

Bradway Bugle

In and around Bradway, Greenhill, Dore & Totley

A great British day out

To celebrate the school holidays the National Trust has identified what makes a great summer day out.

Visitors to National Trust places won't be disappointed because lots of the elements highlighted in the study are easily satisfied with a visit to one of the many locations cared for by the National Trust in the region.

The survey carried out in conjunction with YouGov Plc, asked people in the Midlands what they felt were the elements of a great British summer day out.

Of course, spending time outdoors in the sunshine is one of the main things that people enjoy in July and August (79%) but over half (54%) of those questioned had fond memories of summer days out in all kinds of weather. So come rain or shine it's still possible to have a great day out.

Getting outdoors and closer to nature is important to 59% of people on an enjoyable day out. The same proportion (59%) also associated the sound of birds singing with summer and 27% tend to do some wildlife spotting on a day out at this time of year.

Andy Beer, Midlands Regional Director at the National Trust said, "It's no surprise that people love getting outdoors and closer to nature. We're committed to looking after the outdoor spaces in our care and offering an extraordinary range

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At the National Trust's Eyam Hall Garden, enjoy the succession of rose arches draped with cascades of flowers. The garden theme continues on page 32 where we cover the background to the volunteer garden at Longshaw.

Photograph Laura Kennedy

Streets Ahead

Tell them what you think.

The Streets Ahead team is asking residents and businesses to tell them what they think about the works that have been carried out across the city.

People are being urged to complete a short online questionnaire, asking them about many different aspects of the upgrade works, including road and pavement resurfacing and the installations of the new energy efficient LED streetlights that have been carried out across the city so far.

<https://sheffield.citizenspace.com/place-business-strategy/streets-ahead-scheme-feedback-survey>

(Please note this survey only relates to work already carried out in the City)

For residents that do not have access to the internet, but would like to let Streets Ahead know what they think about the works, paper questionnaires are available via 0114 273 4567.



Bradway Annual Fun Day

Saturday September 10th
1.30 – 4.30 pm.

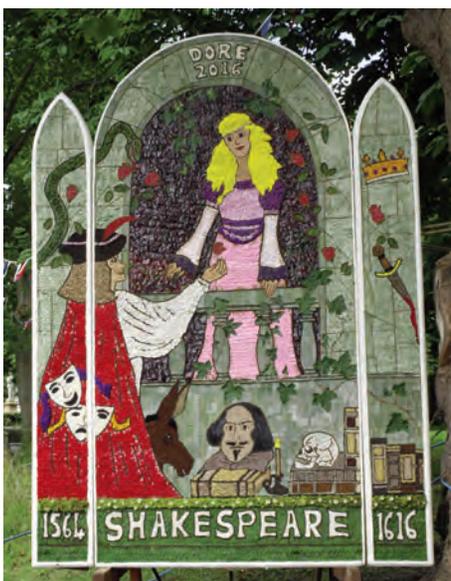
On the old school field

Lots of activities - coconut shy, games, adult tombola, children's tombola, hook-a-duck, beat the goalie, Scout assault course, beauty salon - face painting, hair spraying, nail painting, bouncy castle, plus the ubiquitous cake stall, drinks / refreshments and, a Bar-B-Q, (by Bradway Quality Meats).

The RAF Event's Display Team, (Battle of Britain Memorial Flight), has been booked and, weather permitting, we hope to see one or more of their historic aircraft. Will it be a Lancaster, Hurricane or a Spitfire?

Hairy Hounds Dog Grooming Salon will be organising a dog show – various categories - register on the day

Come along and have a great family day out and support your community. Proceeds will be used toward local Community Projects. Look out for event posters for more details.



Dore Well Dressing 2016. More local well dressings on back page

Free WiFi in libraries

Sheffield libraries have gone wireless with WiFi. Available in all council-run branches, and most community-run ones, people are now able to log on for free from smartphones, tablets, laptops and more than 170 library computers.

This means easier studying, job searches, research, instant downloads from the E-library and more opportunities for people to go online.

Details of libraries in Sheffield are at: www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries

Editorial

Unfortunately this edition is slightly later than intended, due to family ill health. However it does have our usual full range of news and features.

Sadly it contains the last contribution from 'Serge, le chef de Bradway' who has moved away from the area. But that does leave an opportunity for those culinary inclined amongst our readership. So if you have a recipe you think worth promoting, why not drop us a line.

Talking of which, we are always pleased to hear from readers, whether letters on local issues, snippets of local history, or information about local or charitable organisations. Perhaps even ideas on how we can improve the magazine!

John Baker, Editor

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

Bradway Recreation Ground

The land that constitutes the Bradway Recreation ground immediately behind properties on Bradway Road, like modern Sainsbury's, was purchased in 1931 by the then Norton Rural District Council for the purpose of a public pleasure ground, or place of recreation under the powers provided by the Public Health Act 1875.

Following local government reorganisation in 1934 Bradway was incorporated into the City of Sheffield from Derbyshire, and ownership of the land was transferred to Sheffield City Council.

PUBLISHING DEADLINES

Bradway Bugle is published quarterly in mid February, May, August & November each year. The copy deadline for each issue is near the end of the preceding month.

Please forward items for the November issue to the address on this page by **Fri 21st October 2016**

There was much consternation in 1964 when the council agreed to lease about 13 acres to create a golf driving range. Protests were made and the matter was even reported in The Times.

It made no difference, and the range got built. Few would object to it being there today and the buildings have been much improved in recent years. That said, the perimeter fence may now be in need of replacement.

In September 2011 Bradway Action Group made an application for protection under the terms of the Commons Act 2006 in an endeavour to prevent any further encroachment onto the Rec. This was rejected by the Registration Authority, Sheffield City Council (also the land holder through the Parks Department, but Chinese walls should ensure no conflict of interest), on the grounds that it had no jurisdiction to consider the application as the use of the land is already "by right" rather than "as of right."

What's the difference? In the case of the recently successful application for Village Green Status for the Old School Field the public had become entitled to treat the land as a publically available asset because they had been using it as such for a long period without being prevented by the landowner - in this case the Education Department of Sheffield City Council.

Continued use of the land is now "as of right" acquired by that longstanding unchallenged use.

In the case of the Recreation Ground that 2011 decision by the City Council has confirmed that members of the public may use it "by right". It was specifically bought to be a public pleasure ground and so it should remain.

However, there is little doubt that at some date in the future eyes will be cast over any open ground with a view to having it released for building. Future generations watch out.

Andrew Tabor and Chris Morgan

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Flood control consultation

As part of flood control in the river Sheaf catchment area, the Council is considering the construction of an Abbey Brook flood storage area immediately downstream of the causeway road leading to Beauchief Abbey. This temporary storage would potentially hold the equivalent of 25 Olympic swimming pools. They are also proposing a similar scheme by creating a new embankment across the Totley Brook in Gillfield Wood to hold the equivalent of 44 Olympic swimming pools.

Creating such temporary storage areas to hold back flood water will reduce the height of new flood defences required through the city. They would however have other important environmental impacts on the immediate locality.

For a map and more details see: <http://www.floodprotectionsheffield.com/pages/abbey-brook-flood-storage-area> The page also gives details on how to be involved in consultation on the proposals.

Pianist wanted

Pianist wanted to play occasionally at Dore and Totley United Reformed Church at 10.30am on Sundays. Please telephone 0114 2360 315 for more information.

Why not join us at a Coffee Morning every Wednesday, 10-12noon. All welcome. Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road.

Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home, when you wish they were.

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Open Term Time

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of experiences and activities outdoors for visitors to enjoy.

That's why the National Trust locations in the East Midlands are perfect for summer days out - whether that's a family picnic in the countryside or a bike ride around one of our parklands."

Summer walks are the favourite summer activity for everyone, young and old, and there are plenty of trails and gardens to explore at National Trust places such as Clumber Park in Nottinghamshire, Hardwick in Derbyshire or Gunby Estate, Hall and Gardens in Lincolnshire.

The survey also discovered that 54% of parents, of children aged under 18 and living at home, said their family couldn't resist a paddle or a swim on their summer excursions, so Dovedale or Padley Gorge in the Peak District are a must if you want to cool down on a warm day.

If, like 25% of the parents from families questioned, you love to get out on your bikes then why not explore the Tramway at Calke Abbey in Derbyshire.

Not surprisingly, we associate certain foods with summer days and just under half of the adults surveyed (46%) said that they considered picnics essential to a British summer; with just under a third (31%) saying cream teas are essential.

Thankfully, no visit to a National Trust place is complete without a visit to the café and there are always plenty of tasty treats for alfresco dining and homemade scones with lashings of jam and cream.

It's time to start planning at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/midlands



Herd of Sheffield

This summer a herd of elephant sculptures have descended on Sheffield for the biggest public art event the city has ever seen!

