaking performance marked the birth of a global phenomenon; 250 years later, circus continues to amaze and astound audiences, showcasing the talents of legions of impossibly skilled performers in shows around the world.

At Weston Park Museum, Circus! Show of Shows explores the hidden histories of women in circus and black circus artists, as well as the city's own circus heritage. Visitors will also learn more about the changing attitudes to animals in circus and see the enduring influence circus has had on popular culture.

The exhibition features a host of significant national and international loans alongside an unparalleled array of material drawn The University of Sheffield Library's National Fairground and Circus Archive and Sheffield Libraries and Archives:

The centrepiece of the exhibition is one of the world's most famous circus paintings, Degas' Miss La La at the Cirque Fernando, which comes to the city on loan from The National Gallery.

It was in Paris where she was painted by Degas, whose breath-taking depiction sees the acclaimed aerialist suspended from the rafters of the circus dome by a rope clenched between her teeth, over 200 feet in the air. The painting is accompanied by a film of a spectacular



Photo of Lu Lu Adams in the 1940s from the University of Sheffield Library

new performance created by contemporary circus performer and aerialist, Blaze Tarsha, in response to the Degas work.

Also on show are a female equestrian ballerina costume, a Ringmasters uniform and a boy's clown costume from the Billy Smart Circus, which was the first circus to be broadcast live on television in 1947.

The National Fairground and Circus Archive (NFCA) is part of the Special Collections and Archive Division of the University of Sheffield Library. The collection embodies the history of popular entertainment in the United Kingdom from the seventeenth century onwards, covering every aspect of the travelling fair, circus and allied entertainments as well as the culture, business and life of travelling showpeople. The Archive collects material from the fairground, circus and the allied industries that found a place in the early travelling fair, including early film, circus, sideshows, magic, boxing, variety and amusement parks, until they developed into their own distinctive form of entertainment.

Bradway Fun Day Saturday September 15th

The Bradway Fun Day will be held once again on Saturday 15th September from 1.30 to 4.30pm.

Although this is primarily organised by BAG, we need your help to make this local residents event go with a swing. What do we need?

Help on the day –

* Adult helpers to 'staff the stalls',

* Setting up the stalls in the morning and clearing up afterwards.

Books for book stall – especially children's books.

Adult tombola prizes – spirits, wine, beer, chocolates, perfumes and toiletries, men's aftershave and toiletries

Cakes – for our own cake/ refreshment stall. Please bring these on the day – we will be on-site from 9.30 a.m.

Books and tombola prizes can either be brought on the day – the earlier the better so we can sort and ticket the prizes. Or, you can bring along books and tombola prizes to the BAG Open Meetings on Wednesday July 11th 2018.

If you can help, please email or telephone me to register your interest, (details below). Without your support we cannot continue to make this event as successful as it has been in previous years.

Although the event is not aimed specifically at fund-raising, any proceeds raised are reinvested into our local Bradway Community.

Thank you in anticipation of your support

Anne Sharpe

Deputy Chair, Bradway Action Group

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PS We have received confirmation that there will be a Hurricane flypast – weather Permitting!

Time we do not have

Exactly thirty years ago, in the spring of 1988, a book collected the contributions of many of the world's most prominent physicists, ecologists, sociologists and philosophers made at a conference in Florence two years previously.

The book, as was the conference, was entitled *Physis: Inhabiting the Earth*, and was motivated not only by fears of an ecological crisis but also the conviction that the time was ripe for giving life to a new ecological humanism, to a new culture of humankind, founded squarely on the idea of dwelling.

The noted French anthropologist Edgar Morin put it well: 'Our homeland is in Nature, on this Planet Earth. It is the only one we have and the only one on which we can live. It is our friend, not our enemy. We are bound to it in a symbiosis we are only just becoming aware of.'

