

Bradway Bugle

In and around Bradway, Greenhill, Dore & Totley

Peak District champion

Actor Kelvin Fletcher has taken on a new role close to his heart – as ambassador for the Peak District National Park Foundation. The former Emmerdale actor and Strictly Come Dancing winner, who now runs his own Peak District farm, will champion the conservation and engagement work of the Foundation and help to share its vision of a National Park enjoyed and conserved by everyone.

Kelvin, who grew up in Oldham, swapped urban life for the countryside when, post-lockdown, he and wife Liz bought their 120-acre farm, which they share with their daughter Marnie, son Milo and newborn twin boys. The couple's farming experiences were charted in the BBC1 reality series Kelvin's Big Farming Adventure.

"I've always had a great affection for the outdoors and have spent a lot of time walking, not only in the Peak District but throughout the country," says Kelvin. "The Peak District, for me, represents the north – and I'm a very, very proud northerner. For us, it's the best of both worlds – beautiful countryside surrounded by some great towns and cities. I think it's the perfect place".

"The Peak District Foundation is a cause that's close to my heart - and my ambassador role is a genuine connection. I live in the Peak District, with a young

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Highway Code Changes

The Highway Code has been updated following a change in the law that affects the sentences for some driving offences. The updates are to the penalties for:

- * causing death by dangerous driving
- * causing death by careless driving under the influence of drink or drugs

The maximum sentence for both offences has increased from 14 years' imprisonment to life imprisonment.

The obligatory disqualification period for both offences has increased from a minimum of 2 years to a minimum of 5 years. The changes have been updated in annex 5 (penalties) of the Code.

A new offence has also been created for causing serious injury by dangerous driving. This carries a maximum penalty of 2 years' imprisonment, an unlimited fine and an obligatory driving disqualification.



Work on Outram Fields reaches the third storey.

Picture by Chris Morgan

BBC turns 100

This year, our BBC turns 100! For all this time it has been a mainstay of British life largely funded by its licence fee. The broadcaster's news bulletins, soap operas, children's programs, comedies, dramas, concerts, sport coverage, nature documentaries and reporting from the ground in Ukraine have shaped the nation's identity, and won the enduring loyalty of audiences around the world.

But as the BBC celebrates 100 years of public service broadcasting, there is no guarantee it'll be around for another 100 - informing and entertaining our children and grandchildren like it has done for us.

Now it faces the fight of its life. The government have shown it open hostility; imposing cuts which are already harming services and threaten the way programmes and services are funded.

Determining its future should not be the preserve of a government of any one political hue. Proposals should be drawn up by a cross-party commission starting from the understanding that the BBC is a public good to be preserved, with some form of universal funding.

Surely in an age of intense political polarisation, fake news, social media outrage and culture wars, the question confronting the nation is not whether but how best to preserve the BBC's independent status.

Backyard Nature Spot!

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Editorial

As I write this we are in the middle of our second extreme heatwave this year, a drought and complete political inaction. While the media concentrates on what the new prime minister might or might not do, I am struck by just how badly the country has been run during my lifetime.

So many of the issues and problems we face now are just the same as when I became politically aware sixty years ago.

First an aging population, then general underfunding and lack of staff planning in the National Health Service (Dentists this week). Then a Victorian Age water supply, which both leaks and pours sewage into our rivers. A poorly insulated housing stock, and simply not enough of them anyway. I could go on about inequality, the environment, air or plastic pollution, the threat of pandemics etc etc.

Somehow we need to bang our politician's heads together, to come up with a radical rethink of how we run and organise our society, and how we fit into the environment and the worlds' finite resources. The ideas and imagination are out there, but our politicians are just not up to the task.

Nearer to hand it looks increasingly likely that the Bugle will cease publication at the end of the year. Perhaps that is the way of things with the growth and reliance on electronic social media.

The digital age means you can search for things that interest you and then find algorithms feeding your preferences and narrowing perspectives. I spend too much time in front of that small screen already and would miss the feel of a newspaper or book in my hands and the pleasure of turning the page to find something I know nothing about.

So in the meantime, I hope you enjoy and appreciate the news and the stories that we report..

John Baker, Editor

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Friday 21 October 2022



Kelvin Fletcher and wife Liz with their daughter Marnie, son Milo.

Peak District champion

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growing family and, for a long time, I was an urban visitor, a walker in the National Park. "Hopefully I'm in a position where I can help to raise the profile of the Foundation and share its messages. The countryside is for everybody – and we all have a responsibility to look after it, ensuring it's there for future generations."

Kelvin is currently commuting from his farm to London's National Theatre, where he is performing in the comedy *Jack Absolute Flies Again*. The production runs until September.

Fiona Stubbs

National Hedgerow Week

National Hedgerow Week takes place this year from 17-25 September. And CPRE are now calling on the government to champion hedgerows with a new hedgerow petition.

The humble hedgerow is the unsung hero of our countryside. Hedges connect habitats and provide homes for wildlife. They protect the soil, clean the air and absorb carbon emissions. They are one of nature's key workers.

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That's why CPRE are calling on the government to commit to planting thousands of miles of hedges all across the country – starting now. Expanding our hedgerow network will provide a natural solution to climate change while revitalising our landscapes at the same time.

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From your local MP

I hope everyone in Bradway is enjoying the summer, staying safe in the heat and able to have some time off. At the time of writing Parliament has just closed and I am really looking forward to spending more time in Sheffield over the next month. If there is a constituency event you would like me to attend over the summer, please don't hesitate to get in touch, I'd love to be there!

Over the past few months, I have been working hard in Sheffield and in Parliament to campaign on the climate emergency, hold the Government to account over their response to the cost-of-living crisis and fight the Home Office's plans to deport refugees and asylum seekers to Rwanda.

My team and I have also been doing our best to help people who haven't received their passports in time to travel, due to Home Office delays and errors. If this is something you are experiencing, get in touch and we will do everything we can to help.

I am outraged at the Government's decision to cut South Yorkshire's bus network. The Government promised to deliver a London-style bus network across the country. Instead, they're sitting by as our bus network is dismantled bit-by-bit.

In the middle of both a climate and cost of living crisis, more cuts to our bus services are truly unconscionable. I will be working with Labour MPs and the

South Yorkshire Mayor to fight these cuts.

I also wrote to the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive about the M17 bus route, to request a meeting to discuss the cut to this service, the lack of notice given to residents, and the need to restore services that are a lifeline to residents of our city. I will continue to work with the South Yorkshire Mayor to reverse this cut and fight for better the transport system our city deserves and desperately needs.

This month I have been holding surgeries with Ukrainians who have arrived in Sheffield Hallam and their sponsors, helping provide links to services and information in the hope that they will feel more settled. If you are hosting a Ukrainian refugee and would like to attend one of these surgeries, please get in touch with my office. It was also a privilege to join Sheffield's Ukrainian Society's open day and see their fantastic work. I know Sheffield stands in solidarity and friendship with our Ukrainian friends new to the city.

I have also been visiting schools in Sheffield Hallam to meet students, hear about the projects they are undergoing and answer their questions about politics and the climate emergency. I am really looking forward to meeting more students during the next academic year. I want to thank everyone I have spoken to for their insightful and inspiring questions.

I am also proud to have been re-elected

Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Earlier in the month we met with Will Quince, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Education to discuss the state of SEND provision across the country and the much-awaited SEND review.

As always, if there is an issue you would like me to raise, or a campaign you would like me to support please do get in touch! If you would like to hear from me more regularly, you can sign up to my monthly email update on my website: <https://www.oliviablake.org.uk/>

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Heritage Open Days

The Heritage Open Days 2022 festival runs for ten consecutive days from Friday 9th to Sunday 18th of September. Each year the festival has grown and further developed. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE to explore.

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Bradway Birds

Mid July is here with hot blue skies and an end to the constant wind of the previous five weeks. Drought hits, Sheffield as dry as anywhere in the UK since March. We could be in for a repeat of the dreaded 1976. Worms, grubs, creepies in general, are struggling and will dig deeply if they can.

This should be bad for robins, which so kindly eat such small fry. Consequently, it is a delight to see three generations of Robin in our back garden and two in the front. Eight robins at once is our record.

The parents are in full red kit. The first offspring are turning from brown to pale orange and will not be red until their autumn moult. Now we have the second brood, overall mid brown with pale specks. They look nothing like robins in one regard (dumpy sparrows?), but a closer look shows their bounce, attitude, plumpness, and sudden darting.

Robins are not birds that flock. As adults, they like to be on their own in a territory that they dominate, with no intention of sharing. The theory is that youngsters are not red because that would trigger the adult male into aggression.

A red young robin would never survive adult violence. Juveniles, have the cockiness, but dispute only with each other. We have seen them standing face to face, and flying vertically up and down, but making no actual contact.

There can only be so many robins in Bradway, so our young males face big challenges. Dominance between themselves is one, because more have been raised in a good year than the suburb can support. Direct fighting is used less than posturing once the autumn moult has given them a good red breast. Death is near enough anyway, so damaging assaults are best avoided.



Erithacus rubecula. A cheeky adult robin in full colour plumage



Adult robin and Juvenile

But the winners amongst the youngsters still have the problem of finding or creating a territory, precisely because robins don't flock or share a resource as starlings and sparrows do. The existing landowners do not give way easily.

If numbers of these are low, a new male might sing in a quiet corner and form a territory between existing ones. This process requires much singing, patrolling, and winning of disputes.

Another route is the death of a territory holder, usually at the claws of a cat, perhaps via a sparrowhawk, even occasionally through old age. Sad to say, a good many of those bustling, bobbing youngsters won't make it to breeding age.

Fortunately, our flock of 30 to 40 feral pigeons has fallen away to five or ten. They have provided some entertaining viewing. Wood pigeons can be nasty to each other; or rather, it's one way because there is a pecking order and sometimes a dominant bird. This I don't see with the ferals. Courtship is likely to break out at any time, even in rotten winter weather (does this apply to you?), but attacks don't seem to occur.

They are showing aggression to other species, however. Small fry such as robins and dunnocks are left alone (good morals!), but they are dominant over jackdaws, jays and magpies. This did surprise me, because these Corvids are of a similar size and not lacking in character and confidence; but the pigeons move them on and are not resisted.

For a while, some of the ferals stood below the hanging nut holder with great concentration, looking upwards with lots of interest. The jays and jackdaws are as

nimble on the feeders as great tits. How about the ferals?

Eventually, they had a go. They flew up vertically (didn't know they could do that) and clung on with much wild flapping. They can now stay on long enough to extract a nut and spill others. Good for them.

The wood pigeons are too heavy, with legs too short and claws too weak to manage this (so far!), but gather underneath to catch bits, as do blackbirds and robins.

Feral pigeons are often treated as though they are not birds at all, but there is actually a lot to them. Watch and see.

John Kirkman

Bradway Scouts

This has been the time of year when we focus on putting the "out" into Scouting.

For the Beavers, this primarily involved working on the outdoor challenge badge this term. They also managed to fit in work on the Builders activity badge, building cardboard racing cars & den building in the woods on the school grounds where they all passed the dreaded "rain test" - we just pour water over their dens with them inside; if they get wet they fail!

Last meeting of the term was at Padley Gorge keeping cool in the water on one of the hottest days of the year where the Beavers took part in a quiz around the gorge and racing paper boats, as well as being let loose with their water pistols.

Cubs similarly spent most meeting nights in the open air, making good use of the school grounds with occasional forays into the nearby woods and once as far as Greener Greenhill. Once again the culmination was yet another final get together at Padley Gorge.

The Scouts' outdoor meetings had them orienteering, on a night hike, playing a wide game, bridge building, creating and competing on a Ninja challenge and finishing up not at Padley Gorge but weaselling on Burbage rocks.

Once schools broke up, they were off for a 4-night summer camp on a Scout owned site at Chisworth, just beyond Glossop. The weather was not kind to them, but they all survived a very wet walk to find a crashed B52 near the top of the Snake Pass. Totally soaked, they abandoned the search for other crashed aircraft.

To dry off, they were lucky to find, in nearby Manchester, what one of the Leaders described as "a soft play area for teenagers" called Total Ninja which had the advantages not only of offering activities that they all threw themselves into but also a roof. Following that, they cooked between showers on open fires in traditional mode, then took to the heights on their final day with a day out at Go Ape - hurling themselves through the tree tops in Buxton.

*Frank Richardson
For Bradway Scouts
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Health Advances in the last 70 Years

As we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, I thought I would have a run through of healthcare developments and milestones from the last 70 years

From the first ultrasound in 1958, allowing pregnant women to see pictures of their unborn child, to worldwide treatment of pandemics in 2020, the last 70 years have seen significant developments in diagnostics, surgical techniques, drug therapies, vaccinations and public health campaigns. New technology and medicine have resulted in remarkable advances in the healthcare industry, allowing unimaginable cures to serious illnesses and quicker, more efficient treatments.

Many of us take the replacement of joints for granted. Wear and tear of the hip or knee can be fixed by undergoing replacement surgeries to keep us feeling young and mobile and we have John Charnley's expertise to thank. In 1962, Charnley carried out the first ever hip replacement, where he was so keen to refine his work, that he would ask permission from his earliest patients to take their hips after death, so that he could make appropriate modifications to his newer versions.

16 years later and another impactful discovery through advancements in technology changed the lives of many people; the first test tube baby was born. This creation raised severe controversy

and resulted in the debate over whether 'creating life' aligned with religious beliefs. Yet we cannot fault the process which continues to allow many people to turn their dream of parenthood into a reality

By 1986, the world's first combined heart, liver and lung transplant was performed successfully in Cambridgeshire's Papworth Hospital. This is still seen as a ground-breaking medical achievement in history, not only for being successful but also due to the impact it had culturally. Once again, science proved to challenge religious beliefs by showing how organ transplants are possible with the use of donations, resulting in a wider acceptance for organ donation by both the general public and clinicians.

The late 80s and early 90s saw a significant advancement in healthcare, with the transplant surgery being closely followed by the world's first robotic surgery taking place. The robot was designed in Imperial College in London and was actively able to remove tissue from a patient. This has played a crucial role in technological advancements within the healthcare industry, with the 21st century seeing a step forward in the creation of artificial intelligence to mimic the human cognition.

Leap forward into the new century, and machinery and technology are becoming the heroes of healthcare. We are seeing the use of targeted technologies to better cancer care, increasing use of gene

therapy, Artificial Intelligence, and more sophisticated use of robotics and bionics. This had led to developed westernised nations now having a greater number of people living into later life. Coupled with populations of these nations leading increasingly sedentary lives with less healthy diets, this is leading to a greater emphasis on preventative healthcare and medication.

Furthermore, the 21st century has seen greater government intervention into their population's lifestyle to improve health outcomes. The smoking ban in 2007 promotes the importance of not only looking after yourself but others surrounding you. The Sugar Tax introduced in 2018 is another example of the government's attempts to increase the general public's health, lifestyle and standard of living.

Of course, we cannot fail to mention the impact that the Coronavirus' 2-year stretch has had on the advances within the healthcare industry. COVID truly did expose the so-called 'competence' of the government deteriorating over the years, yet we cannot fault the quick roll-out of the vaccine programme, allowing us to go about our lives as close to normal as was possible, and saving the lives of many vulnerable people. This suggests that the health industry has become more efficient and equipped in preparation for any future virus that may come to disrupt our lives once again.