58 elephant sculptures, each uniquely decorated by artists, have descended on Sheffield's parks and open spaces, creating the biggest mass-participation event Sheffield has ever seen, uniting artists, businesses, schools and community groups to great an arts trail that is free to all.

The trail of elephants celebrates Sheffield's creativity with over 75% of artists from the city. Some well-known names include Pete McKee, James Green, Jonathan Wilkinson and Lydia Monks - each of whom has put their own creative mark on a 1.6m tall fiberglass elephant sculpture. They are all very different - take a selfie with your favourite as they will be on display until

5th October.

As well as the large elephants visit the 72 little calf elephants which are on display in indoor venues until 30th September. The Little Herd have been designed by local school children.

By supporting the Herd of Sheffield you are investing in the future of Sheffield Children's Hospital. Every penny raised will go towards the hospital's Artfelt programme, which transforms the hospital's walls and spaces with bright art, helping children recover in an environment tailored to them. The programme also puts on workshops for youngsters to provide distraction during anxious moments - such as before an operation, and to break up long stays on the wards.

Visit the Herd of Sheffield website at <http://www.tchc.org.uk/events/herd-of-sheffield.html>

Festival of Remembrance Concert

The Annual Festival of Remembrance Concert by the Hallamshire Military Concert Band will take place at St Peters Church, Reney Avenue Greenhill on Saturday October 29th at 4pm. It is a full Band concert with a short Act of Remembrance.

Tickets £6 each are available from C English 01246 812846 or on the door or email: hallamshireband@yahoo.co.uk.

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New bus

Thanks to the generosity of the people and businesses of S17, the Bradway Scout group have been able to buy a replacement Mini Bus. The new bus is larger, roomier and can accommodate up to 17 passengers.

It was amazing how many times we missed having transport, but now we are all able to get out and about again. And the bus arrived just in time to be able to ferry the scouts and cubs to this year's District Camp, at Drum Hill, Derbyshire, where the Cubs will be celebrating 100 years of the Cub Scouting.

Nichola Stapleton-Varga

NOW and THEN a new series providing a dip into the past to improve the present

The gift of local shopping

Of all the things that have happened in my life, I am still unaccountably proud of having been born at 157 Bradway Road. Unaccountably, because I had little choice in the matter; proud, both because I was born in a house not a hospital and because Bradway was just far enough inside the Yorkshire border to qualify me for consideration by the county cricket Selection Board of the time. Until the Yorkshire cricket team changed its rather exclusive birthplace criteria (thus allowing even those from as far away as Derbyshire to play for the side), I could not be debarred from applying for a place.

On reflection, my utter lack of cricketering prowess might possibly have held me back, but I am still secretly chuffed that, at one time, I was a member of a select few.

Home births were not particularly



Bradway Cub Leader, Nichola and young leader James, with some of the local Cubs, with their new mini bus.

popular back in 1956; it's hard to convince people these days that, pregnant mothers back then weren't sitting around, waiting to become extras on 'Call the Midwife'. Having a television at all might have been an aspiration, but being on it was about as likely as giving birth in a paddling pool of warm water in a darkened room.

Just as well, as the small bedroom that greeted my arrival barely had enough space for the bed, let alone a TV or an inflatable fluid-retaining receptacle (not a good mix at the best of times, for Health and Safety reasons). For all the lack of deceptive spaciousness in my arrival lounge, there is still something reassuring about being able to drive past the house today, glance up at the upper right hand window and know that I first entered the world in That Room. It seems somehow more personal than being one of many in a maternity wing, queuing up to come out of the everywhere into the here.

Family lore has it that some contemporaneous members of the Bradway community knew I was on the way before even my Mother acknowledged her condition. Mr Jessinger, the owner of the corner shop at the top of Twentywell Lane, must have had a shrewd idea; the skyrocketing nature of midwinter Tizer sales to the Sheldon household in February was evidence enough. My mother had never previously shown a predilection for the rust coloured, gassy, can't-quite-place-the-flavour drink. He'd probably guessed by the third crate. All that local GP Dr Pettigrew had to do was confirm the diagnosis.

In later years, I often wondered if, back behind the counter of his jam-packed retail premises, genial Mr Jessinger made (in this order): a quick mental calculation, a note in his diary and a phone call to the wholesaler for bulk supplies of terry nappies and baby powder to be delivered from mid-August onwards.

It would have been the sort of thing any

shopkeeper of the time would have done. They knew nothing about the importance of telling us that our call was important to them and probably had no idea how to cope if they were experiencing a higher than normal volume of calls. They seldom resorted to piped music to keep us from chewing the counter with frustration and boredom while we waited to be served. But they knew everything about 'customer service'.

Mainly because they did not view us as 'customers'. When you see someone every day, there's no incentive to overcharge them or entice them into buying something they don't really need. The best guarantee of getting 'value' is always going to be in a place where people know who you are and what you like and need. Part of keeping a local shop has always been an informal tracking of likes and dislikes, buying habits and preferences; the sort of knowledge that nowadays is outsourced to a 'loyalty card'. Perhaps when shopping, Every Little really does Help, but every local makes a community as well.

Shopping down the lane means that we don't need 'value' defining for us because we're getting it all the time, more than money can buy. It isn't just the price we pay, but the smile or the laugh we get, the listening ear, the recognition, and at bottom, the knowledge that we are not alone on life's rollercoaster ride from the quotidian to the emergency.

Growing up in Bradway taught me all that and more. For that and many other reasons, it will always be more than just a suburb of Sheffield to me. It's my landing point, my launch pad, the centre of my widening gyre, if you will. The fact that the area is still as compact, tranquil and pleasant (in the original Old English meaning of the word) is neither here nor there. They are not just any streets; they are my streets, then and now. I'm happy I can share them with you, so if you have been, thanks for reading.

Chris Sheldon

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"Healing is a matter of time, but it is sometimes also a matter of opportunity" Hippocrates

Recipe Corner

Unfortunately, this will be the last contribution from Serge, le chef de Bradway. He has now moved away from the area, and will no doubt be tempting his new neighbours with his culinary masterpieces. Their gain is our loss. We thank him for introducing us to the delights of French cuisine and wish him well for the future.

Mussels, Cockle & Clam Masala

A perfect, quick & easy tasty starter or main course to share.

To serve 4, you will need:

2 tblsp olive oil
2 kg of mixed mussels, cockles & clams, well cleaned & washed
2 tblsp of chopped coriander
Naan bread
and for the Masala paste:
1 tblsp of coriander seed
½ tsp of cloves
2tblsp of cumin seeds
2 onions, finely chopped
6 cloves of garlic
50 g of chopped ginger
½ tsp tamarind pulp
1tsp of turmeric powder
¾ medium hot chilli chopped
2tblsp of vinegar
50 g of creamed coconut

Method. To make the masala paste:

Heat a dry heavy-based frying pan over medium heat.

Add the corianders seeds, cloves & cumin. Cook for a few minutes until it

Bugle publication dates

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21 October	9 November 2016
27 January	15 February 2017
21 April	10 May 2017
21 July	16 August 2017

starts to smell aromatic.

Tip into a spice grinder and grind into a powder.

Put the mixture into a food processor with all other ingredients for the masala paste and blend until smooth.

Heat the oil in a large pan, add the spice paste and fry for a few minutes. Be careful not to burn.

Add all the shellfish, cover and cook over a high heat for 4 -5 minutes, shaking the pan now & then, until they have all opened. Discard any unopened shells.

Add some water if not enough sauce, season with sea salt & add the chopped coriander.

Spoon into bowls with heated Naan bread & serve with a glass of well chilled Singha beer

... and for desert:

Grilled Peaches with Zinfandel Granita. For the granita, you will need:
1 bottle of red Zinfandel wine
250 g caster sugar

Juice of 2 lemons

Method

In a saucepan, mix the wine, sugar & lemon. Heat slowly to dissolve the sugar.

Turn up the heat, boil and reduce by ½.

Put the liquid in a shallow freezer proof tray and freeze for 30-40 minutes, then break up the ice crystal with a fork.

Repeat the process every ½ hour, until the mixture is set into dry crystal. It will take about 2 hours.

For the grilled peaches, you will need:

4 peaches, halved and stones removed
1 vanilla pod
3 tblsp of caster sugar
Crème fraiche

Method

Preheat the oven to 170c, gas mark 3 and set the grill to high.

Place the peaches, cut side up in a baking dish.

Split the vanilla pod in half and scrape out the seeds.

Mix the seeds well with the sugar in a mortar and sprinkle over the peaches.

Grill on a high heat until the tops are charred and caramelized then place in the oven to cook until soft.

Do not over cook. The peaches need to keep their shape.