Let us hear how we should be stewards of nature and how at the same time we should let ourselves be guided by her. Let us hear as to how we should be promoting a different way of inhabiting the earth, that is more aware of ecosystems, more open to dialogue, that shows greater wisdom in urbanisation, and shows greater dynamism where science and culture meet. It will take time, perhaps a great deal of time, but we must not be daunted by how short that time is'.

Time spent re-reading these words, so freighted with hope, will not have been spent in vain. But time is slipping through our fingers. Will man learn too late?

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Protecting Graves Park

Help Us to Protect Graves Park and to Protect Our Heritage

The Friends of Graves Park now have a court date for their legal action regarding the protection of Graves Park. We go to the High Court in London in February 2019. At this point in time, it is pertinent to remind Sheffield people of what has happened over the years and to inform you of our progress so far.

In the weeks following the Friends of Graves Park's petition launch back in 2016, we achieved a total of over 13,600 signatures, online and in person. This petition was also supported by over 60 letters of objection to the sale. Despite this level of support, Sheffield City Council insisted on pushing through the sale of Cobnar Cottage and the charitable parkland on which it stood.

Although the cottage and its designated parkland have been sold, the Friends are continuing with our current campaign, now in its 3rd year, to protect Graves Park from any further sale or disposal of its assets. We are in the final stages of legal action, seeking a declaration from the council in its role as trustee that no further charitable parkland will be sold. As the council has refused to agree to this declaration, we are having to go to the High Court in London.

The Friends of Graves Park are doing this to try and stop any further disposal of Graves Park's assets. For 18 years the Friends, and before us the "Hands Off Graves Park" group, have been campaigning to prevent the council from selling off charitable parkland. As a result of the first campaign in the late 1990s, supporters were able to establish that the southern section of Graves Park, donated by J G Graves in 1936, is designated charitable parkland, which until then had been hotly disputed by the trustee of Graves Park (Sheffield Council).

Around 2004, the Friends found documents proving that the section of Graves Park at the bottom of Cobnar Road, given by J G Graves in 1931, was designated charitable parkland. Although this was never formally accepted by the trustee (Sheffield Council), the Friends were around to make sure that this land was protected when it came under the

umbrella of the 2009 scheme, which was meant to prevent any further sale or disposal of charitable assets.

Without our campaigning, there would be a housing estate stretching from the Norton Nurseries site at Norton Lane to Charles Ashmore Road by Meadowhead (proposed in 1997) and property development on the Woodseats Playground site at the bottom of Cobnar Road (proposed in 2004). Every few years the possibility of selling off and disposing of parts of Graves Park is revisited by its trustees, SCC's council cabinet group (proposed Norton Nurseries site disposed of to a hospice 2007-8). Without a legal declaration, the Friends believe that, based on our 20 years of experience, the council would continue to dispose of designated land within Graves Park.

The Norton Nurseries site has now been partially restored to parkland by the Friends, with the wildlife area "Chantreyland Meadow" and the Arboretum (named by locals "The Secret Garden") now complete and open to the public. Restoration of the next section of the Arboretum has been blocked because of our legal action, until, as the council said, "the status of this land is established".

When J G Graves gave Graves Park to the citizens of Sheffield, he put in place conveyances that were supposed to protect it from sale or disposal forever, including a clause which stated that any buildings no longer needed could be demolished, so that the designated land could be retained. This clause has now been broken on at least 3 separate occasions. We no longer have any confidence that the documents written to protect the park are working, which is why we are hopeful that these legal documents will be further strengthened if we are successful in court. We now have a court date of 12th February 2019 and are campaigning to raise funds to support our legal action.

If you would like to support us in our campaign, visit our Just Giving page:

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Or text us a donation: Text FOGP42 £2 to 70070 You can also read more about our campaign and sign our latest petition

<https://www.change.org/p/sheffield-city-council-protect-graves-park-protect-our-heritage>

You can also join us, for only £3 a year. Contact us at our address, or email us at friends@gravespark.org

We believe that we must continue this struggle, until we are successful in protecting all of Graves Park for the people of Sheffield, forever. Please help and support us in any way you can.