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The shrinking world of the child

When I was growing up in the 1970s, we lived in a house which bordered a playing field called 'The 'Rec' (although for years I thought it was called 'The Wreck' without thinking to ask why.) I spent many happy hours on that field making houses out of cut grass, trying to rescue sick hedgehogs, launching air rockets, and playing on the rather shabby play equipment.

Sometimes I would head off on my bike to the woods, two miles away, and all this was done without an adult supervising me. Similarly, my wife tells me that when she was a child in the 1970's, aged five, she would make her way back from school at the end of the day with the key to her house and let herself in.

Past behaviours that seem strange, and perhaps disturbing to us nowadays were quite normal for many people 50 years ago. Readers may remember similar childhood freedoms they themselves had in the past and have perhaps reflected on how opportunities for children to roam away from their homes have reduced over time.

In 2007 an article appeared in the Daily Mail, written by David Derbyshire, outlining, over four generations, the dramatic decline in children's freedom to roam without adult supervision. Perhaps it is inevitable that children have lost this freedom to roam. In 1950, only 10% of households had a car, whereas in 2020 it was 80% and this greater volume of traffic has inevitably made roaming in urban areas appear to be more dangerous for children.

However, the data suggests that roads are far safer now than they were in the 1960s with an 80% reduction in fatalities over that time, so not everything is necessarily as it seems when it comes to risk.

Of course, there are other factors, apart from road safety, which influence parents' decisions about whether to allow their child to roam. A key factor in changing attitudes to risk has been the huge increase in information available on the internet detailing local incidents of crime as well as national ones, which creates a sense of the world being more dangerous than it is compared to the past.

In the 1950's for example, information was more limited; television ownership was still relatively rare and newspapers were the main source of news. Whereas now local networks such as Facebook, Instagram or Twitter provide a constant flow of information about local crimes, antisocial behaviour as well as the usual diatribes about dogs barking, poor parking or fireworks. It is easy to believe that the world

Bradway Primary School

Dates for your diary

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5th September 2022

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Autumn Term ends

Friday 16th December

outside the home is much more dangerous for children than it used to be.

Although incidents of harm to children roaming around our local areas, or playing in the garden might be rare, it only takes a few high-profile tragedies to change our thinking about acceptable risk. As a parent raising young children fifteen to twenty years ago, I can remember the impact of the Madeline McCann story in 2007, or that of Sophie Hook, abducted from her garden in 1995, and, like millions of parents everywhere, it made me more cautious, and less trusting. But is this degree of caution justified?

Following Covid lockdowns, the shrinking world and limited freedoms which we all endured at that time, I suggest that greater freedom is exactly what children now need in order to develop confidence and resilience.

Of course, parents have to make sensible, informed decisions about what is a safe degree of roaming for their children and I do not suggest that we should be sending our children off for six-mile hikes on their own, or just let our

children wander free range around Sheffield as if it was 1919 instead of 2022.

I just hope that the pendulum of risk in our society will not continue to swing any further towards being risk averse. For the sake of our children's future wellbeing, independence and success in life. They must be allowed to take some risks, to have adventures and to make mistakes.

Map (from The Daily Mail: 2007)

Paul Stockley (Headmaster)

Bradway Primary School

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Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers from the community to help with reading and other activities. If you think you could help, please email the school at enquiries@bradway.sheffield.sch.uk Thank you!

Bradway Bowling Club

I'm writing this article whilst sitting in the garden on a glorious, hot, sunny afternoon and it really doesn't seem right planning all our winter activities so soon. Summer certainly goes too quickly but we still have one or two things planned, the main one being a Jazz afternoon on Sunday the 28th of August where everyone is welcome.

There will be a club bowling match on the green, hot and cold food will be sold and the bar will be open. So with the music playing, a drink in your hand, good food and entertainment it should be a good day. Please make a note of the date and come and join us.

Our winter activities will be resuming in September starting with our art group on Wednesday the 6th. We do have a couple of vacancies if anyone is interested. Just turn up on the night or contact me.

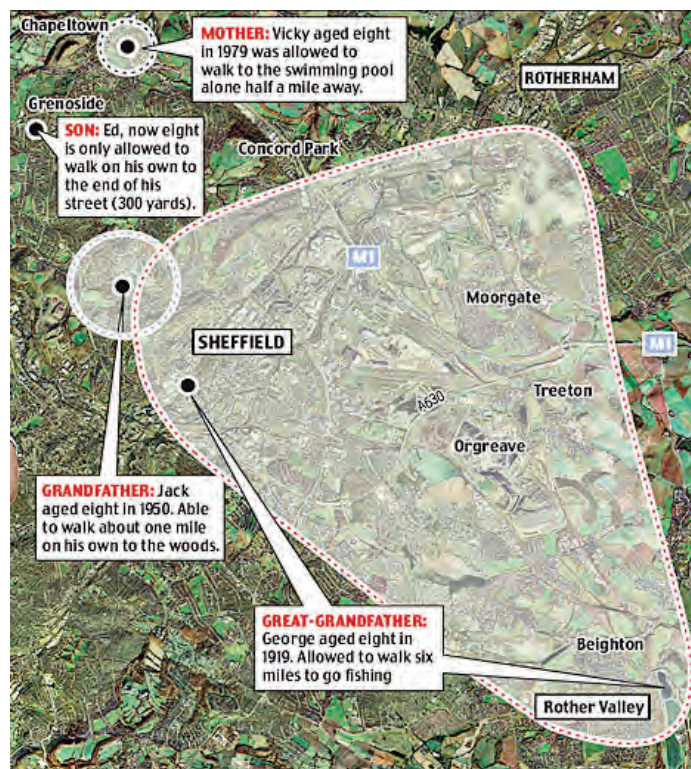
The snooker league also starts again in September and that runs through till March and the Darts and Snooker fun nights begin again in October. On the 6th of October we are also starting our Dominoes and Crib evenings. This is an internal competition which runs throughout the winter.

As well as all these activities we also hire out our lounge for private parties and we have a few Saturday night entertainments planned.

Please keep an eye on the notice board or our Web site www.bradwaybowling.org.uk. Failing that you can always give me a ring Jean 07900 220696

I hope that you all enjoy the rest of the summer and that we get to meet some of you soon.

Jean Morton



Local Pubs and Beer

For quite a few issues now we've been following progress of the conversion of a shop unit at Topley Rise shops into a micropub (basically a small neighbourhood bar) called the Tunnel Tap. At the time of writing the building work had progressed onto shopfitting with the bar and seat bases constructed and they have started advertising for staff. So it is quite possible by the time this issue of the Bugle has hit doormats an opening date will have been announced - check out their Social Media for the latest news!

There are a number of beer festivals coming up. On the bank holiday weekend the Old Hall Hotel in Hope host their usual event whilst closer to home the Sheffield Tigers rugby club up at Dore Moor are hosting the inaugural "Seven Hills" Beer Festival, running from the Friday 26 to Sunday 28 August and featuring around 40 cask beers from local and regional breweries plus food vendors and a gin bar. Admission tickets can be bought in advance online via eventbrite and the event is a fundraiser.

Looking further ahead Sheffield CAMRA host the annual Steel City Beer & Cider Festival at Kelham Island Museum from 19 to 22 October which features over 300 different beers and ciders along with street food, live music and more.

Abbeydale Brewery produce a number of one off and seasonal beers each month. Specials for August included Alchemy, a



4.2% pale ale brewed with Amarillo hops that give a tropical, juicy note to the flavour whilst Exodus at 3.9% is light and refreshing. There is also a special edition of their regular Deception ale that has been dry hopped to amplify the flavours and aromas the Nelson Sauvin hop variety offers. So expect notes of grapefruit and elderflower to be present in a much more bold way than normal!

Looking on the stronger side now, Wanderer Mountain IPA has been brewed in collaboration with Heist, this is a hybrid of styles between a West Coast IPA and a NEIPA, with Citra, Centennial and Idaho 7 hops. Expect resinous pine sitting alongside notes of black tea, juicy mango and pink grapefruit.

Finally, Abbeydale's Funk Dungeon project has also released a couple of new beers - Pull of Gravity (5.6%), a graf (apple raw ale, brewed in collaboration with Ascension Cider Co) and Ryes Again (6.0%) - a reimagining of Ryes From the Grave, which some of you may remember was the first ever full release from their mixed fermentation project

which is a blend of beers aged in barrel for up to four years, fruited with sour cherries, raspberries and blackcurrants.

Elsewhere in Sheffield, balancing the bad news of Kelham Island Brewery closing down is the launch of a new brewery called BrewSocial. This is a Social enterprise from Yes2Ventures who also run the Social Bar on Snig Hill. The brewery is based in Attercliffe and the head brewer is Richard Hough who has a great local history having worked at Abbeydale when they first launched Moonshine and was also the original brewer at Blue Bee brewery.

Two beers have been released so far, "Out to Launch" and "Just the Job", both fit the description of pale, hoppy and sensible strength. BrewSocial don't use finings so their beers are served slightly hazy but suitable for Vegans as a result.

You can keep up with the latest from Sheffield's real ale pub and brewery scene by visiting the Sheffield CAMRA website - sheffield.camra.org.uk or picking up a copy of their free "Beer Matters" magazine.

Andrew Cullen

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 worth supporting.

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Greenhill Library

The fun never ends at Greenhill Library

Getting young people into the library has always been a priority for us and we're indebted to our two presenters (Laura Alston and Janet Black) who have worked so hard to build our Thursday morning pre-school storytime sessions back up to their pre-covid levels.

Storytime is paused now for the summer holidays and both Laura and Janet are leaving us (for different reasons). We are delighted that a number of young mums have stepped forward to take over, so that sessions can resume after the summer holidays. Also shut down for the summer are our craft club and coder dojo. Both will be restarting in September.

Continuing through the summer are our popular Coffee Mornings (on Thursdays, 10-11.30am). We were recently pleased to welcome Sioned-Mair Richards, Lord Mayor of Sheffield, who dropped in for a chat. We later learned that one youngster, having examined the mayoral chain of office, went home to report that she had met the queen. Anyway, do call in - you're sure of a warm welcome.

Our library is once again supporting the Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge, which encourages children aged 4 to 11 to read at least 6 books over the summer holidays. This year the theme is "gadgeteers" and we have the entire recommended reading list available to borrow. There's also a mini-challenge for the youngest ones who might need a little help from mum or dad to enjoy their books.

It's been said before, but it bears saying again: the success of Greenhill and Lowedges Libraries depends entirely on the dedication of our wonderful volunteers. With this in mind, we recently held a volunteer celebration event which allowed, for example, the

Wednesday morning people to meet the Friday afternoon people, and for everyone to meet with our new chairman Michael Corbishley, who took over the role in June. It was a good evening, though we might have to call a special meeting of the trustees to decide what to



Lynne Brown's quilt, based on a rainbow and a yellow brick road, was auctioned at our "Oz" day.

do with the left-over bottles of wine.

Speaking of volunteers - our current treasurer, Laurence, is looking to retire from the post and we're in need of a replacement to start in October. If you are interested in getting involved with this important board-level position, in the first instance send an email to support@greenhill-library.org and we'll put you in touch with Laurence.



Scarecrow Festival runs from 13-27 August

As this piece goes to press we are in the final and rather frantic stages of putting together our "Wizard of Oz" day on 6 August. The themed displays in the library already look fantastic. Designed by the team that brought you our Harry

Potter day in 2019, this is an event we hope you didn't miss.

Next up on events is our scarecrow festival featuring characters from a book or film. This runs from 13-27 August, so pick up your scarecrow map as soon as you get this magazine.

Our next market event on Sunday 18 Sept. will be slightly different from usual, with a focus on arts, crafts and collectibles. If you would like to trade at the market, you can apply online at greenhill-library.org/farmers-market. The following market (17 December) also breaks with tradition by being on a Saturday; it will run concurrently with the Christmas extravaganza currently being planned by the Events Group.

We're planning an outdoor popup cinema on Saturday 15 October when we hope to show *The Greatest Showman*. We don't quite have all our ducks in a row for this yet so keep an eye on our social media nearer the time.

Regular readers will be tired of seeing this bit ... but as always I will end by encouraging you to check out our web site (greenhill-library.org) or our Facebook page (facebook.com/frogs), or to subscribe to our montly e-newsletter (send email to support@greenhill-library.org)

Chris Brown

Councillors Update

Following the recent local Elections there have been some major changes in the Town Hall. The new committee system has come into operation and the executive cabinet has been replaced by several decision-making committees. These are politically proportional which means that all Councillors will have a say in how the Council is run rather than just the 10 members of a Cabinet. It will be interesting to see how this works out in practise but there are some positive signs already.

The recent elections left the Council under no overall control with Labour the largest party and the Liberal Democrats as the second largest. At the AGM of the Council the Labour Leader was elected as Leader of the Council as the Green Party did not support either the Lib Dem or Labour candidates.

Martin was re-elected to serve our ward with a majority of over 2,000 and the highest individual vote of any candidate of any party in the city. In addition to our primary role as Ward Councillors, all three of us now have extra responsibilities. Martin is Chair of the Economic Development Committee, Joe chairs Waste & Street Scene and Colin has been elected Deputy Lord Mayor of Sheffield and will become Lord Mayor next year.

Sheffield, along with much of the country is facing some heavy cuts to bus

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services. The money put in to support services during the covid pandemic is due to be withdrawn later this year and passenger numbers have not recovered to pre-covid levels. This is likely to impact the M17 service serving Bradway, Totley and Dore in particular as the frequency of this service has already been reduced.

Bus services are the responsibility of the South Yorkshire Mayor who has attempted to tender to maintain some services but in some cases bus companies have declined to bid, facing driver shortages. The M17 current tender runs to October and so it is due to be retendered in the coming months. Your local councillors have been calling for some years for a system of bus franchising to be introduced to allow the mayor to take more control of what services are operated. The legal process for this has at last begun but we are some way behind other areas.

The council is facing a very tough budget situation, projecting an overspend of £19m in 2022/23 on top of £15m of reserves having been drawn down. Additional cost pressures in 2023/24 mean that very significant cost savings will have to be found. The main causes of the overspend has been extra demands for both adults' and children's social care. In particular many elderly people were given more expensive care packages at home during the pandemic, rather than being sent to a care home.

We have been working hard to uncover the reasons why the previous budget seemingly ignored the obvious cost

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pressures, making use of opportunities under the new governance structure to access detailed information, and we have called for an emergency budget to get this year's spending under control.

We are now a decade in to the Streets Ahead contract with Amey for maintenance of our roads. We are seeing in a number of places many of the road surfaces delivered early in the contract period begin to break up. The contract requires roads to be maintained to a standard and so these roads need to be restored. This should not bring any additional costs to the council as the price we have paid for the contract requires that this should happen.

One example is a section of Prospect Road near Woodland Place and Prospect Place, it is coming apart very badly despite having been resurfaced twice, and has just been patched again. This appears to be due to a combination of poor engineering and water damage to the surface. Your councillors are pressing for a more effective solution to be found

in line with the standards we should expect under the contract.

Dore and Totley ward is receiving two new vehicle activated speed warning signs to warn drivers who are exceeding the speed limit to slow down. They will also collect data the police will use to determine whether to conduct speed camera operations in the area. The first has been installed on Long Line and both will rotate a number of locations around the ward including Baslow Road, Bradway Road, Dore Road, Twentywell Lane, Rushley Road and Abbeydale Road South

We are back to holding regular surgeries at Totley Library on the second Monday of each month at 6-7pm and at Dore Old School on the second Saturday at 10.30am-noon. Or contact us by email on joe.otten@councillor.sheffield.gov.uk martin.smith@councillor.sheffield.gov.uk colin.ross@councillor.sheffield.gov.uk

Abbeydale Park Bowling Club

We now have a beautiful new pavilion which will enable us to have winter events once the bowling season is over. We are still looking for a few new members and if any readers care to come along they can have three free sessions to see if they like the game. They can phone either Mr or Mrs Shand on 236 0266 or me, April Wright on 235 1659 and we would be happy to help.