The peaches can be served warm or cold.

To serve

Put 2 peach halves on each plate, add a generous spoonful of crème fraiche and put a large scoop of the Granita on top.

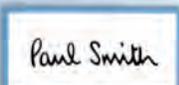
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Serge, le chef de Bradway

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Post Box

Dear Sir,

While out walking with friends recently we came across a lovely couple, icons of a Britain fast passing, resplendent in their new Post Office Red coats – of paint.

A chap was proudly cleaning the glass in the phone box, now used as a community library. The villagers wanted to keep the box after the phone was removed, so bought it from BT for £1.

When they'd painted it they had some spare paint, which accidentally got spilled on the neighbouring pillar box. Oops! Looks good, far better than the graffiti on some we may know.

It's sad to see the state of most of our shabby pillar boxes, no longer resplendent in Post Office Red. Royal Mail's current colours, faded pink with rust, aren't the same at all. Bradway's are no worse than hundreds of others, but Royal Mail doesn't seem to be bothered. Is this a case for a local community group – Bradway in Action?

An old walker

Dear Sir,

I work for Support Dogs, a national charity based in Sheffield. Support Dogs is dedicated to increasing independence and quality of life for people affected by autism, epilepsy or disability. We provide train and support specialist assistance dogs to achieve this.

We provide help with everyday tasks for people with physical disabilities, give advance warning of seizures for people with epilepsy and provide safety and support for children with autism and their families.

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The colourful community telephone box at Green Moor, on the ridge north of Deepcar and south of Thurgoland.

and pay for all vet treatment. This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants a dog but cannot commit to the full ownership of one. This is quite an unusual volunteering opportunity that you may have not thought about before but may be interested in.

Gillian Rigby

Volunteer Coordinator

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Dear Sir,

The mild winter caused spring flowers to bloom early this year. Then cooler weather delayed later spring flowers. All wildlife would have been affected. An early warm spring encourages birds to nest and produce eggs, but if cooler and/or wetter weather follows, the fledglings may not survive.

All wildlife depends on other wildlife, fauna or flora, so there is a knock on effect when conditions are not normal. To some extent animals can adapt. In dry weather worms go deeper underground, and blue tits delay producing young if conditions affect the appearance of caterpillars.

We can mitigate the effects of adverse weather by creating natural habitats that support a wide range of animals in our gardens. Where circumstances allow, a woodland area, however small, will support hundreds of creatures. Native trees, below which are shrubs, and then a lower level of plants is ideal.

Natural ponds and marshy areas with water-loving native plants and grasses are excellent, and open areas can support a great variety of wildlife when plants are chosen according to soil type and whether areas are sunny, shady, dry or damp.

I have found "How to make a Wildlife Garden" by Chris Barnes very useful and

informative. He points out that having neighbours who garden in the same way increases wildlife in one's own garden. He also points out that English Oaks (there are two, *Quercus Petraea* and *Quercus Robur*) support at least 284 species of invertebrates, many of which can eat nothing else, while the American Red Oak, the Turkey Oak and the Holm Oak (Mediterranean) can be eaten by no more than 4 or 5 species altogether in Britain and yet support a wide range of fauna in their own countries. This clearly demonstrates why we need to replace foreign plants for British native ones.

Providing artificial homes for insects, mammals and feeding birds are good ways of helping wildlife, but more natural ways include allowing wood to decay naturally as masses of invertebrates will make use of it. Another is to leave seed heads on. Some plants, like Red Campions, will have seed cases that small birds will take advantage of. Fledgling blue tits and dunnocks are so light they do not break the fragile stems.

A third way to help wildlife is to not kill native insects that are eating leaves or attacking plants in some way as you will also destroy their predators. Similarly, slugs and snails, as they are a food source for birds such as thrushes. In all these cases, nature will rebalance itself if allowed time to do so.

Despite the fact that scientists have for a long time been warning about the consequences of the use of chemicals in farming and horticulture, and that wildlife habitats and native wild flowers have been greatly reduced, the Royal Horticultural Society, along with Chelsea Flower Show, Hampton Court Show and many television gardening programmes continue to promote highly cultivated, exotic and foreign plants from all over the world. None of these will address the needs of our vital native wildlife. Native plants and the word "organic" when referring to chemical-free are rarely mentioned.

In complete contrast the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Wildlife Trust and the Woodland Trust are just a few of the charities that work so hard to protect small pockets of land and the wildlife it supports.

Do we really need so many different species of foreign or cultivated plants in so many different colours? I would prefer a healthier environment, a "living" soil (no chemicals), an abundance of pollinators and sustainably produced organic food.

I have just watched Countryfile (BBC1 – Sunday, 10th July) which included the problem of non-native insects which are brought into the country in the soil of potted plants that are on sale in garden centres and many other outlets. They are causing much damage and have the potential to cause much more.

Marian Tiddy

If you have an opinion to express or news on local events to impart, just drop us a line to the address on page 2.

A blue and white advertisement for a dog walking service. At the top, it says 'WALK THIS WAY' in large white letters on a blue background. Below that, it lists '45 Minute Walk £8' and '20 Minute Walk £6'. There is a simple line drawing of a dog's head. At the bottom, it says 'One-to-One Dog Walking Service' and 'DBS Checked • Fully Insured'. Contact information is provided at the very bottom: 'Contact Sarah on 07970 643 678 or email sarahbroadhead@hotmail.co.uk'. The background features a pattern of paw prints.

Joined Up Routes

Landowners and enthusiasts behind the 'Bridleways on the Sheffield Moors' initiative reckon there are still lots of family, beginner and even hard core mountain bikers who don't realise how many new bridleway routes have recently appeared on Sheffield's south western moors.

In the past, people out exploring might find a bridleway suddenly stopping, and they'd have to turn round and go back, or find their way onto a road to continue. So the Sheffield Moors Partnership landowners (the Peak District National Park Authority, the National Trust, Sheffield Council, Sheffield Wildlife Trust and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) got together with horse riders, mountain bikers, runners and walking groups.

Gaps between existing bridleways were joined up by creating 'concessionary bridleways' on suitable paths to allow cyclists and horse riders to join walkers and runners on a set of new routes. (Horse and bike riders cannot legally use footpaths, but can ride on bridleways and byways).

New access gates were installed in several locations, and Ride Sheffield's 'peak bike code' was promoted, encouraging cyclists to 'enjoy your ride' by always giving way to other users on the trails, to prevent erosion and protect wildlife by staying on the track, and to stick to the Countryside Code.



Cyclists on the Duke's Drive bridleway at Longshaw. Photo by David Bocking

The tracks in the original 'Bridleways on the Sheffield Moors' leaflet (available on an online search or as a free leaflet from Longshaw visitor centre) have already been extended with a new family-friendly concessionary bridleway between Longshaw and Burbage Bridge, for example.

Many of the Sheffield Moors bridleways were originally built for the Duke of Rutland's family and guests to ride their horses and carriages around his shooting estate nearly 200 years ago. Now they provide an opportunity for all Sheffielders to explore the local

countryside on their doorstep.

More information from: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/longshaw

David Bocking

Coffee Break

One remarkably successful retail story over the last 10 years has been the growth in the number of coffee shops. Whether providing for a convenient break during the working day, or as a location for socialising with friends, they seem to have sprung up not only on the high street, but in close association with many out of town businesses. There is an undoubted logic in enjoying a coffee break as an addition to a trip to a garden centre or other business outlet.

Some of us may already have our favourite coffee shop, others enjoy the chance to explore and experiment. But as the number of coffee shops has grown, so has the range and quality of the food they serve.

So there may be many to try. But you might enjoy a start by visiting the Coffee Shop associated with Dore Moor Garden Centre which is under new management. Open from 10am to 4pm except Mondays, they offer a range of coffees, the usual snacks, daily specials, and home-made cakes including Gluten free. All served in pleasant surroundings including outdoor space. And why not explore the garden centre while you are at it.

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Archaeological dig at Whirlow Hall Farm

Many of you will know already that over the latter part of June and early July an archaeological dig was taking place at Whirlow Hall Farm. The dig was organised by The Time Travellers – an archaeological group who meet regularly for walks, talks and a range of projects, of which the Whirlow dig was our most recent and ambitious.

Thanks to Heritage Lottery funding we were able to return to a site first excavated back in 2011. At that time Whirlow Hall Farm had set out to prepare a time line of their historic farm for use with visiting schools. Then instead of the time line merely showing a continuous lineage of farming going back to medieval times with their medieval cruck barns- one of which is now utilised as the Cruck Barn Café complete with visible A frame beams – they found that they had a picture of human land use going back to the Ice Age.