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Wildfire fund launched

A wildfire fund has been launched in the Peak District National Park following a spate of moorland fires. Donations to the fund will support fire prevention messages, volunteer costs and restoration work with moorland partners.

Over the last few weeks, national park staff have supported emergency services at more than 20 moorland fires, fuelled by a combination of hot, dry weather, light breezes and parched ground.

Sarah Fowler, chief executive of the Peak District National Park Authority, said: "We've been overwhelmed with the public's concern and offers of support – and that has led to the launch of this wildfire fund. Your donation will help to support our fire prevention work with partners and the work of our invaluable Fire Watch volunteers."

She added: "It's heartbreaking to see swathes of our internationally important landscapes being damaged. Wildfires are catastrophic for wildlife, flora and, importantly, the peat itself which not only provides unique habitat but vital carbon and water storage.

"The smallest spark can lead to huge amounts of damage. Ashes blown from a barbecue, a broken glass, a dropped cigarette butt can devastate our precious and protected landscapes, and affect people's livelihoods. The damage to the environment, wildlife, habitats and vegetation takes years to recover."

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Neil Thomas Fitzmaurice 1943-2018

It is appropriate for me to write an obituary to Neil Fitzmaurice as he was well-known to many of us for his perseverance in his efforts to defend public access to open spaces and protecting our public wild spaces, such as Blacka Moor, from inappropriate and over-management.

Neil was raised in Birmingham and after leaving school, spent a year working on a farm. This may have kick-started his love of nature. He eventually retired in 1997 as headteacher of Woodseats Primary School. He was married to Christine, who still lives in their home where they raised two children, Jane and William, and they have three grandchildren, Luca, Rosa and Millie.

When Neil retired the family acquired Bertie, the black Labrador, that accompanied Neil for the next 15 years, almost every morning, come rain or shine, often to greet the dawn, on Blacka Moor.

These respectful, quiet and exclusive meetings with nature have been captured by Neil through his photography and his thoughts that are chronicled in his on-line blog that he kept from 2007 until March this year. The vast amount of time that he spent on Blacka Moor gave Neil a deep understanding of this land and its wild inhabitants.

He was invited to give a talk at one of the Dore Village Society AGMs where his photos, especially of the wild deer and the bog Asphodel, the two on-site animals and plants that gave him the most delight, was highly appreciated by the audience.

He was involved in his local community at Bents Green in, for example, campaigning for local speed limits. He was also passionate about democracy and transparency and was a member of Sheffield 4 Democracy. He felt it important to highlight that arms-length bodies that are charged by the Council with managing our wild public spaces can evade much-needed public scrutiny.

As a public body, the Council are obliged to answer information requests but the management of Blacka Moor was handed over to Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust (SRWT) that has no requirement to provide information about their management processes.

Neil became more and more disillusioned with the conservation industry and their unrelenting interference on Blacka Moor that has become increasingly subject to more and more projects imposed on it by the land managers. Neil was a champion re-wilding, allowing land to take the path that nature decides for itself rather than humans directing the order of species and in doing so creating the need for more and more ongoing management.

But of course, securing money for big projects are a measure of the success of such organisations and the careers of its staff are built upon them, whether these



Neil Fitzmaurice and his black Labrador Bertie.

projects are actually required or not, so they have a need to convince people that they are.

Blacka Moor was purchased by Alderman Graves and bequeathed to Sheffield City Council in 1933 with a covenant that protected the land from development and made it clear that its use was to be for the recreation of the public. I spent far more hours than I care to count with Neil and others during the early years of SRWT's take-over of the land, when they did consult with the public. At this point, it seems to me that the Wildlife Trust had the expectation that the public would wholeheartedly support their plans.