April Wright

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needs a treasurer

Our current treasurer is looking to gradually hand over the role. Ideally this would start in **October 2022** with a new Treasurer elected to the Board of Trustees. The work involves managing our charity finances, keeping on-line records and producing simple Receipts and Payments accounts. Whilst financial qualifications and experience of accounting are desirable, they are not essential. An experienced Assistant Treasurer deals with all cash transactions. If you like numbers and can use on-line banking we would love to hear from you.

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Gilbert & Sullivan Society

It's a pity about my closing remarks in the last article (Here's hoping that the Covid virus peters out soon and please get your booster vaccinations to help it on its way, (Ann and I have had ours).) Guess who went down with it on the day following our summer concert? Yup both me and the good lady.

I wouldn't care but I did a test just before the concert because I was a little sniffy and it was negative so I put it down to hay fever as my eyes were gritty and I had not lost any sense of taste or smell. Each year at about this time there is one pollen which has a go at me so I thought no more about it. The day after the concert I was worse and shivery so I did another test – positive this time so I let all I could know and we both hunkered down for a few days.

Thankfully the vaccine inoculations had done their work and we suffered no more than feeling rough for about 3 days then improved rapidly.

Enough of that. The concert was a success and the full audience seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. I hope I did not do any damage (I didn't mingle because of the sniffles) so fingers crossed. It was a programme with more chorus work than we have ever done before and took some hard work but it was worth the effort and had something for everyone with songs from Elton John, ABBA, Rodgers and Hammerstein the Swing era, My Fair Lady Flanders and Swann and not forgetting the comic monologues..

We have our 50th Anniversary Dinner coming up in late July then a break until it all starts again in September. I must say thank you to Alan Wade and the Committee for their efforts over the year to make it the success that it has been. They are worth their weight in gold.

Have a good summer. Watch out for the



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invisible menace by being cautious and sensible and look out for news of future concerts and shows in forthcoming editions.

Derek Habberjam.

Have I the right?

We live in such troubling times that one scarce knows what to write about. Coronavirus is still with us; business is suffering its after-effects. There are fuel shortages and we have all-out war raging in Ukraine. Ukraine supplies the UK with iron, steel, wheat and cooking oil; so the conflict will inevitable affect us.

But I don't have the right to write about war.

Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine have one thing in common: showing the best and the worst in people. The NHS and other health workers worked tirelessly to keep us safe. Neighbours helped neighbours. But others acted as though rules didn't apply to them. They did as they pleased. That happens in a war.

But I don't have the right to write about war.

Primitive warriors fought with sticks and stones, the great Greek heroes fought with sword and shield. We stand well back and throw increasingly large fireworks at each other! I can't see any improvement but I've never served in any of the Armed Forces, been sent into battle, or risked my life for my friends.

So I don't have the right to write about war.

Famous people raised money through national appeals; ordinary folk donated cash, clothes and blankets; Brave souls took a huge risk by delivering humanitarian aid and essential supplies right up the front line. I have donated a few pounds but I haven't been shot at, frightened or had to see the atrocities they saw.

So I don't have the right to write about war.

From a distance, I have watched tragedies unfold in Aden, Cyprus, the Falklands, Iran, Iraq and Ireland. I have seen our once-great country reduced from a Colonial World Power to a citadel on the sidelines and I rather like our fresh status: ready to support our friends but never choosing to go on the offensive.

So I don't have the right to write about war.

In future troops will be so well equipped, armed and protected that it will be near futile to attack them. Much simpler to bomb their homeland: factories, homes, hospitals and schools are easily blown to bits. When streets are stiff with bodies, starve and enslave any survivors until there's nothing left to fight for.

And nobody left to write about the war.

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On the Beat

August already, this year is shooting by! As the holiday season approaches its worth remembering the simple steps you can take to protect your home, many of which I have mentioned before but always worth repeating. Burglaries in our area have been very low recently, but offenders will always be looking for easy opportunities to fill their pockets with other people's hard earned goods.

Ensure access to the rear of your property is as secure as it can be. Don't be tempted to leave your bins out as these can be used as a climbing aid to get over gates and fences. Check your locks, particularly if you have a rear patio door, breaking the old style eurolock on these is still the most common method of entry. Alarms and CCTV, whilst a useful deterrent to some will not protect your property on their own. If your house looks occupied, 9 times out of 10, offenders will not look twice at it so staggered timer lights and TV simulators can help with this.

Whilst burglaries have been low, vehicle crime has been on the increase. Please leave nothing of value on display in your car even if leaving it unattended for a short amount of time. Fords, Land/Range Rovers and more recently Jaguars have been the main target for thieves. Protect your vehicle from being taken by investing in a steering lock, even if offenders manage to enter your vehicle this would stop them getting very

far!

Locally we have second and third hand reports of incidents happening in Green Oak Park, however very few incidents have been reported directly to us. I realise this is in Totley but as some of the reports are from King Egbert staff I thought it worth mentioning here too. As with other public sector organisations at the moment demand for our services is exceeding supply so patrols will only be targeted to an area if reports warrant it. If your child is telling you something has happened please report to 101 or online, this helps to build an intelligence picture for us to formulate a response. If we don't know about it we can't do anything about it!

Where possible we're looking forward to dropping in on any local events that fall within our shift pattern so hopefully we'll be meeting some of you there. Do drop me a line if you have upcoming events with plenty of notice if possible and we'll try and get there.

As usual please feel free to contact me adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk or leave a message on my work mobile 07787 881945. As ever please use 101, online reporting or 999 if you have an actual incident to report that needs our attention quickly, the phone I use stays at work and is not monitored 24/7

Thanks for reading and enjoy your summer.

Adrian Tolson, PCSO 8136

South Yorkshire Police

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Dore and Totley URC

United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, S17 3QS.

Harvest 2022 On Sunday September 25th we will hold our Harvest celebration at 10.30 am. During the service we will hear more about the wide ranging work of the Cathedral Archer Project from the project's Chief Executive Officer, Tim Renshaw.

We will be happy to accept donations of non-perishable food at the service, or any time during the week if you are in the building for another group. As we go to press the Archer Project are in urgent need of soups, stewed steak, tinned fish and meats, ravioli and baked beans. You are welcome to join us at this service and for a light lunch afterwards.

URC @ 50 On October 2nd our worship will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Reformed Church and will be led by Rev. Barry Welch.

Big Jigsaw Sale On Saturday October 22nd we are holding a big jigsaw sale from 10 am to 3 pm to raise funds for the Cathedral Archer Project. There will be new, used and children's jigsaws, card and jewellery stalls and refreshments will be on sale. Admission is free.

Thank you to everyone who is knitting or crocheting poppies for our Remembrance display. Look out for this during October.

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BEFORE **AFTER**

The Gardening Life

Cast your minds back. Back to late July, and ... the heatwave.

It may seem like a distant memory, but as we're putting this article together, we have just experienced the hottest day on record, both in our area and across the country. The heat was fierce - we've spoken to many customers since who've said that they just sat and watched their gardens go crispy before their eyes.

What made it worse was that it came after what has been one of the driest spring and early summer periods we can remember. It really feels that it hasn't rained properly since about February. So our article in the last issue on being a 'Smart Waterer' makes us look like we had a premonition!

Time to take stock?

What has been interesting for us, and maybe you've done it too, is to identify plants in our own or our neighbours' gardens which survived the heat and those that struggled or just gave up the ghost altogether. If weather such as this is to become the pattern for future years then we really need to rethink some of the plants which have been stalwarts for years.

Camellias and azaleas, for example, form their buds for next year's blooms in June and so need lots of water and feed at this key time of year - just when extreme temperatures and drought are at most risk.

Likewise heleniums, often considered a classic late summer long-flowerer, actually have very shallow roots and hate it when the soil dries out. Many of our clumps have struggled terribly this year - they're flowering very short and going over quickly.

Problems with wind?

What shocked us most in the heatwave was the hot wind. It was like standing our pots in a fan oven at 200 degrees! Plants we had kept moist in the morning dried out rapidly and were burnt. So, apart from snapping stems with its force at any time of year, never underestimate the

impact of wind when combined with heat.

Wind is an issue in many of our gardens - customers in Holmesfield, up the hill from the nursery, joke that even on a summer's day it's blowing a gale! Wind whips up a solid fence or wall then drops down causing turbulence on the other side. That's why hedges and shrubs, which break up the wind rather than block it, are often a better solution. Hedges slow the flow of air and can protect an area 30x their height!

But instead of planting a solid line of evergreens, why not choose a mix of deciduous and evergreen to give seasonal interest? Windbreaks don't have to be boring.

What can I plant in a windy spot?

It may seem obvious, but choose shorter varieties of favourite plants - Verbena 'Lollipop' rather than the usual *V. bonariensis*, is a good start. Or perhaps go for plants that can sway rather than snap, such as grasses, gaura, fennel, salvias, *phlomis russelliana* or Japanese anemone.

In spring, think about using shorter-flowering tulips or daffodils. Some of the miniature narcissi such as 'Jenny' or 'Hawera' will be fine despite their apparent delicacy, and they often flower later, so extending the season of interest for bulbs.

And roses. Even though windy, exposed places aren't their ideal location, there are many varieties that will cope. Just choose carefully - often single-flowered and semi-double varieties do better than the big, showy hybrids teas.

On The Nursery

July is a time for taking stock - not actually counting pots (we do that in April) - but just thinking about the year that's gone. What worked and what didn't, which plants were popular and which (despite our best efforts!) no-one seemed interested in. It's always hard to second guess, but now is the time that we have to put a finger in the air, consult the goat's entrails and order stock for the next season.

First up are bulbs, which we order now and hope to have available from early/mid-September. Yes, bulb planting time is nearly here - although it's hard to imagine now that our gardens will ever be wet enough to plant anything! But don't despair, the old adage that smaller bulbs such as crocus and iris should be planted in September can be bent - waiting until your summer bedding is over and planting in October or November is just fine. If all else fails simply plant your bulbs in a pot ready to drop into a hole later on.

You can have bulbs flowering from January to May, so it's well worth planning your ideas now.

Millthorpe Nursery

Beauchief Environment Group

We follow a programme of work agreed with Sheffield City Council. Most work in the area is done by ourselves on Monday mornings from our base at Beauchief Abbey Barns, but we occasionally have help with the larger jobs from partners such as SCC, Green Estates, Abbeydale Golf Club and Beauchief Hall. Work undertaken from late April onwards includes:

- * repairing revetments in Parkbank Wood, and a broken step and dry stone wall in Ladies Spring Wood;
- * cutting back vegetation encroaching on saplings in the small meadow near Beauchief Allotments, on the edge of Beauchief Golf Course, and in Beauchief Open Space, formerly Stone Cross Field;
- * removing vegetation encroaching on a patch of heather planted on Little Wood Bank;
- * removing dock leaves from the large meadow behind Beauchief Allotments;
- * cutting back the hedge on Beauchief Abbey Lane to keep the pavement usable, and vegetation encroaching on the footpath behind the deer park at Beauchief Hall;
- * removing dead vegetation and repairing a metal fence, which had been obstructing the path between Abbeydale Golf Course and Beauchief Hall;
- * litter picking across the area.

Work during the next few weeks may include jobs at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, and using surfacing material provided by SCC to improve paths in the area.

On Sunday 1 May, we had a guided walk around the area and another is scheduled for 2pm on Saturday 29 October, from the Abbey.

We also plan to have a stall at Bradway Fun Day on Saturday 10 September, and plant a tree to mark the Jubilee at a time and place to be determined in the Autumn.

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Just add water

Some say a garden isn't a garden without a pond – and our favourite wild creatures certainly agree. One of the big themes at this year's Chelsea Flower Show was biodiversity; how to maximise the variety of plants in your garden and attract more wildlife. And one of the simplest ways to do this is to add a pond. Birds and small mammals need water to drink; frogs, toads and newts need it to breed; and many insect larvae spend time underwater in their lifecycle. Dig a pond or repurpose an old Belfast sink and, before you know it, you'll have a mini nature reserve on your doorstep.

Many gardeners believe that a garden isn't a garden without a pond. There is also something inherently calming about gazing at water and research has shown that, like green spaces, 'blue spaces' have a positive effect on mental health.

Even if you've only got a tiny courtyard garden or a balcony, there's no need to miss out on the pleasures of a pond. You can make mini ponds in anything that holds water, from old fire buckets to galvanised tubs. 'It's all about using the right size plant for the container,' she explains. Whether you dig a full-size pond or grow a water lily in a half barrel, both you and the local wildlife will reap the benefit.

What every pond needs

1 A shaded end for when things heat up in summer. This can be a tall pond plant that casts shade or a wall or fence – rather

than a tree or hedge, which may shed leaves into the pond, affecting water quality.

2 A means of escape. A partly submerged branch or a rock close to the edge allows animals such as hedgehogs, who aren't very good swimmers, to scramble out. In a larger pond, incorporate a shallow pebbly 'beach' or boggy area into your design.

3 Plants that provide cover along part of the pond edge so that newts and frogs can leave the water – and small mammals approach the water – without being picked off by predators.

4 Tall plants growing out of the water so that dragonfly larvae can climb out when they are ready to metamorphose.

An instant container pond

You will need a watertight container, such as an old zinc tub 30cm deep (try reclamation yards or junk shops); a heap of rocks; gravel; subsoil or poor-quality soil; planting baskets, flexible plastic pots or ordinary plant pots.

The plants

The corkscrew rush (*Juncus spiralis*) and variegated sweet flag (*Acorus gramineus variegata*) are evergreens. For spring colour, marsh marigold (*Caltha palustris*) with yellow flowers.

Plant them in a mix of soil and gravel with a topping of gravel to keep the mix in place. These are marginal plants that grow at the water's edge. Use the rocks to build a ledge so that the tops of the pots sit just below the water's surface.

You can even add a waterlily.

Nymphaea 'Pygmaea Helvola' is just 5cm across with waterlily flowers. It needs deeper water so sit the pot at the bottom of your container pond. These plants can be grown in a full-size pond too.

What wildlife will I see?

As most gardeners who've created ponds will tell you, wildlife just turns up. The charity Froglife advises against collecting frogspawn as this spreads disease (frogs are vulnerable to viruses and fungal infection).

Once your pond is established look out for dragonflies, damselflies and mayflies. These will attract swallows and swifts and, as dusk falls, bats. In the water you may see water boatmen, diving beetles and water scorpions – harmless, just vaguely similar in shape.

Newts can be hard to spot among the plants. The pale-brown smooth newt is common. Finding a great crested newt in your pond is cause for celebration as this is a protected species. Grass snakes may visit in search of newts, froglets and tadpoles to eat. Don't add fish – they'll eat the pond creatures and silt up the water.

The future

Our countryside has been losing ponds since the end of the first world war due to the intensification of agriculture and the spread of housing development. So garden ponds offer an opportunity to reverse the trend and give nature a chance to recover. So see if you can persuade your neighbours and all benefit.