The most startling find at that time was a Romano-British Enclosure, dating from the Iron Age i.e. 300BC with Roman evidence in the form of walling on top of a massive ditch, and also within the Enclosure itself. Dating analysis placed this phase of occupation at 1st Century AD. Then time ran out and for 5 years the secret of this part of Whirlow Hall Farm lay sleeping.until The Time Travellers and Archaeological Research Services (ARS) under the direction of Dr Clive Waddington, returned.

Back in April we started the project off with Field Walking, which involves setting up a transect across a recent ploughed field and simply looking for any artefacts that have been brought to the surface by the plough. It is reckoned that only 2% of what is within the surface layers of any field are exposed by ploughing so there will be plenty more work we can do on this aspect of archaeology. Indeed as soon as more ploughed fields become available this element of the work will recommence. What did we find?

Early on an exquisite Bronze Age flint arrowhead was picked up. A mere 4000 years old it was in pristine condition and must have been sorely missed by the owner. Then the oldest find of this phase of work was a 10,000 year old flint scraper. Flint is not local to our area, with the nearest source being somewhere like Lincolnshire or East Yorkshire. Whoever



Who says hard work cannot be fun



4,000 year old Bronze Age arrowhead

owned this item would have been a hunter-gatherer because farming in one fixed place had yet to evolve. Many more flint tools were revealed from tiny microliths that would have been fixed onto an arrow shaft to bigger scrapers. Are they easy to spot on the soil? Flint does seem to stand out especially if the day is rainy rather than blazing sunshine.

We then carried out some more Geophysics work just like Time Team. That was when the most amazing discovery was made of a Roman watch

tower and signal station on the highest elevation of the farm, Bole Hill. Bole Hill was known to be significant for its medieval lead working with Q pits still clearly visible. The Roman signal station opens up a whole new picture of what was going on at Whirlow. Signal stations mean frontiers and danger. The Limb Valley area is one of considerable interest to archaeologists and historians alike. It lies on the boundary of the southernmost extent of the Brigantes tribal peoples area.

So to return to the main enclosure site which was re-opened and extended. We had a large number of novice and experienced volunteers working either in the main trench or two new trenches, to try to establish what was the function of the site. Three weeks to roll back the clock 2500 years! Work was done on the Enclosure ditches to establish the form of the Iron Age ditch appearance, and then reveal the remodelled Roman ditches. The western gateway structure was clarified but the eastern gateway still lies 70 metres away from its partner under the pasture. The size of the Enclosure is another curious point because it is probably four times larger than the vast proportion of Iron Age Enclosures. What was going on here and why was it so large?

Those of you who visited us during the dig will have been shown some of the many pieces of Roman pottery which were discovered. We found a range of types of pottery from rough thrown terracotta cooking pots to Derbyshire Greyware and also Samian ware. Finding high quality Samian ware, and also shards of Roman glass, perhaps from a flagon or glass, are an indication that someone very special was either living here or at the least visiting.

Who knows – was Didius Gallus, governor of Britain at the time ever a special guest? Or was that special visitor Cartimandua, Queen of the Brigantes? Alongside Roman pottery we found native British pottery, one piece of which being of coiled construction still had the thumb print of the potter inside. This is a clue that the tribal peoples were

Signal Stations

Roman signal stations were rectangular towers of stone or wood situated within ditched, embanked, palisaded or walled enclosures. They were built by the Roman army for military observation and signalling by means of fire or smoke.

They normally formed an element of a wider system of defence and signalling between military sites such as forts and camps and towns, generally as part of a chain of stations to cover long distances and frontiers. In northern England stations were used in particular to augment the main frontier formed by Hadrian's Wall, but elsewhere stations were constructed along the coast to keep lookout over the sea and to signal

information both along the coast and to inland sites.

Signal stations were constructed and used in Britain mainly during three distinct periods. The earliest examples were built between AD 50 and AD 117 for use during the earliest military campaigns during the conquest period. As such they may well have formed an element of the frontier against the Brigantes kingdom before its subsequent conquest.

Signal stations at this period took the form of a wooden tower surrounded by a ditch and bank and possibly a slight timber palisade. After AD 117 towers were more usually built in stone, some on the same site as earlier timber towers.

The latest series, in the mid-4th century

AD, were more substantial stone signal stations built mainly along the Yorkshire coast. These had a tower up to 30m high which was surrounded by a curtain wall and external ditch.

Signal stations survive as low earthworks, or their below ground remains may be identified on aerial photographs. Fewer than 50 examples have been identified in England.

As one of a small group of Roman military monuments, which are important in representing army strategy, government policy and the pattern of military control, signal stations are of importance to our understanding of the period. All Roman signal stations with surviving archaeological remains are considered to be nationally important.

trading foodstuffs with whoever was installed within the Roman settlement.

The site has been barely touched and deserves many more years of exploration to establish its function. The current theory is that it may have had military significance, been a logistics base for provisioning troops and forts elsewhere, especially since it lies midway between the Roman forts of Brough (Navio) and Templeborough. There is a sense that once the Romans left and pushed northwards it may have been handed over to a Roman veteran, as was the practice of the time. Survive 25years in the Roman army and you were given land on retirement. The * Stannington 'diploma' records just such an event.

Our project is by no means over. Although the first phase of excavation is now over, the site will stay open for visitors under the supervision of staff from Whirlow Hall Farm. Then the Time Travellers still have a number of events which you are very welcome to attend. Coming up soon will be the Creative Art workshops with an archaeological flavour. These are run by Rosemary Watson a well-known local artist. Then we have a Creative Writing workshop planned with Sally Goldsmith. If you have ever wondered if you have the 'dowser's twirl' come along to our



The dig team enjoy a well earned celebratory drink at the end of the hard work.

Dowsing workshop. We will be doing more Field Walking as fields become available. At the moment we have only surveyed half the farm. To find out when these events will take place and to book places look on our web-site <http://discoverancientwhirlow.co.uk> or on our Facebook page We Dig Whirlow.

Dorne Coggins

* Stannington Diploma. Two thin plates of copper or bronze 6 inches by 5 inches were discovered in April 1761. The diploma was a certificate of discharge and citizenship for a Roman Auxillary soldier who had served 25 years in the Roman army; in this case for the son of Albanus who was a trooper in the 1st Cohort of Sunuci who were originally from Belgium.



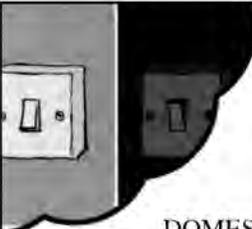
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An almost complete rim from a large storage pot, and a base of Derbyshire Greyware. Such vessels would have had foodstuffs in them.



Ariel view of the main excavation



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Greenhill Village History Society

Greenhill Village History Society was formed in January 2016 and meets at Greenhill Library.

An Open Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 13th September at Greenhill Library. Peter Haddock will be giving a talk on 'Life at Greenhill Hall Farm' - now the site of Old Hall Mews. Peter's grandfather, Levi Elliott ran the farm from 1934 to 1955 and Peter recounts stories, incidents and anecdotes of life on a working farm. Admission is by ticket only - £4 for non-members - bookable in advance from Greenhill Library.

Greenhill Village History Society is a friendly, informal group which meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Members work on either individual or group projects. The aim is to catalogue the history of the area which has become known as 'Greenhill' to provide an archive of the locale. Projects include a Timeline from 1152 to the present day, an Oral History Project, Memory Book and Education from 1950-1960.

If you feel you are able to contribute to any of the projects or are interested in joining us, please contact Lesley Fox on 0114 2377928.

The DVD 'Growing up in Greenhill' is still available from Greenhill Library@ £7.99. All proceeds go to support the running of Greenhill Library.

Lesley Fox

A bunch of amateurs?

An update from Greenhill Library

There has been coverage in the local press recently about declining book issues in our local libraries. Some articles have suggested that the decline is due to the libraries now being run by volunteers. I would dispute that. In fact for Greenhill



Rural Greenhill. Photograph by kind permission of Peter Haddock

Library I would even dispute the suggestion that they're declining. Let me explain ...

Our council-owned book stock is certainly growing tired, not because we're volunteers but because the council haven't given us any new books since we took over. Time did the rest. And after going cross-eyed over a spreadsheet this morning to do a year-on-year comparison between Q1 2016 (that's April, May, June) to the same period in 2015, it turns out that the 2016 figures for adult book issues are down by 34% (from 5147 to 3812) but that children's books are up 6% (from 2816 to 2997).

But that's not the whole story. Since January this year we've injected over 1800 donated books into our loan stock, initially mostly adult fiction, but latterly children's books too. For reasons too tedious to explain, the loan of these is not handled by the council's Library Management System but by a separate spreadsheet we call "the yellow sticker system". So these don't show up on the council's figures. But if you factor them in the picture changes ... adult book issues are actually up by 3% and children's books by 15%. I think that's actually pretty encouraging.