However, this is not what happened and the Reserve Advisory Group meetings strongly concluded that what people value most was the wild, untamed character of Blacka Moor with its variety of habitats and history, including the wet woodland, bogs, stone-walled conifer and Rhododendron plantation, scrub and open heather moorland that made it different to anywhere else. That it should receive only minimal management to maintain these habitats (e.g. removing new young birch saplings to retain the open heather sections), so to always give the appearance of the land being unmanaged and to use only natural materials.

The subsequent installation of barbed wire fencing dividing the site, more barbed wire and re-enforcement of the boundary walls in order to introduce cattle, urban demolition rubble deposited to resurface paths, chemical spraying of bracken and the constant migration of character toward a managed country park with change of land use to agricultural use all caused concern.

In the early days, Neil obtained the minutes of a management meeting of SRWT that he reported had documented a decision in relation to and just prior to forthcoming expensive public consultations planned on the issue, that the introduction of cattle grazing was non-negotiable!

This caused some frustration and I thought it was very unjust when Neil was included with a group of other people in being banned for 6 months from attending Reserve Advisory Group meetings as a punishment for a heated verbal exchange.

Neil's strength and perseverance may have been a thorn in the side of the management bodies, but I observed that he was always polite and quietly spoken in his dealings with them. He was very hurt by this, in my view, harsh treatment, but he stayed away, kept his blog and returned 6 months later to again attempt to have his say in this wild landscape that he cared so passionately about.

Neil's photography and his record of Blacka Moor can be found at <http://theblackamoorsite.blogspot.com/>

Dawn Biram

St Luke's fundraising

Broadcaster Sir Martyn Lewis is making headlines again with a new news based fundraising project that will give a major cash boost to St Luke's Hospice. Your Big Day is an innovative video gift for celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and more - narrated by the acclaimed former BBC and ITN newscaster, who is also a vice president of national organisation Hospice UK.

Sir Martin is founder and executive chairman of Your Big Day Ltd, which uses ITN and Reuters archives to produce birthday and anniversary videos covering most of the last century. And for every £9.95 order with the special order code STLUKES, a £2 donation from the Your Big Day team will go to Sheffield's only hospice.

Whatever date and year - covering most of the last century - which family or friends are celebrating, there is a 5-6 minute video to match, culled from the archives of ITN and Reuters going back as far as 1917.

Celebrities, royalty, news, fashions, cars and even house prices - it's all captured on film along with a personal message to the recipient embedded in the opening titles of the video. Ordered online and delivered online via an email link on any date and at any time of day, the sender also receives a copy of the finished video at no extra cost.

"We are delighted to be a part of this imaginative new way of sending a special greeting," said St Luke's Chief Executive Peter Hartland. "People will be fascinated to see how their own lives are so closely tied to the events, names and places of world history."

"And at the same time this very special gift will be a difference to the lives of our patients, thanks to the donation from the Your Big Day team."

Check out Your Big Day at www.yourbigday.tv and when ordering be sure to add the special code STLUKES in the special promotions/charity box to trigger that £2 contribution to St Luke's fundraising.

Holiday threatened by having wallet stolen

After all the years and items of advice I have given out via NHW or the Bugle it still goes to show you can never be too careful and that you never stop learning.

In March my wife, Jean and I had booked a cruise on the Queen Mary 2 to celebrate our 52nd wedding anniversary, Departing from Hong Kong and travelling through most of Asia and eventually arriving in Dubai. We decided to spend a few days in Hong Kong to recover from the long flights.

All went well and we arrived safely but very tired. We took most of the recommended precautions, putting passports, bank debit cards in the hotel room safe but retaining our credit cards for use before joining the ship.

We had a number of credit cards with us for different purposes mainly to get Virgin air miles but also an American Visa card. This was for use on the ship as Cunard charge everything on-board in US Dollars. All of these were held in my wallet along with my driver's licence and cash. Jean still had hers in her bag but they were all additional cards on our joint accounts. Day one went well and we began to enjoy the trip.