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Dore Male Voice Choir

The last 2 years have been very difficult for the choir; tragically, we lost our revered Music Director Elizabeth Hampshire, and all concerts were cancelled along with our overseas concert tour to Italy. Francis Wells our deputy Music Director knocked us into shape for our 3 Christmas concerts in Dore Church which despite coming back from Covid were sell outs.

The 2022 Dore Festival has drawn to its close; each year Dore Male Voice Choir invites the community to its Thursday evening rehearsal for a free concert. The choir, along with Molly O'Toole, a young Soprano, and Joseph Banerjee, Tenor, provided an evening of music that was well received by an enthusiastic audience.

Planning for our Tour to Italy in September is well underway – we will be based in Padua which is roughly situated between Verona and Venice with concerts being held in each of the cities. The big attraction for the choir will be singing at the Mass in St. Mark's in Venice.

A note for your diary; the Memorial concert for our late Music Director Elizabeth Hampshire will go ahead on Saturday October 8th, 2022, with Lorna James Soprano and Tom Asher Baritone. Lorna and Tom have sung with us many times and toured with us to Prague and Assisi. The concert venue is All Saints Church, Ringinglow Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield S11 7PP at 7pm.

We have lost several members over the last 18 months but thankfully have been able to replace them and membership currently stands at 73. Visit our website (<https://www.doremalevoicechoir.com>) for more information about the choir and listen to some of the music we perform and for any potential chorister see our advert for details.

Ray Mellor
PRO, Vice Chairman

Neighbourhood Watch

I am sure we have all seen posts on Facebook or some other social media format, regarding a vehicle theft, a burglary or some other crime and the usual comments about “where are the Police?” Well unfortunately we have to accept that there will never be enough officers to cover the large areas each Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) has to cover. It is totally unrealistic to expect a police presence in every village, let alone every street or to get an instant response to any call unless it affects the possible threat to life.

Whilst there are other resources available for this type of emergency most of our coverage comes from a dedicated band of officers based at Woodseats Police Station. They cannot just sit around an area or road waiting to see if any rogue decides to try his luck that day. Instead of moaning or blaming the police, ask yourself what I could have

done to prevent any crime.

A lot of successful Police activities are a result of intelligence provided by various sources, including informants, businesses being offered stolen property, Social media sales pages and last but not least Members of Neighbourhood Watch. Residents can be the most significant source of information in helping resolve crime issues; they generally know their neighbours even if only on a nodding basis. They will know if someone is acting suspiciously or taking an interest in a property or vehicle and that they do not live there. Many will know when the neighbours are at work or on holiday and possibly act as a key holder for them.

Whilst locks, alarms, CCTV and even dogs provide the more common protection we rely on to keep our properties safe, we have all read or heard of someone who has had the misfortune to be on the victim of a burglary. It may be surprising to know that our area (S17) has a very low incidence of burglaries this past year compared to many of the other areas within our NPT's area.

What we do suffer from is vehicle theft, with certain models more likely to be targeted. Range Rovers are particularly seen on the weekly incident reports, some fortunately recovered quickly where fitted with trackers or other dedicated security devices but many gone with the wind. Ford Fiestas are the next most popular target. At the time of writing it appears that Jaguars have joined the list of most stolen vehicles.

In most of the cases the cars had keyless entry systems which are providing the rogues with an opportunity to electronically copy the Key Fob which allows them to unlock the car and start it without any noise. This can be prevented by the use of RFI wallets which block the signal from the key fob to any outside source. Both key fobs need to be protected and despite advice given on some programs, not in your microwave, this is one of the first places the rogues look if they do actually break into your property. Never leave the keys or fobs near front doors as they can be physically hooked out through the letterbox.

One of the more successful deterrents in recent years have been the growth of Door Bell cameras, as a reasonably inexpensive option they can not only warn you of possible intruders but capture them on line for later reporting. The one problem that Covid produced in a security matter is the use of facemasks and scarves etc by the rogues in attempts to disguise their faces. Fortunately the door bell cameras can capture high resolution images of their clothes etc providing an alternative source of identification.

Whilst the police may not attend any instances of people captured on line unless a crime is committed, it may provide a pattern if your neighbours also caught the intruders to assist future investigations. This brings me back to the use of social media and the potential benefits of spreading information



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quickly of any suspicious activity. By all means use the media to provide warnings and alerts but let us have less of the useless negative comments that benefit no one.

As anyone who contributes articles to any form of publication on a regular basis knows, the problem is to not repeat previous editions without losing any form of impact. Unfortunately the rise of social media with its immediacy, results in some articles appearing as old news or not being relevant when eventually published. However this also means that an article can still be found readily when you need it without the hassle of trying to recover a post from social media. I am always pleased when I get a call or email from a resident who has seen one of the articles and is asking for more information or wanting to join NHW.

*Les Day, Chair S17NWA
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Switch off that mobile phone

The madness of instant communication has gone far enough. It is time switch off all our mobile phones! I am not saying that they aren't useful, far from it, but the owners can't be trusted to use them sensibly.

Mobile phones have made real face-to-face conversation a rarity, all we get is mindless airborne chatter. I've seen otherwise intelligent adults, in the street, holding a phone as though they are about

to bite it. Lost in a world of their own they monopolise the pavement, block doorways and annoy us at bus stops, talking loudly to nobody in particular; behaviour no more acceptable than chewing gum open-mouthed.

Motorists have been banned from using mobile phones, but I see cyclists and horse riders still doing it. It was a delight, greeting a horse and its rider in a country lane but now the rider is busy on the phone. Why are they always saying, "I know...I know...I know...?" If you already know, then please shut up!

When people aren't speaking they're tweeting, which can easily have much more serious consequences, even for world leaders. If Donald Trump and Boris Johnson had used the rule 'Think before you Tweet' they might not be like a pair of unwanted china dogs, left to gather dust on the mantelpiece of memory.

It's amazing how annoying phones can be in public spaces. You have to listen to only half a conversation or, if you're stuck with a music-fan, endure pishity-tish, pishity-tish, pishity-tish from their headphones. If I'm stuck with the noise on a train journey, I long to wind the cord round their necks and pull it tight.

People play games on their mobile phones, or do they? A game is a way of having fun with your friends. Football, cricket, golf, tennis, darts, bowling or bingo, you enjoy each other's company. That's a game. If you can only find fun with your phone, you are missing out on so many things. Find yourself a friend!

Research suggests people are spending

five hours a day (a third of their waking time) using mobile apps. Is that really what you want to do with your life? If everybody stays stuck to a small screen all the time, when is anything purposeful, profitable or inventive going to get done? There is a wide world out there!

Phones have built-in cameras: cameras can be valuable things, if used to record life's precious moments. But what does the phone-carrying generation do? They take pictures of themselves! How weird is that? You take snaps of mum, dad, aunty, granny, new babies, the bride at weddings or pet cats; not yourself.

Why on earth would I want a picture of me? I know what I look like - I certainly don't want reminding.

Instead of just enjoying a meal in a restaurant, some diners regularly take pictures of their dinner; why? And, I am told, some folk even post pictures of their own meat and two potatoes. Please don't.

Nearly 30% of the UK population lives alone. Another 20% work from home, often in an empty house. We're forgetting how it feels to enjoy a real face-to-face conversation. We are becoming solitary animals. Phone mum, dad, aunty, granny or your mates if you must but do try to go and see them when you can.

Switch off that mobile phone! Look around you, start a real conversation with real people in the street and you might make somebody happy - or make a new friend at work, in the pub, or in the coffee shop. A life spent staring at a small screen is hardly a life lived to the full. Please switch off that mobile phone!

Robert Smith



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Contact David Heslop Chairman Tele: 0114 236 5043, or Peter Babb Secretary Tele: 0114 236 0062 to confirm your attendance or contact us any time to suit you.

Visit our website for more information www.doremalevoicechoir.com

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Can you help identify this Bradway family?

Greenhill Village History Society have been given several small photo albums, in the hope that a family will recognise their relatives. The albums were given to Lesley Fox (late chairman of the Society) several years ago, after being found in an attic at Bradway when new owners moved in. They have remained with numerous documents awaiting attention. We are now making a renewed attempt to locate the family.

There are a couple of clues in the albums themselves, such as the locations of family holidays in Ilfracombe, Blackpool and Great Yarmouth. Several photos are taken in front of a "caravan" which has been identified as a modified Sheffield Corporation Tramways vehicle. Photographs nearer to home are in the Peak District and Beauchief.

The only name that appears is J. Collier. One possible lead is that the family of John Percy Collier, lived at Jordanthorpe Hall (as mentioned in Chantry Lands). There is also mention of Magdalene College Oxford, and travel to Germany. One member of the family is seen in uniform in WW1.

The only dates for the photos are 1924 and 1925. Most, sadly, are either not captioned or very faded.

It appears that the family travelled quite widely in the 1920s, and obviously documented their outings, so I'm sure the family would like these memories to be reunited with living family members if they can be found.



If you have any information that may lead to identifying the family, then please get in touch with Sue Bowles 07730 790708 or contact any member of the Greenhill Village History Society (website) or contact us through Bradway Bugle.

Transport 17

These past few months have been a really busy and positive time for us here at Transport 17. We have taken on new passengers and clubs and have enquiries for more. We also have had a couple of trips out to Derbyshire for our passengers and have a trip to Crich Tramway Museum too! Their feedback has been wonderful and we understand what a vital role we and all our volunteers play in their lives.

We also had a wonderful day at Dore Gala, getting involved with the local community and raising much needed funds. The children (and adults!)

took part in making a great day and we were happy to share it.

We have further events we will be attending in the coming months including Lowedges festival on 14 August, Totley Show on 10th September, then potentially more at Christmas time too.

As demand grows we are looking for more volunteers who would like to be part of our team and help play this vital role in our surrounding community. If you would like to know more please feel free to call 0114 2362962 or email admin@transport17.co.uk

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Before BAG

When the Bradway Bugle first arrived in 1998 there was no Bradway Action Group. It could very reasonably be asked, if it wasn't for the Bugle would BAG have been formed 6 years later in 2003?

Probably yes, but over the years many people have assumed that BAG and the Bugle are one and the same. That may be because BAG volunteered to co-ordinate the delivery rounds and active BAG members have contributed a lot of the published articles, but the Bugle has always remained steadfastly independent and at arms length.

At the outset BAG's constitution agreed the boundaries of Bradway should be based as far as possible on ancient borders. The River Sheaf and Totley Brook were the divide between the very old parishes of Norton and Dronfield (from which both Dore and Totley were split off).

Then the small stream, the Lumb, that runs beside the bottom end of Totley Lane to join the Totley Brook by the Shepley Spitfire after crossing fields up to where the border crosses the road to Holmesfield by Tinkers Corner.

Today's Derbyshire border then follows a tiny stream from Tinkers Corner to the golf club. Finally the less well defined eastern border includes Fox Lane and the top end of Beauchief Drive where Hemper Lane and Bradway Road meet.

Bounds of Bradway Walk Sunday 29th May

We carried on Tony Smith and Peter Stubb's tradition of walking those bounds again this year. About 25 came along as we closely followed the route described above. Hopefully we all learned a little that we didn't know when we started, like discovering Tony Smith's self built yacht still harboured on Bradway Road, never having made it onto the water! We never found 20 wells, come along next year to hear why.

Outdoor activities

We've had a fairly quiet few weeks as the paths haven't been muddy. We cut back vegetation overgrowing the bench at the top of Twentywell Lane and along the woodland paths. We await delivery of material to improve muddy paths, but we can't see any mud just now anyway!

We consider anything else that's safe, legal and in the community interest so let John Sharpe know if you see something you feel we could tackle. To make a helpful suggestion, or maybe join us, email him at; john.c.sharpe54@gmail.com

The Twentywell Lane Care Home – Outram Fields

Construction is taking longer than envisaged but it's now up to the 3rd of 4

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stories. Residents are unlikely to be moving in before next summer. They're trying to reduce inconvenience but if there are any specific concerns please contact the Senior Site Manager for Pacy and Wheatley on 07392 087252.

Major work on the railway

Contractors Volker/Story JV held a drop-in session for local residents at Christ Church Hall in Dore in July. They



Laying new tract at Dore & Totley Station

assure us at that further sessions will be held as work progresses. They have an App – see QR code on Bradway and Station notice boards to download.

We hoped they might be doing some work on the steps down to the railway triangle as part of their commitment to the community. It may start in August. We'd hoped all their work would be finished by autumn next year but surprise surprise it may continue into 2024!

Recreation Ground Improvement

Children from Bradway Primary School



Sowing wildflower seeds on the Recreation Ground

recently sowed wild flower seeds to form a wild flower meadow in the grassy area alongside the Golf Driving Range. If you haven't seen them go and have a look, they look grand. We're looking to get some stone benches to replace the old wooden ones that were set on fire a few years ago – where John Baker once sat.

Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 5th October,
Bradway School Hall,**

7.00 for 7.30 start

For current and intending new members. Open agenda.

We'll need a new Treasurer. It's a simple bookkeeping role with only a few transactions to record each month and a bi-monthly summary to the committee. Could you consider helping? Please.

For more information please give our Chair, Chris Morgan, a call to discuss. on 07769 213189 or 0114 236 9273

or you can email; chrismorgan4@btinternet.com

BAG website

The BAG website is at; <http://bradwayactiongroup.weebly.com/> Use the contact us Form to get in touch.

BAG Facebook Group

We're adding new names almost every day. Just provide brief confirmation of your Bradway address or connection and accept the simple rules and you should be admitted. Interestingly it's used most in the evening, peaking between 9 and 10. Sundays are the most active days. Posts with pictures get most views, particularly when they're of cats, dogs, or stolen cars!

65% of members of the Facebook group are female. 46% of the group are between 35 and 54. 14% are in the 55-64 age group. Anyone out there who might like to volunteer to be our new Treasurer?

Fun Day, Saturday 10th September – Help required

See advert for simple details of event. It's always a good day and we have lots of activities to enjoy.

We rely heavily on the weather but above all we need more volunteers. A variety of roles need covering. Could you help for just a few hours on the day? Maybe early to help set up? Possibly during the event, all afternoon or just a couple of hours to give others a break? Finally, maybe to assist with tidying away at the end? We've got a good team but we need a few more members.

Please give Anne Sharpe a call on 07973960902 or 0114 2366388 or drop her an email at; annesharpe09@gmail.com

Full Members

We'd greatly welcome more fully paid up members. To join BAG, or to renew your subscription, please go to; <http://bradwayactiongroup.weebly.com/membership.html> or contact Anne Sharpe as above. It's only £2 a year, £3 for households. Many round it up with a further donation which allows us to spend more on our activities to help the community.

Most members set up standing orders to renew their membership subscriptions on 1st January each year. The modest income allows us to commit to projects

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In the beginning

... before the 1950s there was no Bugle nor a Bradway Action Group.

Bradway was mostly still fields with older houses in Lower Bradway from Hemper Lane to Twentywell Lane, Upper Bradway around Inkers Corner, Bradway Bank down towards Totley, a few big houses down Twentywell Lane and cottages around the small Castle Inn where the old brickworks was soon to be demolished.



Colourized aerial view of Bradway and the tunnel from the 1950s

By the 1960s new estates were springing up, mostly completed by the early 1980s. Many of the buyers were not from the local area, many coming to Sheffield in the 1970s with the Midland Bank or Civil Service from London, an attempt at levelling up.