World-class wildlife artist Pollyanna Pickering will be visiting the library on 16 September with a talk entitled "Giant Pandas and Sleeping Dragons"

Of course we're not Sheffield's only volunteer-run library loaning out donated books, and over time I think we're going to see more of the local libraries keeping their "own" books as private stock and not putting their "own" books into the council's loan pool.

On to other things. We're excited that on Friday 16 September, world-renowned wildlife painter Pollyanna Pickering will be coming to the library. Follow Pollyanna and her daughter Anna-Louise on their travels into the Tibetan borderlands in her quest to paint one of the most iconic of all animals — the Giant Panda — and see the spectacular paintings that resulted from the trip. Tickets (£7) will go on sale at the end of August. I am sure this event will sell out, so come early for tickets to avoid disappointment. Then on 21 October, Matt Black is paying a return visit with another fun poetry evening. Oh, and I almost forgot — our next Farmers Market is on 11 September. You can see our complete events program at greenhill-library.org/events.

I can also report that we've received partial funding from the Ward Pot for cinema equipment, and have applied for money for the rest. Following in the footsteps of Totley library, we're planning two shows a month. We could do with a volunteer or two to help run this, so if you're interested, do get in touch.

Also in the pipeline is an initiative to enhance the "local interest" resources within the library. The project, which will be run as a partnership between Greenhill Library and the Greenhill Village society, is in early days yet, but I'll keep you informed of progress.

So ... when it comes to running a library, we may be a bunch of amateurs, but keep in mind that the word derives from the Latin *amator*, meaning "lover". And keep in mind that if it weren't for our volunteers, those book issues would have declined much further — they'd be zero.

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Mammals on Roads

It is estimated that each year one million mammals are killed on UK roads. Although it's not pleasant to see roadkill, recording sightings of dead mammals is important for conservation.

This summer, wildlife charity People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) is asking the public to record sightings of roadkill as part of their ongoing conservation work for British mammals.

The project Mammals on Roads, records sightings of live mammals too, and helps the charity to monitor changing mammal populations across the UK and take action if needed.

Findings from this and other PTES

surveys showed that hedgehog numbers have declined by over a third in the last decade alone. Based on these findings, PTES has initiated campaigns to help protect hedgehogs – such as Hedgehog Street, a joint campaign with the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, which now has thousands of 'Hedgehog Champions' committed to help save the humble hedgehog from further decline.

Mammals on Roads asks the public to record sightings of mammals, dead or alive, any time between now and 30 September.

To record mammal sightings your car journey must be 20 miles or more (excluding urban areas, dual carriageways and motorways) and

completed in one day - perfect for summer day trips and family holidays! Iconic British mammals that you might spot include foxes, badgers, deer and rabbits, but PTES also wants to hear about any sightings of more unusual mammals such as polecats and pine martens.

To take part, you can download the free Mammals on Roads app from the App Store and Google Play. Alternatively, the survey can be completed via a printed survey pack. Email mor@ptes.org or call 0207 498 4533 to request a pack to be sent to you.

A mammal ID guide is available from the PTES website: <http://ptes.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/MoRID07.pdf>



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Bradway Action Group

Bradway now has a Village Green: The Old School Field – is now officially Bradway's village green. OK, we don't have a duck pond, large spreading oak tree, or splendid cricket pitch, but legally it's now a village green. The council has also registered the area on which the old Norton school stands as part of the green; that's unusual.

What does it mean? Basically, that it will now be very much harder if the council wanted to sell the land for development. The legalities are complex, but nothing can easily be built on the land in the foreseeable future. Tony Smith tells us attempts were already being made to commence the registration process when BAG was formed 11 years ago.

It's 6 or 7 years since our solicitor, member Simon Smith, and his late wife Rachel, prepared the case to prove it met the criteria required to obtain registration. Successive BAG committee members and officers have tried to keep pressure on the council to grant this request. Simon kept badgering them with legal messages. They've twisted and turned, prevaricating until we wondered if they expected us to go away. We didn't.

The council own the land through the Education Department. At one stage they suggested passing it to the Parks and Open Spaces Section. Finally they gave in. Thanks must go to Simon for giving his services without charge, and to Rachel who spent considerable time and effort obtaining and presenting the evidence to back our claim for status. Our thanks must also go to past and present BAG committee members and officers for not giving up on this.

It may interest readers to know that Dore Village Society have been trying to get a similar space in Dore registered as a green, without success. Dore does, however, already have a small village green. Other groups within Sheffield are also seeking registrations. No doubt the council would say the legal cases are different.

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Fun Day – Saturday 10th September afternoon – Old School Field

We have high hopes that 2016 will surpass all previous years – assuming the British weather co-operates. It should be worth watching the sky - weather permitting the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight hope to give us a fly past by one of their aircraft.

HELP! We need assistance, especially from our younger members. What can you do?

1. Active helpers on the day. We need 15-20. It will be fun for us too.
2. Give books, especially good condition children's books.
3. Give prizes for the tombola stall.
4. Offer cakes for the refreshments and cake stalls.

Please let us know what you can do by contacting us through the BAG website, our Facebook page, by sending an email to secretary@bradwayactiongroup.org – or by speaking to any member of the committee. We are easy to approach.

Amey – Streets Ahead:

All fairly quiet on this front. Pot holes usually get filled quite promptly if advised by phone or online. For details see the BAG website page "Self-help and

Local links". Areas of subsidence on Queen Victoria Road have taken longer to fix than all would have liked. The repairs made are temporary until full relaying next year. It's a concern that further areas of subsidence are appearing suggesting issues with the road foundations.

Claire Tideswell from Amey has agreed to speak at the AGM and there will also be a road show in spring 2017 to ask questions about the full road and pavement relaying programme.

BAG Website:

We're constantly adding more information to our website at; www.bradwayactiongroup.org

We try to keep the bus and train timetable pages up to date as printed timetables are all but extinct and changes come very frequently. The Self-help page provides links to useful phone numbers and more specific help from appropriate internet pages. Things like loud music, burglar alarms, bonfires, potholes, street lights, and more.

If there's anything further you'd like to see please tell us by using the contact us form. If you've any news you think we should know about, please let us know.

Railway work, the station, and buses:

Friends of Dore & Totley Station have provided a full report elsewhere. The Hope Valley Capacity Scheme should start work by August 2017 for completion in time for December 2018 timetable changes.

Suffice to say that we still don't know if the track works will start on schedule. We have fears about the future of the railway triangle. We are no more able than anyone else to see how it's possible to reconcile the needs of everyone to move around, with the desire not to be getting in each other's way!

Sod's Law, it seems very likely that the railway work will coincide with the period when Amey tackle Bradway roads and pavements. That may lead to a degree of traffic chaos.

Andy Cullen has provided an update on buses elsewhere in this edition. We'd remind that the M17 is a very underused resource. It will not be running through Low Edges from September (a section where it picks up more fare paying passengers) so should offer a quicker service to Greenhill shops.

This may be important if we lose our Post Office in December as is threatened. The M17 is heavily subsidised, taking few fares as most users are using concessionary passes. If we don't use it we'll lose it.

Bounds Walk:

tony Smith first started these walks but was unable to lead this year due to ill health. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude for all the work he has put in over the years to research and record our local history. Fortunately, former BAG Chairman Peter Stubbs was able to step into the breach and added new information from his own research.

We were delighted to welcome 40 walkers, a record, so had to split it into



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two sections. Many participants have lived in the area for decades, yet didn't know some of the history all around them. We couldn't tell it all in the time available, so there's more to hear next time. Put 28th May 2017 in your diary now. The event is just one of many in Sheffield Environment Weeks' comprehensive programme each spring.

Bradway shops

- Christmas is approaching:

For the last two years BAG has helped with the Christmas decorations on Twentywell Lane, and we hope to do more in 2016. We particularly want to support our local traders and encourage use of the services they offer. If we don't the 2016 decorations could be in front of an empty shop or two. Both the Post Office and chemists are in particular need of support, but if we don't use our local shops we'll lose them. BAG can do little to fight commercial reality.

Other items:

Rob Wilks has asked to stand down from the committee, although he has agreed to continue to offer his support with projects and events. Rob has taken a particular interest in disability issues and concerns about the housebound and his input will be greatly missed. He leaves with our thanks for all he has quietly done for BAG over the years.

In recent months Jill Colley has been spontaneously helping with the Fun Day organisation. She has accepted the offer to be co-opted with enthusiasm and we hope she will offer herself for election to the committee in October. She's already

offered new ideas to shake us up!

We'd really love to hear from younger residents willing to come forward to help us keep Bradway a pleasant place to live, conserving what we have, yet moving forward with good ideas to keep it relevant to the needs of the future. We also need people of all ages to offer assistance when any projects require practical help.