Day two we decided to visit the Peak, the lookout point overlooking Hong Kong Island. This involved a ferry across the harbour and a bus to the top or part way to the tram cars. We chose the bus as we had been warned about the queues for the trams. BIG MISTAKE.

The bus was a typical double decker and although we got seats it soon became very over crowded with people, mainly tourists even trying to sit on the stairs. There were a number of locals on the bus as well and I soon had a "Lady and young girl" pressing up against me bumping me all the time as the bus wound its way up the Peak. Eventually we reached the bus terminus and made our way to the observation point.

When I went to get my wallet from my pocket which was on my thigh and with a full zip fastener, low and behold the wallet was gone. I retraced my steps back to the terminus and looked for the wallet in case I had dropped it somehow and the bus driver even searched with me, not a

sign of it.

Luckily back at the observation area there were some Policemen who I reported the loss to. They arranged for us to be taken to their local Police station to make a report for insurance purposes. Whilst the officer was taking the details and typing them up I used my mobile phone to contact the card providers and notify them of the theft.

Fortunately nothing had been charged against the UK issued cards but the time taken to contact them had used up all my pay monthly credit allowance, up to my expected limit. I still needed to contact the US Card company; fortunately I still had some texts available on my allowance so I sent them the details and said I would contact them as soon as I was back at the hotel.

We still had some cash to allow us to get back to the hotel where we had to bargain with the hotel staff to let us make a phone call to the US bank. When we got through to the security department they had received my text and informed me that someone had tried to buy something to the value of £2685. This in the intervening period and that they had blocked another three potential transactions for about £6500. All within one and a half hours.

I had to fax them a copy of the Police report and they were happy we were not harmed during the theft, more than can be said for the other credit card providers. All of the cards, both mine and Jean's were automatically cancelled there and then. I will not bother you with the details of the problems we then encountered paying the hotel bill and all the other expenditure for the remaining twenty days of our trip. Apart from the inconvenience of no credit cards and just one debit card (luckily locked in the safe) we still had a holiday to remember, for one reason or another.

Luckily we were covered by insurance for the majority of the losses but after paying excesses on each item, it still left a shortfall of around £150. This was on top of having to get the driving licence replaced, wait for replacement credit cards to arrive and so on.

So what did we learn from all of this, DO NOT carry all your credit/debit cards in the same wallet.

Keep cash in a separate place and share it out between you.

Ensure you have Holiday Insurance to cover all eventualities.

Keep credit card security department contact details on your phone or somewhere safe.

If you have a Pay Monthly phone contract ensure you increase the account limit to cover for emergencies for the duration of your trip.

I am sure there are other things as well but that's enough to be going on with.

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Les Day

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We are seeking new members both ladies and gentlemen, single or couples who are wanting to join a friendly local group. It only costs £13 per year to become a member.

Alternatively come along as a visitor to see what it's like. You will be most welcome.

Sept 4th Cycling the Trans Pennine Trail - Talk by Richard Booth

Oct 2nd Flight of a thousand eyes - Talk by Sheila Dyson

Nov 6th Titanic - Talk by David Sandilands

Meetings held at The South Sheffield Evangelical Church, Greenhill Parkway (next to fire station) Coffee and biscuits are served from 09.45am to 10.10am, followed by a talk from an invited speaker between 10.20am and 11.30am. Visitors £4

More information from Stuart Sawyer. Tel. 236 9830

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Totley (M) Townswomen's Guild

The Guild meets at 10am in Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall.

Sept 18th Royal Society for the Blind. Awareness talk by Sue Coggin

Oct 16th Railways in a Cornish Landscape. Pt 1 Talk by Stephen Gray

Nov 20th The Sovereign Isle of Man Talk by Catherine McKay

There are also separate meetings of the Social Studies Group, the Walking Group, Scrabble Group, occasional outings and lunches.

New members and visitors are assured of a friendly welcome. Membership details are available from Marie Tabor, Registrar, (tel: 236 0906) or come along and join us.