Across the valley in 1964 a community group was formed, the Dore Village Society. The group grew and one of those civil servants from the south got involved, John Baker, a real live wire. 35 years ago he started a typed and copied A4 newsletter called Dore to Door, became Chairman of DVS and edited the now quarterly Dore to Door magazine for its first 25 years.

It was Bradway's gain when John retired from his work and branched out with the new and independent Bradway Bugle 25 years ago. It was totally his own idea as he felt at that time Bradway lacked a sense of community. He used to walk his dogs up to the Bradway Recreation Ground and survey the view over towards Dore Moor and beyond, resting on the benches that are no longer there – nor is much of the view now lost behind the trees!

John has edited the Bugle, found advertising, arranged printing and in the early years delivered them all with the help of Lorna, his wife. More recently the Bradway Action Group has organised the distribution. He's made no profit yet ensured an exceptionally good balance of editorial material and adverts. His success has attracted copy from many knowledgeable contributors writing on a wide range of subjects.

He gave up editing Dore to Door and his involvement in the Dore Village Society some years ago but carried on with the Bugle. His enthusiasm and

energy always included gardening and walking but other very active involvement came with The Time Travellers, Friends of Ecclesall Woods and Friends of Sheffield Castle. Often a Chairman and committee member he remains active with all three.

John has endured a number of serious illnesses in recent years as well as losing his wife. Walking the dogs has become more demanding. After 25 years it's time for him to consider reducing his commitments. Over a quarter of a

century, through all his own illnesses and those of his wife, and then Covid, the Bugle has been produced on time every quarter.

25 years on the Bugle circulation area has grown to stretch from parts of Greenhill down into the fringes of Totley,



Stopping to admire the view over towards Dore Moor and beyond

a labour of love and dedication.

But very sadly it looks like the Bugle as we know it is coming to an end after the next winter edition.

Currently we're facing a very big empty space! The more closely it's examined the greater John's achievement can be appreciated. It's a daunting prospect and one few would even contemplate. It seems nobody is currently in the wings waiting to take over.

Chris Morgan



Can you spare some time to support local Community Groups?

Bradway Action Group and The Friends of Bradway Community Hall have current and upcoming vacancies on their Committees.

Bradway Action Group

Bradway Action Group was established in 2003. We aim to look after the interests of all those people who live, learn, work or play in this leafy Sheffield suburb of S17. We actively organise Community activities - Annual Fun Day and Christmas Events with local traders, work with SCC, e.g. repairing and maintaining footpaths. Funds have recently been used to purchase new playground equipment and picnic tables for the Village Green.

Website:-

<https://bradwayactiongroup.weebly.com>

From October 2022, we will need a new treasurer. It is a simple accountancy role, keeping basic income and expenditure records, presenting the accounts at committee meetings and submitting annual accounts for audit purposes. The committee meets every two months, plus 2 Open Meetings, (to members and general public), and the AGM.

Interested? Please contact BAG Chair, Chris Morgan to discuss on 07769 213189

The Friends of Bradway Community Hall

The Friends of Bradway Community Hall are a Registered Charity No 109359. We are responsible for the overall maintenance and improvement of Bradway Community Hall. The Hall is used by local organisations and businesses for various activities, and is a popular venue for individual hire for parties and events. Website:- <https://bradwaycommunity.wixsite.com/site>

There is currently a vacancy for a Chair Person. This role is supported by long standing and very experienced trustees - Secretary, Harry Hunter, Treasurer, John Child and the Booking Officer, Gwen Smithson. Three further trustees complete the Committee.

There will also be a vacancy for the treasurer's role in the near future, very similar to the role described above for BAG. The committee meets every three months including an AGM.

If you are interested, please contact the Secretary Harry Hunter to discuss. Tel 236 4922 or by email at: thehunters69@outlook.com

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within the community. Paid up members have the right to vote at General Meetings and are eligible to be nominated for committee positions.

BAG Activities
The defibrillator on Wollaton Road should soon be wired up and in place.

Planters at the top of Twentywell have been replanted and are being regularly watered.

Old School Field/Village Green
Another picnic bench has been added
Outside work most Thursdays, see above.

Committee Meetings are the 3rd Monday of each odd month in the small Community Hall. If you'd be interested in joining us please get in touch

Bradway website is at;
<http://bradwayactiongroup.weebly.com/>
or contact Chairman as above.

Chris Morgan, Chairman

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Roger Tetley's recollections of life in Bradway (1938-1946)

In this issue we re-join with a searchlight being set up outside just before the start of the war.

The search light was operated by mechanically advancing two carbon rods at very high voltage, striking an arc and withdrawing them to a distance when the resulting light was magnified by a highly polished dish type reflector in the rear of the casing thus projecting a strong white beam to several 1000 feet in height.

I found out that when the Lewis gun was fired it was very effective, as some maniac soldier fired it into the upper branches of a tree I was climbing. Fortunately I had only settled myself on a low branch. True story! It's a wonder I'm still here. Father said I shouldn't climb trees!

At school we had a cadet corps. Our headmaster was Norman Shera Millican M.A. Oxon Military Cross, a First World War officer. I took to this like a duck to water. I soon became a corporal and in 1942 obtained a military qualification in Infantry disciplines. War Certificate A.

This ensured that when I volunteered for the army I was selected to go to Catterick to train to be an officer. I became sergeant in Abbeydale Cadet Unit. Then in 'Dad's Army' played side drum in the band. Then 66th West Riding Battalion HG (Home Guard). From which I was transferred to the 131

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Bradway Agewell Leisure Club

Forthcoming meetings
Tuesday 6th September - 70 Years of Elizabeth II Talk by Maureen Taylor
Tuesday 4th October - Beyond the Blue Horizon Talk by Pat McLoughlin
Tuesday 1st November - Christmas Crafts All Members
Tuesday 6th December - Panto 'Annie' Northeast Producers
Meetings are held at South Sheffield

Church, Greenhill Parkway (Next to fire station) Coffee and biscuits served from 10am until 10.20am, followed by a talk from the invited speaker

Currently, meetings are open to members. Visitors are welcome but have to pre - book by telephone, and the fee for one visit is £5. We have limited availability for new membership. Should you be interested in joining please give us a call for further details.

Stuart Sawyer 236 9830
Keith Oakes 236 9191

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Roger Tetley's recollections ...

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The Sheffield Blitz.

War was declared 3rd Sept 1939.

As you know the Germans were proceeding across Europe with a massive Blitzkrieg. Czechoslovakia, Poland etc., were the 1st places to be involved, when the politicians here realised what was happening. Panic was not our way to react. At first the government approached the German govt with very strong diplomatic protests. Mr Chamberlain the prime minister, got an assurance from Adolf Hitler that Germany would not proceed to fight against Britain.

However, although Chamberlain came back with a piece of paper exclaiming 'peace in our time' some use it was, because Hitler went back on his word and after a short time we had to realise that we were now at war with Germany.

On that very night the sirens sounded but it was a false alarm. No German planes came I remember. Joyce and I sat on the bottom 2 stairs feeling not so brave. NOTHING HAPPENED! So at the all-clear we trooped off to bed.

However for a fair time German planes came over, recognised by the particular vroom vroom vroom of their unsynchronised diesel engines until, at about 7pm, on Thursday 12th December 1940 the sirens sounded in earnest.

Father came home from work and at 7:30pm a van stopped at our door and a turkey was delivered to Father from some business or other as a Christmas gift. Straight away Mother and I drew the innards out and cleaned and prepared it for the oven. Later on, another van drew up, so mother cooked two turkeys during the blitz. I remember there was an all over hoar frost as far the eye could see.

At about 8:00 pm Father and I stood on the back door steps and observed the proceedings. Suddenly, immediately above our heads, the sky was lit up by parachute flares (magnesium) illuminating the countryside. All the time we stood there not wearing steel helmets, red hot shrapnel was falling from 30,000ft all around us. It could have penetrated our skulls! However, we survived. I admit I was frightened.



Roger Tetley as a cadet

Suddenly, we heard a sound I can best describe as a ton of coal falling through the sky. This was caused by a stick of bombs falling down in our vicinity. They landed near some trees on the Abbeydale Golf Course, creating some huge new bunkers as I found out several days later when I went to inspect.

By 10:00 at night although we were 4 miles from the city centre we could see huge fires, whole blocks of shops going up in flames. We could hear the girders clanging to the ground as the structures collapsed.

Now I think back I don't know how we escaped death. We were as calm as cucumbers not wearing steel helmets. With my knowledge now, I guess the shrapnel came down from several thousand feet, about 3 inches in length and quite large in diameter. Wow! We saved them for some years but as with a lot of items it was only scrap. At the same time I picked up a lot of leaflets from Adolf Hitler suggesting we packed up our foolish defence and other warlike efforts. No way, we shall fight you on the beaches etc. we thought, so shove off Adolf.

In the fields round about we found a lot

of metal strips called window to prevent our radar from finding their aircraft. We also found several burnt out incendiary bombs. Terrible! However we heard all the noise and were spared, but as the night progressed, great blocks of fire were seen in the centre of Sheffield, and I could hear huge girders crashing to the floor on Sheffield Centre that we found out later would be on the Moor mainly.

In Greenhill the following week we found that two council houses were completely blown away by what the authorities described as sea mine dropped by parachute. Charming!

Father and I could have disappeared or at least had our heads blown off. Well I'm still here. I don't know about the head but the ears are. I think there were about 500 German Heinkel bombers involved for about 500 people killed.

Next day father and I went to town in the car; could only get to the bottom of the Moor. So we walked up a back street where all the cellars were on fire and past Walsh's department store which was burnt out. The fire, we were told, only took hold about 3 a.m. We finished up looking into the cellar of Marples from where they had just dug out some bodies, and so home to turkey for dinner.

As we drove up Hemper Lane we noticed a German plane, obviously taking photos of the damage, flying East to West over the city. Regarding the sound of German bombers, it was such a distinctly different sound to that of the Rolls Royce Merlin engines of the Lancaster, where these were high octane petrol and very precision engineered in comparison to the German engines thus producing a very smooth sound which you can hear on occasions when the Battle of Britain flight entertains us i.e. one Lancaster one or two Spitfires and/or a Hurricane each with at least one of those superb engines.

To return to the Blitz, it went on until 5 am. And the sound of planes ceased and the only sight left were the huge fires in town. Following the Thursday night when having read the official casualty figures, I can't turn up the source at the moment but from memory, over 700 dead and 2500 houses bombed. Something of that order.

However on Sunday 15th December the Germans returned, so Father and his neighbours decided to evacuate for the night. So, we entered the family cars and proceeded to navigate the dark roads to Derbyshire i.e. up on the moors overlooking the Cordwell valley and Chesterfield to hear that the Heinkels were flying overhead, much lower it seemed, and we could see thousands of white lights encircling the countryside i.e. incendiaries (fire bombs) just a firework display, there were no high explosives, otherwise I may not have survived the experience.

There would have been no chance of receiving help had we been injured; there were no mobile phones to summon ambulances or anything so that the whole exercise seems to have been very

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foolhardy to say the least. Mind you we were about ten miles from the mark or target and that counts for a lot of common sense in the decision to flee our homes. Mind you I think we benefitted from our baptism of fire i.e. Mentally not as scared any more.

I seem to remember that it was after the Sheffield Blitz that we were kept off school for a whole year but received some lessons at home, although with regard to this, some children fared better than others. Mother had been a teacher at local schools in the Stocksbridge area, having gone through pupil teacher training and having taught at Penistone Grammar School, but her main source of training came from Father, who had been a model student at the Sheffield Central Secondary school, plus evening study at Sheffield University.

Mother had a friend, Alice Maud Ruth Mathews MA(Oxon), whose daughters, in particular Betty, the eldest, had very good teaching indeed from their mother, so that Betty would have done well had she not become pregnant at an early age and had to get married! Her father was a Quaker and my Home Guard sergeant. Not a man to trifle with. Mind you I got on with him, being a model young soldier, apart from my dalliance with ATS girls

The Home Guard

In about 1941-2, some men appeared to be on guard, near the field gate of the field in which there was the pond, which I may have mentioned. These were local men who wore an armband on which was

the legend LDV, the forerunners of what was the Home Guard. They had no weapons of war, and only had such things as broom handles or sticks, however as time went by, they wore battle dress with a label on each upper sleeve denoting that they were of the West Riding battalion Home Guard.

.to be concluded in our winter issue

Sheffield ME & fibromyalgia charity

Sheffield ME and Fibromyalgia began in the late nineties as a group of individuals who had recurring ME/CFS symptoms and were struggling to find answers from their doctors. The Group officially became a charity in 2001 for individuals with ME/CFS; and in recent years adapted to support those with fibromyalgia and long Covid.

Sheffield ME and Fibromyalgia Group is a small, registered charity providing information, support and a point of contact for people of all ages with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS), fibromyalgia and long Covid, their families and their carers. We currently support over 440 members living with the conditions in South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire, while continuing to raise awareness of the conditions in the local area and community.

Our members meet regularly during drop-ins hosted by our members in cafés

around Sheffield and the local area. It's invaluable for people to meet with others who understand, being able to talk about anything and actively be supported and understood. These health conditions can be very isolating due to stigma and lack of information available for the public and health professionals.

We currently host weekly/monthly wellbeing events and various social activities online and in-person. Our very lively Facebook groups enable our members to share tips, successes and everyday life struggles, always to find an understanding and supportive ear. We have a members-only forum on our website to enable people who aren't on social media to connect and engage with others too.

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30 years of health walks

Striding out into the Peak District countryside, worries and ailments are forgotten for a while... The benefits of the outdoors for health and wellbeing are now widely-known and, for 30 years, the Peak District National Park has been leading the way with ranger-led health walks.

Free monthly walks are supported by the Peak District Foundation and public health locality funding. They are delivered by rangers throughout the National Park on easy paths with no stiles. Community transport to and from each walk is available to eligible walkers at no cost.

The 30th anniversary of our health walks was celebrated with a guided walk at Macclesfield Forest. Learning and Discovery ranger Jo Hanney said: "It's great to see people enjoying fresh air, nature, exercise and good company in our amazing landscapes. Over the last 30 years, health walks have created some very happy memories – and it's lovely to celebrate this milestone anniversary with so many people. Some have been walking with us for several years, with lots of friendships made."

John Holmes has been a keen walker for 60 years, though his mobility is now limited by Type 1 diabetes. He said: "I can't drive anymore because of diabetes, so the health walks allow me to keep visiting the places I've always loved. I enjoy the company and getting out into the National Park."

Audrey Foster has enjoyed taking part in health walks for 26 years. She explained: "I love the wildlife and nature – and the fact that the walks are guided by rangers. I wouldn't know where to go myself. The transport is also a great help as it makes everything stress-free. I feel calmer after I've been for a walk – it improves my mental health."

Margaret Black has been a volunteer ranger for 27 years and accompanies the groups on health walks. She said: "It's wonderful showing places to people who wouldn't normally have come out on their own. "It's increased my own knowledge of the National Park because I've learned from the full-time rangers. They know such a lot and they are able to



share that with us."

The Peak District Foundation's fundraising development manager Sarah Slowther added: "One of our key aims is to enable more people to experience the benefits of the outdoors, so we're delighted to provide funding which supports these invaluable health walks. Here's to the next 30 years!"

Fiona Stubbs

Ranger Jo Hanney leads some people on a Peak Park health walk

chief executive, taking on the role from early September 2022.

Currently Director, East Midlands, for the Canal & River Trust (CRT) Mr Mulligan has an extensive background across the voluntary and environmental sectors having held executive and board positions in several organisations.