Bradway Bugle:

Some readers may have noticed that the previous Bugle came out a week or two earlier than usual. Others may be wondering why there's been a long wait for this issue. The answer is that Editor John Baker had to go into hospital for a month and had planned his absence very carefully.

I'm sure I speak for all readers in thanking him for his dedication to the task, and by offering all our very best wishes for his continuing recovery. John may welcome some assistance with future editions, so if you'd like to help please drop him a line, or give him a call. His details are on Page 2.

Annual General Meeting:

Our Annual General Meeting is at Bradway School at 7.15 on Tuesday 4th October, when Amey's representative will give us a short talk about the work they do every day, and will be doing in Bradway in 2017 to give us good roads and pavements. It's your chance to raise any issues relating to Bradway, so please do.

It's also the time when our committee and officers are elected and as long as

you're a paid up member (it only costs £2) on that date you can nominate, stand, and vote.

Keeping in contact:

BAG members receive email Newsletters throughout the year. If you aren't receiving them you're either not a member, or you haven't given us your email address. A big thank you to those who've now renewed for 2016. If you haven't yet sent your renewal please download a renewal form from the website.

We welcome new members. The minimum subscription is only £2 per annum. A membership form can be found and printed from our website.

Complete membership forms should be sent to the Membership Secretary at 9 Kenwell Drive, Sheffield, S17 47PJ or handed to any committee member.

To join, renew, or contact BAG about anything else please go to our website at: bradwayactiongroup.org

Also look out for us on Facebook

Chris Morgan

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

10th September - Bradway Fun Day, - Old school Field

4th October - Annual General Meeting Bradway School, 7.15 – Speaker, Claire Tideswell from Amey

18th December- Bradway shops Christmas Event - provisional date



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Farewell to a Local Hero

Earlier this year, Bradway resident Ernest Baud died just two weeks short of his 101st birthday. At the time, he was staying with one of his daughters and her family who live in Italy, as he did most winters. It's remarkable enough that a man of his age should be travelling across Europe, but until well into his 80s he used to drive there on his own, stopping every now and then to cook himself a meal on his little primus stove under the awning he fitted to the side of his vehicle!

Mind you, Ernest was well used to European travel, having flown 52 missions as a wireless operator with Bomber Command during WW2, initially in Stirling bombers and latterly in Lancasters with the rank of Flight Lieutenant.

The normal requirement was to fly 30 missions, a target that most failed to achieve. But having done so, Ernest promptly volunteered for another 20 trips and actually undertook 22 more before being made to stop. He was awarded the DFC for his services and finished his RAF career as a catering officer.

His Flying Log Book makes fascinating reading. Unlike some crew members, who included a lot of detail about each raid, Ernest just recorded the destination. One can barely imagine what was going on in his mind at the time, but the fact that he volunteered to continue flying when he could have stopped suggests that he viewed the whole thing as a big adventure.

Born in 1915, by the time he was 5 years old Ernest had lived in no fewer than four different towns as his father moved around the country on his bicycle looking for work. He left school at the age of 15 and became a butcher's boy working from 6am to 10pm six days a



Ernest Baud. Below his medals including the DFC



week. On his day off he used to go hiking in Derbyshire. Later in life, his love of the countryside prompted Ernest to become a volunteer warden with the Peak District National Park Authority, repairing fences, stiles, etc.

Ernest met the love of his life, Sylvia, when he was just 17 years old. He was a strapping youth and Sylvia quite small, so inevitably he was accused of cradle snatching. In actual fact, Sylvia was five years older than Ernest, so the term "toy boy" might have been more appropriate! They married at St Oswalds church, Abbeydale, in 1940.

With his experience of butchery, Ernest had set up his own butchers shop in Derby in the late 1930s, but abandoned it when war broke out and he enlisted in the RAF. The shop was adjacent to the Rolls Royce factory, a prime target for the Luftwaffe, so the sale of the butchers shop didn't generate much interest!

After the war, when living in Norton, Ernest worked for a while at Batchelors Foods before acquiring a newsagency business in Worksop. He moved to Bradway in about 1972.

A memorial service was held for him on 27th May 2016 at Beauchief Abbey, a place he loved to walk to over the years. Rest in peace, Ernest. *Per ardua ad astra!*

Peter Stubbs

Blacka Moor Users Forum

Blacka Moor Nature Reserve, Saturday 24th September, 10am - 12noon

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On the Beat

I am conscious of an increased number of reports recently of what we might call rogue traders in the S17 area. These are the people who may call at your door, maybe offering to do roofing, building work or driveway resurfacing. They will often say they are working on a neighbour's property and have noticed slates missing or damaged and offer to give you a quote for remedial work while they are in the area.

Some of these may vastly overcharge for unnecessary, shoddy or non-existent work. They may also take the form of people claiming to be ex-offenders offering household goods for sale to help them get back on their feet. Often these goods are very low quality at inflated prices.

Whilst some of these cold callers may be legitimate businesses, I would recommend that you do not agree to any cold caller carrying out any work for you. If you think you do need to have any work done it is far better to seek out companies either online or through recommendations from friends or neighbours and obtain 2 or 3 quotes. Charities such as Age UK often have lists of trusted traders you can access and there are many pages online with similar schemes where you can read customer testimonials and see examples of work before contacting traders.

If you are unsure about any company you can contact Trading Standards on 0114 2736289 or 08454 040506. These numbers initially connect you to a national consumer advice line where they will help you access local services.

The above can also apply to phone calls, emails or post you may receive offering various products or services. Again, if these messages are unsolicited please do not make any appointments or offer any personal information to the caller. Do not open emails if you are unsure who they are from as this may leave you open to computer viruses or other problems.

If an offer comes through the door offering you untold riches for very little return, remember if it looks too good to be true it probably is! Always read any terms and conditions carefully and ensure you understand fully what it is you might be signing up for. In particular please do not provide any financial details to any unsolicited approach or until you are certain that the company you are dealing with is legitimate.

The best advice I can give is always deal with companies you know and trust!

As ever I am available to help if you have any concerns or queries or you can contact your local neighbourhood watch coordinator who may have details that would help you. If you are unsure who they are contact me and I will put you in touch. My contact details are adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk or my work mobile is 07787 881945.

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Totley Library update

New Donated Books Available to Borrow from Totley Library.

In July we launched a new orange sticker book system, where library users can borrow books we have had donated. These books are all recent bestsellers published since 2014, including many from the Richard and Judy awards list. These books are marked with an orange sticker and need to be checked in and out from the desk.

You cannot use the automatic machines for these books. Your orange sticker book will be stamped with a return date in the old fashioned way. We are aiming to add to the orange sticker books, so if you have any recent bestsellers that you have read and would like to donate to the library for others to read we would receive them gratefully. We are also looking for local businesses to sponsor the scheme.

Also in July we held the first draw for the new Totley Library Lottery, which aims to raise funds to help keep Totley Library open. Players in this local lottery can help support the library and win cash prizes. Each month, 25% of all income will be allocated as the prize fund and all of the remaining 75% will go straight to library funds.

In the first month, 271 players entered raising £201 for the library. The first prize winner was Mary Dakin who won £53.60 and second prize went to Chris Langsdowen who won £13.40. More



Marcia Bex drawing winning entries from amongst lottery entrants as held by Chris Cave, Lottery Manager

players are entering all the time, so in August the minimum first prize will be £80 and minimum second prize will be £20. If you would like to enter the lottery then forms are available from Totley Library.

The summer has also been a busy period for fundraising events. Our stall at the Queen's 90th birthday picnic raised £180 and was a fun afternoon, despite the heavy rain earlier in the day. The Mamma Mia sing-a-long special at the library was a sell out, raising £380 for the library. We

received fantastic feedback about the sing-a-long night, so we are planning another musical themed film night very soon.

On July 9th, we had a stall at the Dore Scouts and Guides Gala, where we held free 'Storytime' sessions for young children and parents. Despite appalling weather in the morning, we rigged up our gazebo, and in the afternoon, when the weather was kinder, we had spellbinding sessions from our story-time readers – Carolyn Heslop, Barbara Taylor and Sue Hare – which fascinated the children who attended - and also their parents! It was really good to have a Totley Library presence at the Gala, and we hope to be asked back next year.