Friends of Gillfield Wood

Sept 15th Visit us at Totley Show and learn more of the conservation and the events past, present and future. From 1.30pm at Totley Primary School.

Sept 22nd Walk around Brown Edge. with archaeologist Stuart Nunn looking at things industrial and gaining an appreciation of the history of this area. Meet lay-by off the Baslow Road (A621) below the Peacock Inn at 1.30pm. 3hrs. Good walking shoes recommended

Sept 30th Practical conservation morning, run with the help of the Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am at Baslow Road bus terminus. Refreshments, tools, etc. provided. Please wear strong foot-wear and appropriate clothing. All levels of help welcome, and guidance given. Check at www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com where any late changes of venue will be published.

Bradway Community Association

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

Walks: Peter Smithson 236 9876

Social Secretary Jean Hunter 236 4922.

Totley History Group

May 23rd Talk by Pauline Burnett on The Tenants and Workers of Abbeydale Hamlet, 1740-1933

June 27th Talk by Rachel Parkin on The History of Chatsworth Gardens

Meetings 7.30pm in Totley Library

Sheffield Photographic Society

Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at St Peter's Church, Reney Avenue, Greenhill. 7.50 pm Prompt Start - Visitors £4. Visitors and Prospective members.

Anyone with an interest in photography is welcome to attend up to four meetings without becoming a member of the Society, at a charge of £4 per meeting. If Society membership is subsequently taken out, the subscription will be reduced by the amount already paid.

Sept 4th President's Evening. Our President, Jim Charlton, "An Evening with Jim". (DP)

Sept 9th Wildlife and landscape photographer Paul Miguel "Wildlife and Landscape of Serbia". (D)

Sept 18th Summer Outings and Theme

is Power

Sept 25th A commercial photographer Howard Pratt LRPS "My Approach to Landscape Photography". (DP)

Oct 2nd Members' Print Competition - Round 1.

Oct 9th Members' Evening Peter Mason and Keith Lord

Oct 16th Colin New "Going North - Iceland and the Faroe Islands".

Oct 23rd Ray Brammall "All Kinds of Everything". (P)

Oct 25th Terry Donnelly FRPS FSWPP FBPE MPAGB EFIAP. an accredited Premier League photographer The venue is Greenhill Methodist Church, 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

Oct 30th naturalist and photographer Bob Brind-Surch "Macro Photography". (DP)

Nov 6th Members' Print Competition - Round 2.

Totley Rise Methodist Church

For details of community events, facilities and church services visit <http://www.totleyrise.co.uk/calendar>

Totley Probus Club

Sept 12th Waterways of the Russian Tsars Speaker Melvin Cook

Sept 26th A Palace By a River Speaker Mike Ogden

Oct 10th (AGM. 09.30 Start) and Members Forum

Oct 24th Don't You Know Who I Am ? Speaker Peter Slater. 35 years being ignored by sports rich & famous

Nov 14th The Boer Wars Speaker Dr. George Clarke

Nov 28th Buskin Buddies (Live Music) with John Anderson

We are a social club with meetings at Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. Meetings on second and fourth Wednesdays. We are a group of retired & semi-retired gentlemen. Meetings start at 10am & finish at noon.

If you would like to attend as a visitor, please phone John Appleton 0114 236 6106, or just turn up on the day. We have interesting talks given by visiting speakers. We also have other social occasions.

Holmesfield Flower Club

- 2018 Golden Anniversary year:

Oct 17th Demonstration of Flower Arranging by Sue Spencer (NAFAS Area Demonstrator) entitled "A Rhapsody of Flowers"

Nov 21st An evening Workshop entitled "Christmas Arrangements" by Catherine Handley. Contact Sandra 01709 541187 or Diana 0114 237 7601 nearer the date for further details and a list of materials to bring.

Meetings 7.30pm at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield, S18 7WZ - ample parking. Tickets available at the door: visitors £8, members £4 includes refreshments. The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. All are welcome.