Mr Mulligan joins the National Park Authority following the publication of the government's Landscapes Review looking at the role of England's protected landscapes, and as all National Parks have been part of a 'green recovery' from the pandemic and have welcomed increasingly new audiences following the impacts of Covid lockdowns.

Chair of the Authority, Andrew McCloy said: "I'm delighted to welcome Phil Mulligan to the position of chief executive at such a pivotal moment for the Peak District; where the spotlight is on our protected landscapes perhaps more than at any time since their creation over 70 years ago. Phil's extensive leadership credentials – often with volunteer support at its heart – will be invaluable to meeting the challenges and aspirations of a Peak District that stands ready to deliver for our protected landscapes and all that they offer."

New chief executive



New chief executive Phil Mulligan

The Peak District National Park Authority has confirmed that Phil Mulligan has been appointed as its new



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Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials

The Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials will take place this year on 1st 2nd and 3rd September on Longshaw Pastures in front of Longshaw Lodge, starting at approximately 7.30am each morning and finishing at approximately 5.30pm. Members of the public will be most welcome to attend. We are very honoured this year to have Mr. Craig McKay as our President.

On 1st and 2nd there will be open class sheep dog trials when many of the 'One Man and His Dog' competitors will be taking part. We are very pleased to have Mr. Mark Day from Harbottle, near Morpeth to judge the open classes and championship, Mr. Malcolm Sowerby from Bradwell, Hope Valley, to judge the brace class, and Mr. Frank Satterthwaite from Brough in Cumberia to judge the local class.

At approximately 3.30pm on 1st subject, to any unforeseen circumstances, there will be a parade of local hounds and at approximately 1.30pm on Friday 2nd there will be a display of English Bloodhounds courtesy of The Four Shires Bloodhounds. Following the local class sheep dog trial on Saturday 3rd the Longshaw Fell Race is to be run. Starting at approx. 10.30am. from the trial field, this year the race is to be pre-entry once again.

Starting at approximately 12.30 on Saturday 3rd the trials culminate in a



A challenge for both man and dog

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

Entrance charges are just £5 per adult each day, no charge for children and parking is free. For further information please contact the Secretary, Mrs. Sheila Humphreys, MBE on 01433 651852, e-mail lsdta@talktalk.net or check out the website www.longshawsheepdog.co.uk

This will be the 124th 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. We look forward to meeting you. **Registered Charity No 234523**

Well Dressing Calendar

This year in some cases events will not take their usual form, so it is important to check events near to their planned date. See www.welldressing.com

August

17-23 Barlow
20-26 Taddington
25-11 Holymoorsude
27-4 Eyam
27-4 Foolow
27-4 Wormhill

September

4-11 Longnor
10-17 Hartington
10-18 Chesterfield



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Bradway Buses

As I write this in July there have been lots of headlines about bus cuts and lots of political views exchanged but very little detail has actually been announced so far! It is expected there will be changes to the operator of some school services this September as contracts for tendered services come up for renewal and not all existing operators are bidding due to the industry wide shortage of drivers and increased operating costs. However the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority have voted to ensure funding is there to support school buses. Bradway's school bus is service 725 to Meadowhead School.

More at risk is our little local bus M17 that shuttles hourly between Dore, Totley, Bradway, Greenhill village, Jordanthorpe and St James Retail Park, although the good news for now is a limited Saturday morning service was reinstated back in June. Hulleys of Baslow will be running the M17 until October when either another operator will take over or the service will be withdrawn.

Government Covid recovery funding is supporting the commercial bus network, but will end in October. At which point the services will need to adapt to the changes in demand post-Covid to remain financially viable - for example much less people are commuting at the traditional rush hours following an increase in people working from home.

Included in the commercial network is Bradway's main bus service, the 24/25,

which currently provides a departure to Sheffield City Centre and Woodhouse via Woodseats and Heeley up to every 15 minutes in the daytime and hourly in the evening, seven days a week. The journey time on this route isn't quite as fast as some might like but it does mean the service remains fairly reliable when traffic congestion is causing issues (unlike on the Abbeydale Road and Ecclesall Road routes!).

All the bus timetables, route maps and notifications of planned changes or service disruptions can be found online at travelsouthyorkshire.com or you can get information by calling Traveline on 01709 515151. Live bus tracking on a map is available at bustimes.org.

Travelmaster passes offering unlimited travel on all bus companies plus Supertram can be purchased online at sytravelmaster.com. Day tickets are also available on the Stagecoach bus app and this now also includes the "Flexi5" deal offering 5 all day tickets for the price of 4 which offers a saving for those not commuting frequently enough to buy a weekly or monthly pass (this offer was previously only available as a smart card topped up online).

With the new school term coming up, a bit of information about young people's tickets again. Child fares are available to those aged 5-10 inclusive, additionally those aged 11-18 can get the same discount by applying for a "Zoom" pass at travelsouthyorkshire.com.

There is also a "Zoom Beyond" scheme for 18-21 year olds with the card

qualifying the holder to travel at 80p per ride, this is a South Yorkshire Mayor initiative now into its second year. The child fare is also 80p. There are also a range of child unlimited travel passes available for 1 day, 7 day or 28 day.

Andrew Cullen

NOW and THEN

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It's a hard thing for 'grown-ups' to admit, but our taste suffers the further from childhood that we stray. To help bolster ourselves against such an outrageous assertion, we re-label our ability to distinguish flavours as 'more sophisticated', our appreciation 'more rounded', our palate 'more discerning.'

We linger and sip, inhale and savour, swirl, roll, trickle and possibly even gargle to get the last bit of culinary payback from our favourite foods. But even the tallest firewall of such cultivated urbanity collapses like a pack of loosely stacked playing cards when ambushed by a gustatory memory of childhood medicines.

The reaction of ten thousand childish taste-buds to a spoonful of cod liver oil, for example, is traumatic enough to ripple through the decades and induce an involuntary gag reflex in the same now-adult innocent who just happens to be reminded of the original dosage for some reason (common triggers being smell, next-day takeaway leftovers for

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breakfast, unhelpful workplace colleagues reminiscing, reckless journalism like this stuff and so on).

For some, even these first paragraphs will have been enough to put them mentally at the wrong end of a tablespoonful of medication so repellent, the recipient will also remember vowing never to sneeze, cough or look in any way pale ever again. And, incidentally for the benefit of readers of insufficient years, all medicaments of a Bradway rewound 50+ years were measured in buckets; the minimum recommended dosage being the largest ladle available.

In larger families, siblings monitored each other's health with a surprisingly firm grasp of the concept of enlightened self-interest: if one of you fell ill, parents would invariably become convinced that minor illnesses were presages of general contagion and dose everyone including the cat. The health of one was the health of all.

For years, I believed 'suffrage' was a reference to the overall vileness of medicines and that the Suffragettes were simply the one who were not going to put up with it any more. Given the choice, I too would rather have chained myself to some railings than endure another dose of anything with ipecacuanha in it. When I later discovered the ingredient was an expectorant in small amounts and an emetic in larger quantities, I was entirely unsurprised. Neither end of that continuum was it good to be on.

My parents had a powerful ally on their side when it came to administering medicines though. Back then, our local GP, the ever-quotable Dr Pettigrew, he who was responsible for the demise of my vest wearing by dint of a single disparaging remark, would brook no argument on dosage. When he had to administer something to you himself, it would at least be mercifully quick. He knew I would not be alone in ranking medicinal interventions along the taste spectrum and his technique headed off any exchange of notes in the playground on the smells and flavours of the latest tinctures, unguents, and emollients.

For most of us kids, the day when our hungry mouths discovered they could safely make around half of their 10,000 papillae (per tongue) redundant couldn't come soon enough. If it was not beyond the wit of man to make tasty remedies like the original Lucozade™ (a drink so rammed with glucose that it had to be wrapped in transparent amber film as though it was nitro-glycerine) then why did the overwhelming majority of pharmaceuticals for kids taste like licking the bottom of a hamster cage? (Note: this last comparison is a flight of fancy and in no way to be attempted at home)

Further proof that over the counter nostrums could have enhanced flavour, rather than be turned inside out into its evil twin, was the existence of Virol. How to sing the praises of a malt extract like liquid toffee? It even required the true hallmark of guilty pleasure; a dextrous twist of the spoon raised from

beneath a lustrously gooey surface in order to retain as much as possible from jar to mouth in a single serving. Clearly the marketing people had let a panel of children help design this one.

Virol was, sadly, an outlier;. There was only one way from the heights and the downward trajectory had only a couple of stops on the vertiginous plunge to the unpalatable bottom. Just verging on the boundary of acceptability was Milk of Magnesia and on occasion, a buff-coloured suspension of Kaolin and Morphine, both of which even children recognised were infinitely better than the intestinal conditions they were treating. These were, however the tiniest number of exceptions that proved a crushing rule - that children's medicines were designed by adults to use taste as an incentive to stay well.

From our parent's point of view, the world of childhood illness looked very different. The potential for their offspring to fall prey to disease was constantly on their radar. So much so that we could afford to let it fall off ours.

There were clues, however. Leg irons were not unknown in the playground. A post-war poliomyelitis epidemic stalked the nightmare hours of darkness for parents for years, through until the 60's in fact. The numbers were not comforting; some 8000 a year were paralysed by the disease, with a 10% mortality rate when the paralysis reached their respiratory system. Even surviving meant scars. Many children and their parents suffered the trauma of lengthy separation through hospital isolation and restricted visiting hours.

The year before I was born, a relief we can all freshly recognise came when the first vaccines were available in this country. And by a curious quirk of fate, the British vaccination programme took real flight when the Sabin oral vaccine was made available. With sweet irony, it was administered by placing a drop of iton a sugar cube.

Take from all this what you will, but Life, it appears, can be sweet at the most surprising times.

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Italian Weekend

I have been really lucky to travel to many parts of Europe over the years but Italy has to be my favourite and I always seem to get drawn back. I have visited many parts of Italy before but Venice has always escaped me until now.

After several setbacks due to the pandemic, on our third attempt we finally managed to get off. We travelled at the end of April and this was a perfect time to travel. The weather was lovely and warm but not too hot and although busy, the city wasn't swarming with as many tourists as it would have been during the summer months.

We flew from Manchester with Jet2 and luckily managed to avoid any of the issues that have been well documented recently. From check-in to departure lounge was less than 30 minutes. On arrival into Venice it was a short transfer to our hotel and after dropping off our luggage, it was time to head out and explore.

Our starting point was the stunning Grand Canal which simply took our breathes away. After numerous selfies and snaps of the famous canal we followed the well posted signs guiding us through the narrow laneways and smaller canals to eventually reach St Marks Square via the famous Rialto Bridge. St Mark's Square was another breath taker and it almost felt strange being somewhere that you have seen so many times on TV and films. Due to its notoriously high prices, we decided not to sit and take in the views at one of the cafes and headed back inland to go for food and drink. An espresso costing €8 on St Mark's Square was the deciding factor.

Overall we found Venice however to be very reasonable especially if you avoid the main tourist traps and eat the yummy local food. Many days we just used to grab a huge slice of pizza for a euro and often a three course evening meal with a

carafe of wine generally cost no more than €25.

On our second day we decided to head out of Venice and after looking at various options of places to visit, we headed off



A magical but expensive gondola ride

to Padova which was just 15 minutes from Venice and a bargain €8 return on the train. Padova is a pretty university town and is home to two UNESCO sites- the world's oldest Botanical garden and for its 14th century frescoes. The city is easily navigable on foot and it was nice



The busy St Marks Square

to be somewhere not overrun by tourists although it was surprising that it is not more popular. The majority of the city centre is pedestrianised and has lots of pretty arcades and squares where locals were sat having a coffee or Aperol spritz and a catch up. We ended our walk at the Prato della Valle, the largest square in Italy and one of the biggest in Europe.

On our last day we caved in and did the tourist must do- a gondola ride. It was quite pricey at €80 for a half hour ride but it was magical. Emerging on to the Grand Canal on a quiet Sunday morning with the sun shining and the church bells ringing is a moment that I will never forget.

All too soon our Venice mini break had come to an end and it was time to head off to the airport. I was initially apprehensive about visiting Venice as more often than not I have found that sometimes such iconic places don't always live up to the hype but I can safely say Venice exceeded my expectations and I can certainly see why people fall in love with this unique place and I am sure that this was just the first of many more visits for me.

*Gareth Fleming
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Beauchief Abbey is a Cool place to be!

On 18th July 2022, the hottest day so far this year, the Beauchief Abbey Committee met at 2pm for the quarterly meeting. The temperature inside the abbey was a cool 20 degrees. When the meeting finished 2 hours later stepping outside felt as if we were stepping out of a plane maybe somewhere in Turkey!

Heritage Open Days

17th & 18th September 2022:

Saturday 11am-4pm & Sunday 11am-3pm followed by a Special Evensong.

I have been sent an original copy of the Beauchief Abbey Annual year book 1929-1930. It makes interesting reading which includes historical notes and interesting advertisements from 1929. This will be on display in the Abbey during Heritage Open Days.

There will be also be a couple of displays in the Abbey - The Sheffield University Archaeological 2021 'Fairway to Heaven Field Survey', and a display celebrating 50 years of the Prayer Book Society.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a **Special Choral Evensong** with guests from the Steel City Choristers at 3pm on Sunday 18th September 2022; the service will be led by Cannon Andrew Sage, Master Archbishop Holgate Hospital in Hemsworth. The Steel City Choir visited the Abbey in June and were fabulous, so once again we will be in for another treat!

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Totley Library

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Summer Reading

Challenge 23 July – 10 September

Get ready for Gadgeteers arriving at Totley library from 23 July. What do you love to do? Are you a brilliant baker, a mega music fan, or a tech wizard? Join the Gadgeteers for our Summer Reading



Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge

Challenge to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you.

It's free to take part and suitable for children 4-11 years of age. All you have to do is read or share up to six books of your choice, collecting stickers and incentives along the way. On completion children will receive a medal and a

certificate. We look forward to welcoming you at Totley Library this summer!

We will be using Friday morning library sessions 10 – 1pm during the school holidays to offer additional creative resources available for children to freely access, to 'make and create' when they visit the library.

Totley Library Community Art Space

Original Art and Prints are still for sale at Totley Library, where we showcase the work of new and established local artists. Do come and have a look at the displays in the Adult library. Artists currently exhibiting include Maria Gladden, Ian Geary and Andrew Jeffrey. If you are a local artist and would like to take part, we are now booking exhibit slots for October 2022 and January 2023. For further information, please call in at Totley Library, visit our website <http://www.totleycric.org.uk/art-space/> or email carolynjallcroft@gmail.com

Reading Well Scheme

We are delighted to have received nearly 100 new books donated by the Reading Agency. These are selected and approved by health professionals for adults and children to support them managing a range of health conditions and promoting wellbeing.

Books are on our library display shelves now. The Children's library is also displaying and promoting new books for parents to support their children to deal with worries, feel better and boost their mood.

Totley Library Cinema

Our community cinema programme at Totley Library will be taking a break over the summer but will be back in September. Let us know what films you'd like to come along and visit by clicking on the survey link on our website <https://bit.ly/3AABOWZ> or leave a recommendation in our suggestion box in the adult library.

Since 1st April 2022, there will be no fines on items that are returned late. Library users are still encouraged to return or renew their library books on time. Lost and damaged items are charged at replacement value.