Natasha Watkinson

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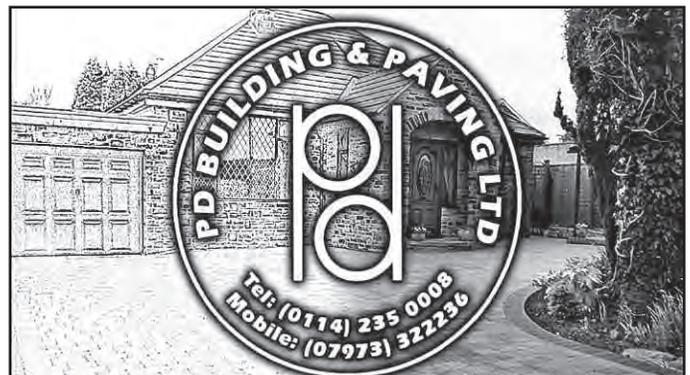
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After the Inquiry, what next? A new platform, footbridge – HS2?

The Hope Valley Capacity Scheme inquiry went into a third week, dominated by concerns centring around Hathersage and Bamford. As outlined in the previous issue of the Bugle, needs at Dore & Totley were well presented by our team including representatives from Dore Village Society and Bradway Action Group. At the time of writing we're awaiting the outcome.

Northern Rail

In the meantime we're engaging with the new Northern franchise team. They took over on 1st April, giving themselves 44 months to make major improvements. So far so good, but first they're making major changes to the management structures and personnel. In the short term many interim managers are seeing through the transition. Deputy Chair Ken Wheat and I recently met representatives from Northern and servicing contractors Carillion and were assured that by September all should be in place. We're hoping the people we've been getting to know will continue in broadly similar positions.

Pacer trains are certain to go by the end of 2019. There was concern they might be replaced by 1980s converted tube trains. They're not, they're too slow for any of Northern's routes. We'll get good refurbished trains, maybe still 30 years old, but stripped down to basics and with new interiors indistinguishable from brand new trains. Two or three trial units are near completion. Once they've been evaluated they'll decide on internal layouts for the rest of the fleet, including power points for mobile devices, free wi-fi and improved customer service information.

Ticketing improvements are coming, encouraging us to buy and print tickets at home, reducing queues at station machines and pressure on conductors. For those who dare try, smartphone



Green Arrow at Dore and Totley, Sheffield, on The North Eastern railway, summer 1980. The station was reduced to a single line and platform not long after this date.

tickets will do away with the paper. Many passengers avoid season tickets because they travel on a limited number of days. There'll be a new carnet ticket for a fixed number of journeys, rather than a fixed period of weeks/months.

The way the railway system works is that Network Rail are awaiting the Department for Transport's approval before proceeding further. Northern will have to maintain and manage whatever is built, but at the time of writing had not been consulted on what's to be provided. Their estates team is aware of what's going on from what they've gleaned, including what FoDaTS has told them.

They share our concern that the passenger cover proposed at the station is totally inadequate. We hope they may be able to influence what gets built before the work commences. They've set aside £38 million for station improvements over the franchise period and we believe some of that should be spent at Dore & Totley. Many of the other 450 Northern stations will feel they should get a share,

so we need support to press our case.

We're trying to establish exactly what Northern's sub-contractors, Carillion, are doing to maintain the surroundings and vegetation around the car park and station. It's supposed to be a twice weekly litter collection and general check up, with more thorough maintenance 2 or 3 times a year. Their summer 3 day session is taking place as I write.

Members and local residents aren't happy with the unkempt border beside Abbeydale Road South. It's a large area, but if we could agree a plan there is a possibility that a FoDaTS gardening group could be allowed to maintain part of that area to a higher standard. If that happens we'll have to be very sure we're agreed on that plan, and have the capacity to put it into practice on an ongoing basis. Ideas and potential volunteers welcome.

It's encouraging that Northern's franchise agreement commits them to working with station groups like ours to provide more focussed facilities and services to the communities they serve. It's the first time such a commitment has been built into a franchise agreement and they're placing dedicated staff into supporting roles to help us. There may be extra cash available for smaller projects, maybe on a matched basis.

Sheffield City Region and SYPTE

Since the inquiry we wrote to a wide range of people involved in transport locally and Ken and I have had a most cordial meeting with Dave Allatt, Sheffield City Region Strategy Manager, Ian Fothergill, Tram and Train Contract Officer, SYPTE and Praveena Mohanamurali, of SYPTE who project managed the Park & Ride facility.

SYPTE has recently evolved into a mainly operational organisation. Dave's role is to develop transport strategy for the City Region and manage the emerging Infrastructure Fund which will be devolved to SCR following resolution of the necessary checks and balances

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required by Government.

We're particularly keen to develop together a strategy and project for Dore & Totley station to address existing issues and likely upcoming ones. Dave acknowledged and welcomed this and would include the matters within the current review of the SCR's Transport Strategy. Issues around the existing car park were recognised. There's a need to re-visit things like charging policies when the strategy is reviewed.

All agreed there are no easy answers, but an opportunity is available to provide better facilities and services at Dore. There'll be a very competitive 'bidding' process for any monies available and we need to make a strong case. Other funding sources are possible and Ian indicated that he'd examine how things like a canopy over the existing platform could be provided.

We raised improved services - hourly stopping trains, more stops by fast trains and more direct links to places like Meadowhall. We referred to growing congestion in the Sheaf Valley corridor, and suggested these be addressed with sustainable solutions including improved rail services and/or tram/train options. The Rotherham tram/train trial is behind schedule and it will be years before it can be evaluated and any decisions to extend made.

We raised parking - not least because a possible Park & Ride facility was shown at D&T in the recent Sheffield Development Plan Consultation! More trains mean more users, many wanting to

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come by car. Discussion took place around the potential for a number of sites near the station for further parking. It's a thorny issue. Local residents don't want cars on footpaths, or more traffic. Loss of green space is opposed by many. The council owns the railway triangle. There isn't much money.

We asked about the role of Rail for the North, their transport strategy and how we could assist. Jonathon Brown of SCR, who's involved in its development, should be our point of contact. If Network Rail's Hope Valley Scheme is approved, they'll have to be consulted about the provisions at Dore station. SYPTE would respond with their views about their adequacy etc.. It was agreed that FoDaTS' views would be taken into account.

Electrification and HS2

HS2 plans from Crewe to Leeds won't be confirmed before the end of the year. The latest idea is to bypass Sheffield, allowing fast trains to leave the HS2 tracks south of Chesterfield, continuing

at normal speeds into Sheffield. In the meantime tracks to Sheffield should have been electrified. The earliest date we're likely to see an HS2 service into Sheffield could be 2033!

It's taken 3 years of consultations for the much smaller Hope Valley Scheme, and it's still not agreed. We need to bear in mind there'll be many further changes to the HS2 plans. We'll be looking out to see Dore & Totley gets full consideration. Stopping services on the mainline aren't impossible, but may be hard to achieve - and they'd bring more demand for car parking space!

Concluding

The next few years will see major changes at Dore & Totley. We intend to supply meaningful input, ensuring that the needs of users and local residents are as well satisfied as possible.

If you use the trains, or just have an interest in developments at our station, please join us by sending an email with your contact details to our Secretary; nj-barnes@outlook.com You can also join us on Facebook -just search for FoDaTS. Look in from time to time to see the latest news -and make constructive comment, please! We now have an excellent website, set up by Derek Gillibrand, see; <http://www.fodats.net/>

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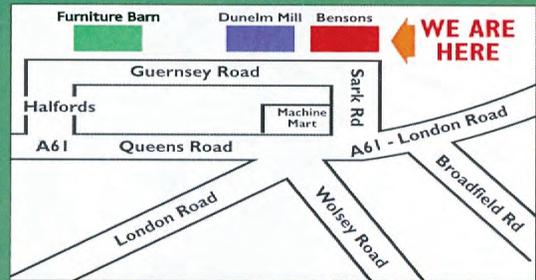
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“Early Census returns are disappointing, no addresses are given and only one or two families can be given possible locations.” Tony Smith, *Bradway* (1990)

National censuses were held every ten years from 1841. They become available for public scrutiny after 100 years. The last to be released was the 1911 census, at the start of 2012 (although an edited version, excluding some personal information, was made available a few years earlier.)

As a guide to the history of Bradway, the censuses have the problems that Tony Smith identified, but they became more detailed as time passed. There are particular problems for Bradway in ensuring that the same area is being compared from one census to the next. The boundary between Bradway and its adjacent communities (Greenhill and Totley) was placed in different places on different censuses; and some areas that we now consider to be Bradway were treated as separate communities (for example, on different censuses: Bradway Mill; Walk Mill; Twentywell Sick; and a ‘hamlet near Twentywells’ around the lower part of Twentywell Lane).

If these pitfalls are kept in mind, it is possible to gain a picture of the changing face of Bradway, even if it is difficult to locate geographically specific families and individuals. Because the information on the 1841 census is particularly sparse and difficult both to decipher and interpret, I started with the second census in 1851.