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For tickets contact Helen Hancock on 0114 2351433; Jenny Parker on 01142360798 or purchase on the door. Net proceeds to Sheffield Young Carers.

Church Walking Group

On Thursday 30th August, led by Robin Greetham, Holmesfield Church Walking Group will walk from the Royal Oak at Millthorpe to Rumbling Street, Cartledge, then back to Millthorpe for lunch [optional].

The cost of the walk is £3 with proceeds to Holmesfield Church maintenance fund. If you wish to come just turn up on the day at 10am. The walk is about 5 miles long. If you have any queries please phone Robin on 01246412767

More help available

Clifford House, the new St Luke's Hospice centre for anybody affected by an illness with no cure, is celebrating its first anniversary. The centre on Ecclesall Road South - next door to St Luke's - has proved so popular that new opening hours will come into effect from September 17.

Clifford House will now open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 4pm, with extra hours from 5pm to 7pm on Wednesday and 10am to 12 noon on Saturday.

New Wednesday evening sessions will include Pilates classes, Dealing with Loss sessions and pie and pea suppers, while Saturday offers will include morning yoga, circus workshops, a coffee morning quiz and a family film club.

"These new opening hours are designed to make Clifford House more accessible

for a wider range of people, especially those who work or have other commitments during the week," said St Luke's Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Care Judith Park.

"After such a successful first year we are now delighted to be able to offer even more support to Clifford House clients and their families. "At the same time, an extension of our services means we have an even greater need for volunteers to support the Clifford House team.

"If you feel you could give some of your time to helping at Clifford House please do get in touch."

For more information about volunteer opportunities and Clifford House visit www.stlukescliffordhouse.org.uk

Internet

Ofcom data published recently shows that over a third of those aged 65-74 are not using the internet (35%) rising to almost a half of those aged 75 and over (47%). Of the 65-74 year old age group not using the internet, 74% say there is nothing that would prompt them to go online in the next 12 months.

Older people are also more likely to be newer internet users and 'narrow' internet users (they carry out a small range of activities online). There was also a clear age divide between the under and over 65s in the qualitative research carried out by Ofcom, which reported that none of the older group they talked to see the internet as essential.

With more and more services and transactions becoming 'digital by default', there is a huge risk that these people will be left behind. Yet these figures show that current approaches are still failing to reach those on the wrong side of the digital divide.

Ageing Better is calling for a different approach, with new, better targeted and more effective ways to support people in later life to use the internet in ways that work for them.

Jemma Moulard, Centre for Ageing Better's Digital lead, said: "Services such as banking and paying bills are increasingly moving online and we know people often get better deals by booking

things online, for example energy or home insurance. Older people's use of the internet is far more limited and this means they are potentially missing out on services they could most benefit from".

"We need a new approach, that addresses how individuals perceive the value of being online, how able they feel to use the internet successfully, and their own personal need to do so."

<https://www.ageing-better.org.uk/news/third-65-74-year-olds-not-using-internet>

Totley History Group

26th September: Ebenezer Hall of Abbeydale Hall by Ted Hancock. Ebenezer Hall was a silversmith, magistrate and benefactor but is often best re-membered for his objections to the building of the Dore & Chinley Railway which cut through his estate. Totley Library, 7.30 pm.

24th October: A Harvest of Healing: the Historical and Medicinal use of Sphagnum moss, by Thelma Griffiths. Sphagnum moss has remarkable properties to hold liquid and to cure or stop infection. In a medical era before antibiotics the combination of the power to mop up copious quantities of blood and staunch open wounds, along with its healing powers, made sphagnum invaluable for helping the terrible injuries of war. Venue to be confirmed.

28th November. Open meeting, rearranged from a date in winter when the weather was too bad for us to meet. Sports, Social and Community groups! Everyone is invited to come and share their memories, photos and memorabilia from any group past and present.