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Diamond Jubilee Steam Special

Apart from a place to catch trains our current single platform is a popular spot for train watchers of all ages, from small children in push chairs to great-grandparents. When the Rev Awdry first published his Thomas the Tank Engine books he couldn't have imagined how much they would still be inspiring train lovers over 70 years later.

When our Queen came to the throne back in 1952 young train spotters would wait on the bridge across to Platforms 2, 3 and 4 or gather on the railway triangle recording engine numbers in their Ian Allan notebooks. Older enthusiasts kept records of journeys, timing the trains and recording where each locomotive may have come from. Time has moved on. Today young enthusiasts take photos and videos to go on their YouTube channels.

Word spread that on 4th June the Jubilee Buxton Spa Express hauled by former LMS Jubilee Class 45596 Bahamas would be passing through the station and along the Hope Valley. Our platform became quite crowded and vantage points were eagerly sought on bridges along the route.

The train did not disappoint as it stormed up the gradient towards the assembled spectators and their lenses. It returned in the evening avoiding the station by running through Dore Tunnel to go south. It made a fine sight for those almost looking down its funnel as it pulled away across Dore South Junction into Bradway Tunnel.



Laying new track

Industrial relations

Sadly we are entering a potentially long period of industrial strife. A variety of pent up grievances are emerging exacerbated by the highest levels of inflation seen for decades.

In order to run smoothly the railway



Receiving all the attention: Jubilee Buxton Spa Express hauled by former LMS Jubilee Class 45596 Bahamas

industry relies on many legal employers and several unions. Within individual train operating companies (TOCs) some staff doing identical roles may be on different terms to others, e.g. Northern crews in the North West and the East. It's an absolute nightmare of trip wires across the industry.

We're already experiencing regular knock on effects following the expiry of a rest day working agreement at Trans Pennine Express. That has led to few of their trains operating on Sundays and cancellations on other days. Delays in training by all operators due to Covid restrictions mean there are insufficient trained personnel to cover absences when things go wrong.

Our line is very susceptible to disruption due to old signalling. Both Totley Tunnel East and Grindleford manual boxes are to be replaced over the next 18 months but other boxes remain to the west. The mainline is controlled by big signalling centres in York and Derby that can be kept operational more easily.

No doubt all will be resolved but in the meantime it's disappointing that services are being impacted just when people are returning to the railway.

The next 15 months at the station

By the time you read this the car park should have reopened after total closure for most of July. That was disappointing, not only for rail users but also the owners and patrons of the local businesses and residents in the Ladies Spring flats, along Abbeydale Road South and up Dore Road.

FoDaTS first drew attention to this potential issue at the time of the 2016 public inquiry and is not surprised that few use the alternative parking offered at the top of Abbeydale Sports Club's car park.

This phase of the work required total closure of all lines during all weekends in

July. It has seen reconstruction of Dore Station Junction with new track through the station. The gap between the train and platform edge on existing Platform 1 has been slightly reduced.

The next major work here begins late in October and will continue into the New Year, assuming all goes to plan. It starts with foundations for the new footbridge towers, then the bridge, fitting of the lifts and construction of the new platform. The existing platform will be extended back to the signal seen looking towards Sheffield – where the old platform stopped until 1985!

By spring all the work at the station, the extended loop below Poynton Wood, and the new loop at Bamford should be connected. Operational new points and signalling from Bamford into Sheffield will then be controlled from York. All lines will be closed for about 9 days. There's contingency time built in for some slippage. Tidying up will go on until 2024.

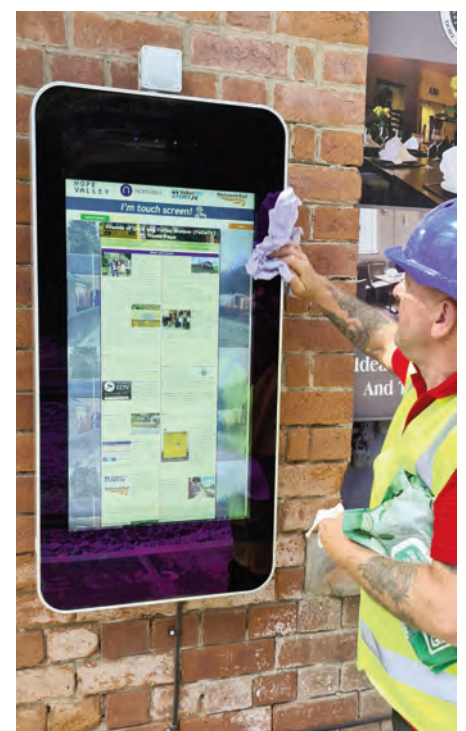
We still have no confirmation of the size, design and position of the shelter on the new Platform 2!

Interactive touch screen display unit

Contractors Volker/Story held a drop in event on 20th July so all could ask questions about the project. They've installed an interactive touch screen display unit on the current platform to enable all to find details of the scheme. One of the options leads to FoDaTS website.

Dore Village Well dressing - celebrating 150 years

It was good to see the very carefully prepared display featuring the station's



Interactive touch screen display unit

150th birthday – also 150 years since the Duke of Devonshire built Dore Road. Well done to those who had the patience to mount all the tiny little pieces.

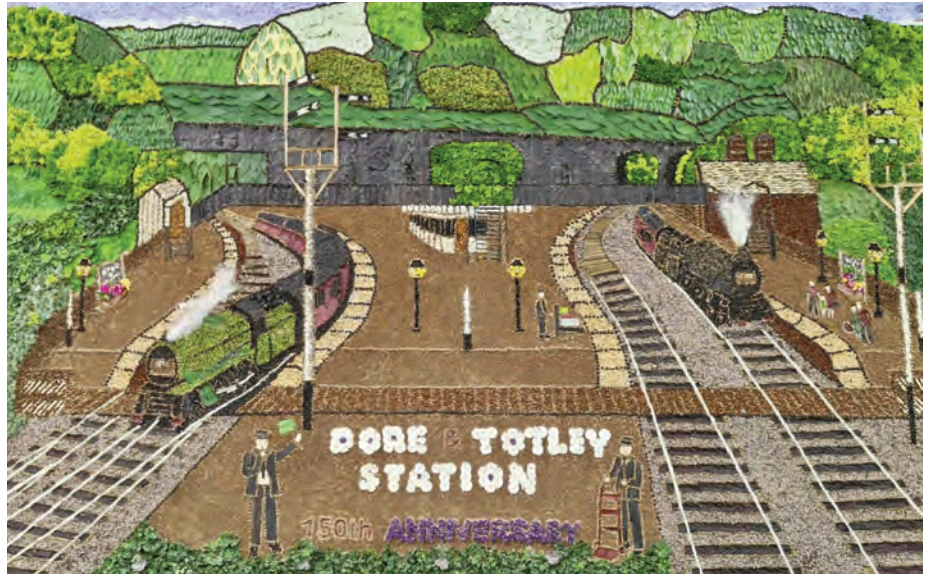
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Chris Morgan



Dore village welldressing 2022

TOADS

Well, here we are again! I do hope that this finds you all fit and well and enjoying this very pleasant weather.

I am delighted to report that our May play – 'Beach Day', written and directed by our very own Alan Wade, was very successful, and at each performance the audience was extremely appreciative. The play was set in the run-down clubhouse of a caravan site, where we met some very colourful characters!

But as ever, onwards and upwards! We have recently started rehearsals for our November play, which is to be directed by my John. This play is a spoof murder – a comedy thriller, 'Secondary Cause of

Death', written by Peter Gordon, which promises to be a fun play to do, and hopefully extremely funny to watch.

The dates of the play are Wednesday 16th November to Friday 18th November at 7.30pm, and Saturday 19th November at 2.30pm. Tickets available from Jeff Bagnall on 01142351206, or contact any Toads member. Prices are £7 or £6 for concessions.

After the set-back of the last 2 Covid years, I am delighted to report that TOADS' membership appears to be going from strength to strength, with

several new additions to our ranks, some of whom will be making their Toads' acting debut in this play. Others will be working front-of-house, back-stage, lighting/sound, or helping in the kitchen, and all the other many tasks that help us put on a production. We are delighted to have you.

There is always room for more, so if anyone out there fancies joining us, we meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Guild Room at St John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South. It will be lovely to see you.

Anne Bettridge

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Friends of Graves Park

The Arboretum Extension

Since our meeting with Councillor Terry Fox, there has sadly been no progression towards our renovation of this part of Graves Park. We are continuing to pursue our restoration however and will be writing to the SCC committee regarding obtaining permission to start the final section of Chantryland Arboretum.

Clearing Himalayan Balsam

The Friends have removed the Himalayan Balsam from Waterfall Wood and the Cold Stream. Professor Ian Rotherham advised the Friends and SCC of the best way to get rid of this invasive species, brought to England in Victorian times as a decorative plant, but now classified as a pest.

Unfortunately, the Himalayan Balsam in Graves Park is adversely affecting areas which are highly sensitive and which have rare ancient woodland indicator plants.

Working with a local school and volunteers, the Friends are clearing this year's growth, before the plants can set seed. The Friends of Woodseats Playground in Graves Park are helping by clearing the large patch at the bottom of the stream, near the playground.

Last year, this area was swamped by the Balsam, stopping any native species from growing. It has very shallow roots, so deeper rooting species, are crowded out, causing the stream bank erosion. Volunteers will return to the site in August and September to check for any regrowth.

The Friends are hopeful that this work will improve the watercourse and stream banks, as well as stopping further seeds

from being washed further downstream.

Renovating the Rose Garden Cafe

When the Friends were told by the park's manager that SCC were doing an estimate for the refurbishment of the



The Rose Garden Cafe. Please help us by spreading the word about what is happening. We can't allow yet another building in Graves Park to be lost.

Rose Garden Café's exterior, with a view to improving the windows, making the building more secure and possibly restoring the clock and tower, we were very excited.

The Friends were keen to support this renovation and hoped to raise funds to support this. Once we had firm estimates, we would have applied for funding from various places, as well as doing our own funding.

Imagine our dismay, as the sudden closing of the café unfolded, just as the schools broke up for the holidays, to find that this survey had resulted in the café being closed with immediate effect, as the roof is supposedly in a very bad condition and could fail.

We have requested sight of these surveys urgently. We have also asked to conduct our own structural survey. We are very worried that if this is not dealt with urgently, the council will get what they want, which appears to be to demolish it and build something else. Apparently in a previous survey in 2018, the building was assessed to be in a poor condition and the council did...nothing.

This situation is entirely the council's own fault, because of years of neglect and lack of maintenance. Sadly, we have heard this all before and the same tune is being played about yet another part of Graves Park.

We have decided, however, to continue our fundraising for the refurbishment and will pursue the retention, restoration and refurbishment of this iconic building, much loved by citizens of Sheffield.

Please help us by supporting this restoration. Send us your donations to our treasurer. Cheques should be payable to "Friends of Graves Park", clearly marked ON THE BACK "Rose Garden Café Exterior Refurbishment". Please do not send cash through the post. You can also donate by BACS transfer, confirming with email. All contact details are on our heritage website.

You can also donate at Just Giving, at this link:

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Caroline Dewar

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Totley Show 2022

The show this year will be on Saturday 10th September at Totley Primary School. Entries will be accepted from 8.45am on the morning with registration closing at 10.45am. Open to public after judging at 1.30pm. Admission 50p for adults, 20p for children

The show will close with prize giving at 3.30pm followed by an auction of donated items.



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The Time Travellers Archaeology Group

We are finally back functioning almost as we were pre-Covid, which is really good news for all those activities that have had to be on hold for so long.

Recent activities and projects have been taking place within Dore village itself. Three sites have been investigated through test pits and provided an interesting insight into life in the past. One site on Limb Lane showed clear evidence of coal mining nearby; the second adjacent to Limb Brook provided a piece of possible Roman greyware pottery; and the third, on Townhead Road, was yielding a mix of Victorian domestic and industrial material.



Possible Roman greyware pottery

Trips away have included a guided tour of Anglo Saxon Bakewell in July, with a visit to the National Coal Mining Museum near Wakefield scheduled for late August. We were also recently invited to participate with a stall in an archaeological event at Conisbrough Castle alongside other Archaeology groups. We were able to display some of

the finds we have made and provide an identification and dating service on finds brought in by members of the public.

We will be recommencing our programme of talks in the autumn, so if these are going to be of interest, do please get in touch with us and be put on our emailing list. The Web-site for details of all our walks, talks and practical opportunities is:

www.thetimetravellers.org.uk

You are guaranteed a warm welcome and be amongst fellow archaeological enthusiasts!

Dorne Coggins
(Secretary of The Time Travellers)

Friends of Whirlow Brook Park

Things are beginning to shape up nicely at Whirlow Brook Park with the Friends group. The sunken garden, which used to be the old rose garden until it was diseased, has now been transformed. Two octagonal beds have been laid out and volunteers have planted shrubs and trees. SCC Parks and Countryside have re-seeded the grass. Benches are being sanded and painted to improve the look of the park.

A very successful Easter Egg Trail was held in April which raised around £300 and a Plant Swap raised a similar amount in June.

The latest fundraising venture is the

'Sounds of Summer', a series of evening concerts in the park on the last Sunday of the month. Local bands are playing from 5-7.30pm on the lawn to the side of the Hall and people are encouraged to bring chairs or a blanket, a picnic and drinks! The concerts are open to the public and are free, but generous donations would be gratefully appreciated for the upkeep of the park.

The next ones are:

28th Aug – Michael Richards /

The Runaways

25th Sept – Dogfood/Fretworks

The Friends are also now serving ice cream tubs every Sunday afternoon between 2-4pm thanks to Hope Valley Ice Cream.

A Heritage Open Day is planned for the afternoon of Monday 12 September, at the Hall, organised by Sue Turner who has been beavering away researching the Fawcett family. We are due to meet another descendant shortly.

As always, the Friends group are on the lookout for new volunteers. The sessions are held on the first Saturday and third Monday of the month from 9.30-12.00pm. You don't have to attend every session. If you are interested then email fowp@friendsofwhirlowbrookpark.org.uk. More details on their website www.friendsofwhirlowbrookpark.org.uk or on Facebook and Twitter.

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In this new book *'The Fall of Roman Britain and Why We Speak English'*, author John Lamshead synthesizes the latest evidence from experts in history, archaeology, climatologists and biologists to come up with a fresh re-assessment of the period marking the Roman departure and the coming of the Anglo-Saxons.

Published by Pen & Sword in hardback, 192 pages price £20 ISBN: 9781399075565

Nowadays it is fashionable to experiment with recipes from around the world, but what about the way our forbearers dined, what was the height of their culinary fashion?

'Georgian Recipes and Remedies' by Michael J. Rochford takes us back to a period not so long ago introducing us to the delightful Georgian recipes found in the receipt books of Sabine Winn, wife Sir Rowland Winn of the Palladian mansion, Nostell Priory in Yorkshire.