STOP PRESS

HGV weight restrictions

The Council have approved in principle the introduction of 7.5t weight restrictions on "Twentywell Lane (including Prospect Rd, Queen Victoria Rd and surrounding streets)" by 2020. The next step is for traffic regulation orders to be advertised.

Skydancer returns

The hen harrier, or 'skydancer', has returned to the Peak District - and members of the National Trust charity have named two baby hen harriers 'Octavia' and 'Arthur' as they take to the moorland skies.

After four years of absence from the Peak District moors, a hen harrier nest was found this spring by a volunteer on local moorland owned by the National Trust, and the four chicks began fledging last week.

"It's great news," said Jon Stewart, the National Trust's General Manager for the Peak District. "The hen harrier has been one of the most illegally persecuted birds of prey in Britain for a long time, and we have been on a mission for some years now to work with other moorland lovers to create the conditions for the harrier and other raptors to thrive again in our uplands."

The hen harrier is famous for its spectacular 'skydance', where the silver and black male dives and climbs to attract a female.

Harriers feed on mammals like voles and ground nesting birds like pipits, but National Trust ecologist Chris Wood said they can also take game birds like red grouse when vole numbers are low.

Shooting, trapping or poisoning the birds of prey, destroying their nests, or just deliberately disturbing them are all forbidden by law across the UK. But Chris said: "Despite being protected by law, scientific studies have found that hen harrier numbers in the UK have been constrained by illegal population control associated with grouse moor management. Working with our tenants we are trying to show it doesn't have to be like this."

All of the National Trust's High Peak moorland shooting tenants have signed up to actively support the conservation charity's High Peak Moors Vision, which specifically calls for the protection and encouragement of all birds of prey.

The gamekeeper working for the moorland tenant where the nest was found has joined National Trust and Natural England staff and volunteers and members of local Raptor Monitoring Groups in looking out for the birds, and special cameras bought by the Trust's Peak District and Sheffield Association Members Groups have constantly covered the nest and feeding trips by the adults.



Hen Harrier (Skydancer) collecting nesting material. Picture by Danny Green

The hen harrier chicks were ringed and fitted with small satellite trackers last week under the RSPB and European Commission funded 'Hen Harrier LIFE+' project. The tags will monitor the birds' movements as they grow into adults, and the public will soon be able to follow the young hen harriers' movements via social media and the project's internet site.

A call out to National Trust members resulted in two of the chicks being named after National Trust founder Octavia Hill and Arthur Hobhouse who helped set up the UK's National Parks.

"This means we will be able to track Arthur and Octavia wherever they go, and hopefully we might see them return to breed successfully in the Peak District again in future," said Jon Stewart.

> <http://rspb.org.uk/henharrierlife>
David Bocking

Environment Group

Beauchief Environment Group celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, having been formed by volunteers to undertake practical work to help conserve the natural beauty of the local environment. Most members of the group live in, Beauchief, Greenhill and Bradway.

Working from a large equipment store at Beauchief Abbey Barns, the group operates in the area bounded by

Twentywell Lane, Abbeydale Road, Abbey Lane, Bocking Lane, Hemper Lane and Bradway Road. When requested, the group also helps with tasks at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet.

The area includes ancient woodland, one of which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, two meadows which have been awarded Higher Level Stewardship from DEFRA and Beauchief Nature Park on Beauchief Drive.

The group undertakes a range of practical tasks including footpath and steps maintenance, dry stone walling, habitat management and lots more including field surveys. Many of the tasks follow an annual plan set by the relevant departments of Sheffield City Council. The group also acts as a pressure group on matters affecting the local environment.

Most of our work is undertaken by a team that meets every Monday morning. There are also frequent sessions on Saturday mornings and occasional evening events such as guided walks.

New members are always welcome and for a small subscription, receive a regular newsletter which includes details of forthcoming events. New volunteers on working mornings are also welcome; equipment is provided and no previous experience of such work is needed.

Please see our website www.beauchief-environmentgroup.co.uk/ for more information on the group or call 237 7601 or 274 5719.

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