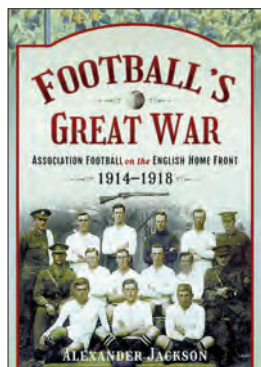
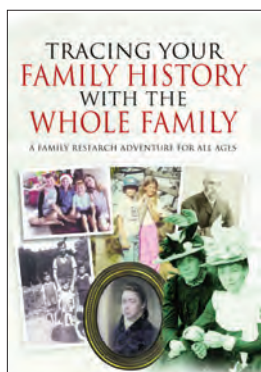
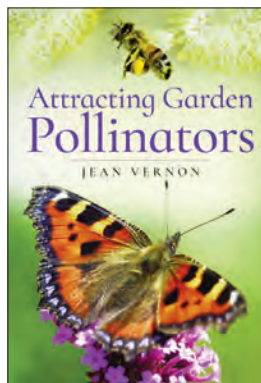
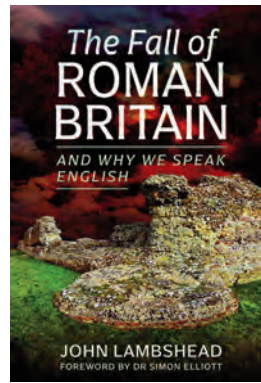
She created a wonderfully eclectic collection of mouth-watering dishes including Very Good Plum Cake, Marigold Cheese and Candied Cowslips, all to be washed down by Lady Strickland's Strong Mead or some Right Red Dutch Currant Wine.

Not content, her books also contain remedies for a whole series of complaints, such as an Approved Medicine to Drive the Scurvy or any other Ill Humour out of a Man's Body. Think I might try Mrs Wiseman's Pancakes next.

Published by Pen & Sword in paperback, 216 pages price £15.99 ISBN: 9781526727299

This beautifully presented book, *'Attracting Garden Pollinators'* by Jean Vernon is a friendly, accessible, information packed guide to gardening for and with pollinators. Pollinators are in trouble, but our gardens can help. Gardens represent a vast, 'nature reserve' packed with plants rich in nectar and pollen to sustain these delicate creatures.

Explore the role that pollinators play and how gardeners and people with gardens can do something to help attract and support them. From butterflies (and



their caterpillars) to surprising pollinators (moths, wasps, beetles flies and hornets) and of course including honeybees, hoverflies and bumblebees. This book will offer an insight into their existence, lifecycles and their vital role in the food chain and the wider natural world.

Published by Pen & Sword in hardback, 216 pages with 100 colour illustrations, price £25 ISBN: 9781526711908

Usually genealogy books assume that family history research is by adults, for adults, marking family history as an 'adults only' sphere of life. Instead this book *'Tracing Your Family History with the Whole Family'* is original in the belief that engaging in family history is a venture for all of the present-day family, regardless of age.

Author Dr Robin McConnell, a lifelong genealogist, adds to the conventional approach and practical examples by leading from the historic research to the family's contemporary setting. The aim being to produce factual and creative portrayals of people's presentday lives, which can be handed on to future generations as informative elements of a past and present family history.

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As its title suggests *'Football's Great War'* by Alexander Jackson follows the fortunes of the beautiful game through the trials and tribulations of the First World War. It explores how conflict reshaped the Game on the English Home Front with the wartime seasons seeing football's entire commercial model challenged and questioned.

In 1915, the FA banned the payment of players, reopening a decades-old dispute between the game's early amateur values and its modern links to the world of capital and lucrative entertainment.

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Let the grass grow

A lawn needn't be sterile and lifeless. A few simple changes can attract wildlife, including garden birds, butterflies and rare wildflowers.

Having a lawn in your garden first became popular among the aristocracy in the 17th century but keeping the grass short would have been quite a job. In the days before lawn mowers cutting the grass was done by an army of sheep or labourers armed with shears and scythes.

By the end of the 19th century lawn mowers were a little more widespread and lawns were becoming increasingly popular not just for the upper echelons of society to play croquet but also for the middle classes as places to relax. By the middle of the 20th century most suburban gardens had a lawn, they offered a great place for the kids to tire themselves out with a football.

Lawns are still regarded as places for our leisure and are too frequently dismissed as being unimportant to nature.

Managing a lawn to attract wildlife

When it comes to managing a garden for wildlife one aim should be to provide diversity of opportunity with a varied mix of habitats including log piles, compost heaps, ponds, shrubs and wildflower patches. Each habitat needs to be scaled to the size of garden in which it fits and this also applies to the lawn. In a big garden there might be space for a football pitch but in a small garden it might be little more than a pawned pathway from one section to another.

Unlike a patio or paved area a lawn will offer the opportunity to a hedgehog, robin, song thrush or blackbird to probe around in search of earthworms. Larger grubs such as crane fly larvae will also be eaten by blackbirds as well as larger visitors such as rooks, while smaller insects including ants will attract green woodpeckers. Patches of moss, if allowed to grow amongst the grass, will provide nesting material for birds



Lawns are invaluable places for many garden birds, such as this song thrush, to find food.

including house sparrows and wrens and the seed heads of dandelions and daisies will offer food to goldfinches and maybe even linnets.

Some gardeners will balk at these suggestions, believing that a lawn should be no more than a perfect patch of grass and nothing else. To achieve this monoculture a mixture of lawn feeds and chemicals to kill 'weeds' and moss is

required but these things are harmful to the environment from their production through to their application. So why not stop using chemicals, whether they are intended to kill or fertilise, and just mow the grass and take off the clippings for composting. Gradually this process reduces the fertility of the ground and increases the diversity of what you find growing there.

A step further is to leave patches to grow slightly longer for a few weeks or maybe a month or two again increase the diversity of opportunity for wildlife. The patches of longer grass might look messy, so design them in sections or shapes to look for organised. The wildlife won't mind.

Give your lawn a chance and you will be surprised what plants will appear over time. Some will attract different birds; some will be attractive in themselves. You might even get a wild orchid. And if you do then leave mowing until late summer, when they have had the chance to set their seed. A perfect excuse to mow less often!



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Hospice fundraisers hit the heights

Supporters of St Luke's Hospice hit the heights as they set off on the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge 2022.

The celebrated 26 mile trek takes walkers through the stunning Yorkshire scenery of the Dales National Park, starting with smallest of the peaks, Pen-y-ghent, before going on over 12 hours to tackle the summits of Ingleborough and Whernside, climbing a final total of 1,585 metres!

"This is always one of our most challenging annual fundraising events and one that, even though it sounds simple, really does put our supporters through their paces as the terrain, even on the best days, is hard going," said St Luke's Fundraising account Manager Matthew Sheridan.

"We'd like to say a big thank you to this year's intrepid and enthusiastic walkers – their determination to reach the end of the route really will make a massive difference to the lives of all our patients and their families."

John Highfield



Reaching the peaks in aid of St Luke's Hospice funding



"We are delighted to be welcoming our supporters back for Night Strider in this very important year for St Luke's," said St Luke's Director of Income, Media and Marketing Kathryn Burkitt. "After two years away, we know this year's participants will enjoy striding together more than ever before, knowing that with every step they take they will be helping us raise the vital funds needed to ensure we can continue providing the very best care for all our patients and their families for another 50 years."

"Come along and join the party – it's a great family night out for anybody who wants to support a fantastic cause." The individual entry fee is £25. To sign up simply visit stlukeshospice.org.uk

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Dore Show 2022

This year Dore show will be on Saturday 3rd September in Dore Old School and Dore Methodist Church Hall. Registration runs from 8.45 to 10.30am on the morning of the show. Open to the public from 1:45pm-4pm. Auction of produce at 4.15pm. Entertainment by Oughtibridge Brass Band.

Night Strider 2022

The St Luke's Hospice 50th anniversary celebrations will reach their climax with Night Strider 2022! Night Strider is the annual nocturnal half marathon and 10k walking challenge that this year aims to raise more than £100,000 towards patient care at Sheffield's only hospice.

The 2019 challenge - the last before the Covid 19 pandemic put Night Strider on hold for two years - saw more than a thousand fully illuminated St Luke's supporters take to the streets as darkness fell on the city on an October evening. Now booking is open and already entries are coming in for Night Strider 2022, which makes its return on October 8 and promises to be the biggest and best Night Strider yet!

Starting out from Sheffield's Peace Gardens, the walk takes in some of Sheffield's finest locations as it heads out towards Ecclesall and Abbeydale before heading back to the city centre 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 twilight 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 nature of the route and distance it is advisable they should source suitable assistance throughout the challenge.

BIG Hedgehog Map

Now summer's here, keep an eye out for hedgehog families in your garden. Their breeding season runs from spring to late autumn, so please take care when gardening.

Log any prickly sightings on the BIG Hedgehog Map, which is run as part of Hedgehog Street, along with the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. To report your sighting and to find out lots more about how you can help Hedgehogs visit:

<https://bighedgehogmap.org/>

Local Health Walks

Health Walks with Step-Out Sheffield Walks last no longer than one hour and are at your own pace. Ditch the walking boots, this is a gentle way to improve your health, have fun and meet new people in your local environment!

1. **Ecclesall Woods** Thursdays. Meet at 10.20am in or near the big wooden shelter above the Woodland Discovery Centre

2. **Totley** Wednesdays. Meet at 10.20am outside Totley Library, Baslow Road

3. **Porter Valley** Tuesdays. Meet at 1.20pm at Endcliffe Park café.

For details of all walks, go to: www.walkingforhealth.org.uk

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Totley History Group

Future Meetings/Events

September 28th The Ancient Suburbs of Sheffield pt2. Talk by David Templeman

October 26th The History of Sheffield's Hospital. Talk by Mary Garside

November 23rd Trespassers Will be Prosecuted. Talk by Thelma Griffiths (volunteer at Longshaw), tracing the history of access to the moors over the past two centuries

Unless otherwise stated, our meetings take place in Totley Library at 7.30pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month

Guided Walk

The Working History of Totley
Wednesday Sept 14th 2.30-4.30pm

A walk of approximately 2 miles, through areas of the old village where industry sustained the life of Totley and its inhabitants over many centuries. Meet at The Cross Scythes.

Dogs welcome on leads.

The walk covers uneven and hilly ground, please wear appropriate shoes etc

Ella supporting St Luke's

Ella Hutchinson is using the skills she has acquired as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme to support St Luke's Hospice.

The 14-year-old King Egbert's School pupil is spending three months at the St Luke's Woodseats shop as part of the scheme which supports young people as they learn new skills, overcome obstacles and build confidence and resilience.

"It is an honour to be able to do something for a charity like St Luke's," said Ella, who lives with her family in Dore and is volunteering on Saturday mornings as she gains the experiences that will help her attain her bronze award within the famous youth scheme.

Ella is one of the 330,000 young people who are currently part of the DofE scheme – a huge force for good, dedicating 1.8 million hours of volunteering, equating to an investment of almost £8.5 million, to local communities.

"I am mainly sorting through donations, helping with Gift Aid donations and then



Ella Hutchinson volunteering in St Luke's Woodseats shop as part the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme

getting items through into the shop, placing them on hanger, putting size tags on, all that sort of thing," Ella explained. "It's a really good thing to be a part of and everyone at the Woodseats shop is so lovely and friendly – it's nice to be able to give something back to the community too.

"It's just one morning per week and it is a very rewarding thing to do, contributing to something so important and knowing that everything you're doing is really making a difference to people's lives, because all the money we help to raise goes towards running the hospice. "It's a great way to make new friends too because you're meeting a different group of people when you're there as well as learning new skills."

To find out more about volunteering opportunities with St Luke's Hospice call the Volunteering Team on 0114 235 7639 or 0114 235 7548 or please visit : stlukeshospice.org.uk/volunteer/opportunities

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Hope Valley Explorer

Peak District visitors can once again enjoy some of the National Park's most spectacular views and attractions while leaving the car at home as the Hope Valley Explorer seasonal bus route returns for a third year.

The popular service, which has carried almost 4,500 passengers during its first two years of operation in 2019 and 2021, will once again feature a larger capacity bus and the chance for cyclists to store their bikes whilst travelling.

With cost of living pressures for many putting a strain on the opportunity to enjoy a family day out on a budget, on-board day tickets for the route have been maintained at 2019 prices for this year's season, which runs across summer weekends and bank holidays until 3rd September.

The Peak District National Park has again partnered with regional operators Stagecoach to offer the service which takes in the Upper Derwent Valley (Fairholmes), Bamford, Castleton and Hope plus nearby attractions, with onward links via bus and train to places such as Sheffield, Manchester and Chesterfield.

A three-year pilot scheme, the Hope Valley Explorer looks to reduce the number of car journeys within the National Park during its busiest season and the school summer and autumn holidays, with thousands of car journeys thought to have been taken off busy Peak District roads already as a result of the service.

As well as a flexible hop-on, hop-off option, the Explorer continues to feature an audio commentary of the rich natural and cultural history of the area; from its extensive cave network and wildlife, to the Dambusters of the Derwent Valley. Iconic locations like Winnats Pass, Mam Tor and the Great Ridge will all be available to enjoy from the carefully selected route.

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Sheffield Photographer is best in Yorkshire

Sheffield amateur photographer Erica Oram has won the accolade of best photographer at the 2022 Annual Yorkshire Photographic Union Assembly and Exhibition. The exhibition contained 400 images out of a total of nearly 3500 submitted by camera clubs from all over Yorkshire.

Erica had 9 images accepted in total (5 prints and 4 digital) including 3 certificates of merit and one trophy award for her image “Bolehill Birches”) which was taken on her mobile phone.

Erica is a member of Sheffield Photographic Society and enjoys a broad range of different subjects as can be seen from her winning entry.

In addition another seven Society members were awarded acceptances. *The winning Bolehill Birches*



Passing the Time of Day by Erica Oram



Black Rocks by society member Linda Jackson

Sheffield Photographic Society

(P – Prints, D – Digital, AV – Audio Visual, Z - via Zoom)
All Tuesday evening meetings at St. Peter’s Church Hall, Renny Avenue, Greenhill, Sheffield S8 7FN
7.30pm for a 7.45pm start (Zoom meetings 7.45pm start). Visitors welcome.

September

06/09/22 President’s Evening. Mike McManus, begins his year with a talk called “From There to Here”. (DP)

13/09/22 Chris Ceaser, from York, who will show how different papers affect the look and feel of an image. (DP)

20/09/22 Lois Webb CPAGB, from Nottingham will talk on “China from the Inside”, documenting her life in Shanghai and beyond. (DP)

27/09/22 The first of our Members’ evenings. (DP)

October

04/10/22 Richard Spurdens, from Apperley Bridge, shoeing sport, landscape and street photography. Ending with studio work, including artistic nudes.(DP)

11/10/22 Heather Burns, from Derbyshire, on how her work evolved from shooting gigs to the more Gothic influenced. Plus composite images and how she creates them.(DP)

18/10/22 Round 1 of this year’s Print Competition judged by Christine Hartley from Swinton. (DP)

25/10/22 Cris Janson-Piers, from Doncaster, will present his talk “Animals in a Captive Environment”, with a focus on the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. (DP)

November

31/10/22 to 13/11/22 “Perspectives 18”Our yearly Exhibition of members’

prints in the Sheffield Winter Garden. (Provisional dates)

01/11/22 Tracey Lund ARPS, from Hull, international award winning wildlife images. (DP)

08/11/22 The Sheffield round of our annual 3S’s Digital Competition between Sheffield, Shillington and Solihull Photographic Societies. Judged by Carol McNiven Young FRPS DPAGB EFIAP BPE4. (D)

15/11/22 Our second members’ evening. (DP)

22/11/22 Simon Roy from Wetherby on his wildlife images, all taken close to home. Zoom only with Norwich CC (Z)

29/11/22 Round 2 of the Print Competition judged by Stephen Womack LRPS,CPAGB,EFIAP from Huddersfield.(DP)

December

06/12/22 We get in the festive spirit with an Xmas fun evening. (D)

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