The first striking thing is how small the population was compared with the present day: under 150 in 1851, and only rising to 460 in 1911. The link on the BAG web site to the Sheffield Health and Well-being Profile gives the population of Bradway on slightly different boundaries as just over 3,800 in 2012. Most of these extra people, of course,

Tracing Bradways’ history through the censuses

live on the large housing estates that were built later in the twentieth century.

The biggest increase in population in percentage terms came between 1861 and 1871, a rise of 53 per cent based around the coming of the railway, which opened in 1870. Before it opened, new employment opportunities were created from the building itself, and had the census been taken a few years earlier, while the railway tunnel was still under construction, the population would have been swollen by navvies. As it was, the brick works, which supplied the bricks for the tunnel, attracted new residents to work there; and the stone works benefited from the start of the speculative building that was already leading to the spread of housing on both Twentywell Lane and Bradway Bank.

Whereas agricultural employment was clearly the main occupation on both the 1851 and 1861 censuses (counting farmers and farm workers together), by 1871 there were many more general labourers, perhaps attracted originally by the construction of the railway but then finding employment in the brick works, the stone quarry and the building trade. Employment specifically identified as being in the brick works or stone quarry had also increased considerably.

Traditional crafts, particularly scythe making, were well represented even through to the 1881 census, but then went into decline. The number of residents employed in various stages of producing scythes reached a high of 11 in 1881, had declined to just one in 1901, and had disappeared altogether by 1911.

The reason behind the decline of the production of scythes was, of course, mechanisation on the farms; and this was also a cause of the decline in the number of agricultural workers in Bradway, as farmers managed to keep their farms running with a combination of family and machinery.

Although the railway brought employment indirectly to Bradway, it only brought a handful of workers directly employed by the railway company until 1901, when the number of railway employees increased from four in 1891 to eighteen, including signalmen, porters, and plate layers. It stabilised at about that level (fourteen) on the 1911 census. The increase in railway employees was probably the result of the building of the Dore to Chinley line, which opened in 1894, and the consequent enlargement of Dore and Totley station.

The railway also allowed people who worked in Sheffield to live in the country and commute on the train. This brought a new category of professional worker to Bradway from 1891 onwards: clerks, Sheffield council workers, managers, salesmen / company representatives, and retired people of independent means.

These professional people in turn

employed domestic servants, and this is the category of employment that saw the biggest increase. Until 1891 there were just two or three domestic servants, mostly employed by the farmers to assist their wives in the home. On the 1891 census there was a big leap to 11, staying at that level in 1901, then increasing again to 29 in 1911.

All, or almost all, of the domestic servants were female, and other categories of female employment began to appear on the censuses from 1881. Besides a laundry in Lower Bradway, there were milliners and seamstresses, but also teachers (there was a private girl’s school on Twentywell Lane in the early twentieth century), and even by 1911 a female typist.

The change in the level of female employment was, of course, a national, not a local phenomenon. Yet the changing pattern of employment both provides a microcosm of what was happening to the country as a whole and gives insights into the changing face of our own small corner of it.

Yes, the censuses provide limited information; but taken together with other sources (which are listed by Tony Smith at the end of both his 1990 and his 1998/1999 publications) they give one way into constructing a history of Bradway.

Stephen George

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On 27th July Hathersage Open Air Swimming Pool celebrated its 80th birthday. Not bad for a pool that took only 10 weeks to build, in a wet summer and without today's mechanical aids.

Living in Hathersage I swam regularly in the 1950s & 1960s, looking forward to the season starting the weekend before Whitsuntide and regretting it ending as soon as the schools went back after the summer holidays. I well remember what a treat we thought it was if the coke boiler managed to lift the water temperature to 68F (20C), but having got cold we could at least cluster round the asbestos flue pipe from the boiler to keep warm!

We had in those days 1, 3 and 5 metre boards from which to jump, dive and generally enjoy ourselves and if we wanted a shower we could have one - cold water only. And how wonderful was that breakfast of bacon, sausage and eggs after swimming at 8 o'clock on a Sunday morning! Wonderful memories but was it really that good?

Nowadays the pool is open for over twice as long each year, from mid-March to the end of October with the water temperature a very comfortable 82F/28C, followed by weekend swimming in unheated water until the end of December when the pool finally closes for the winter with a New Year's Day swim.

During the summer there is regular monthly evening swimming with accompanying music, including a midsummer night's swim when you can swim throughout the night and watch the sunrise from the water.

There are regular weekly sessions with a huge inflatable for children to enjoy themselves on and for something different the pool can be hired for a private party. But there are no diving boards any more (health and safety strikes again) and the asbestos flue pipe has gone, although the showers now dispense hot water.

Maybe from my standpoint the changes have taken away the perceived romance of long ago but there can be no question that it is a much more pleasant experience for the vast majority of people



Hathersage pool in the evening sun

- swimming in the open air in warm water with views of the Derbyshire hills. You can do this any day between now and the 29th October when the heating will be switched off.

Fancy trying it? You can get details of opening hours etc. by visiting www.hathersageswimmingpool.co.uk, or by phoning 01433 650843.

Chris Cave

Beauchief Abbey - Heritage Open Days

Every September volunteers all over the UK join together to celebrate what makes their venue and neighbourhood special. Every year this event seems to grow. This year there are over 80 venues and events taking part across Sheffield. All venues and events are open to the public for free between 8th - 11th September - you can check out opening times and venues at www.heritageopendays.org.uk

There are several churches that are taking part this year and one of the challenges is to join a national bell ringing to mark the event. In Sheffield the ringing will be started off in the Millennium Gallery. At the Abbey we have just one bell which we ring every Sunday before each service. There were originally five bells, two are reported to be in Darfield Church in Barnsley which currently has 6 bells.

The story goes that they were stolen

from Beauchief Abbey and to avoid detection the horses' shoes were removed when the bells were taken!

This year we will be open for Heritage Open Days on Friday 9th September, 10th September and Sunday 11th September. Come along and find out more about the fascinating history of this ancient gem that dates back to the 12th Century and is on your door step.

The Abbey is also open on Sundays at 11am Holy Communion except on the 3rd Sunday in the month - Evensong at 3pm. We are also open on the 1st Thursday of every month between 9am-11am for quiet prayer and meditation. www.beauchiefabbey.org.uk

Liz Jaques, Beauchief Abbey

All a Bit of a Bind

Over the last several years, I've spent more time than I should have done researching my family history. I warn you, it can get quite addictive! Four years ago I put together a booklet about my father and his ancestors and had a couple of dozen copies printed off for the family to mark what would have been his 100th birthday. Being A5 size and only about 60 pages long (i.e. 15 sheets of folded A4 paper) I was able to get away with having them stapled together. I had it printed professionally together with a cover made of strong card, so it looked reasonably OK.

I am now about to do the same for my mother's side of the family, again to mark the 100th anniversary of her birth. But this second volume is rather longer, running to between 80 and 90 sides, clearly too many to staple together. This is not so much due to the length of the staples, as to the fact that when all the pages are folded over together you lose quite a lot of the margin when the edge is trimmed.

I looked into the possibility of getting the book properly bound, but the costs were prohibitive. Then I noticed I had a box of plastic slide binders in my desk drawer that had lain there doing nothing for decades so I decided to try and make use of them. Unfortunately, they were A4 size. No matter, I thought, I'll just cut



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them down to size.

The first decision was what to use to cut them with. I decided a fine hacksaw would be the best bet, and indeed this worked very well to trim the length. Mind you, my first attempt was a complete disaster. On the basis that A5 is half the size of A4, I just cut one in half. But of course, it's the area of A5 that is half that of A4. Since the orientation is the opposite way, it means the long side is actually about two-thirds that of the long side of A4 (210mm as opposed to 297mm).

Having sorted that one out, I then decided that with narrower margins I needed to reduce the width of the binder to some extent. The hacksaw wasn't

really suitable for doing this as the framework that holds the blade in place would get in the way. I tried using a padsaw fitted with a hacksaw blade, but apart from almost cutting my thumb off in the process, it wasn't very accurate and my clumsy attempts to smarten it up with a fine surform tool and emery paper weren't very successful.

But then I had a brainwave! What about trying a Stanley knife. The plastic wasn't very thick and a few passes with a sharp blade might do the trick. But how to hold it securely? A vice would be no use, and I didn't hold out much hope of keeping a straight-edge in place without the binder being held down somehow. I could see my other thumb going the same way as

the first!

With the little grey cells working overtime, I finally hit on the idea of positioning the binder over the edge of a piece of plywood. After rummaging about in the shed I managed to find an off-cut of the correct thickness to achieve a tight fit. It worked a treat! Cutting the binder was simplicity itself and the finished result very acceptable. Of course I could have saved myself a lot of trouble by getting some A5 binders from the internet (local stationery stores don't stock them), but they come in boxes of 50 so I'd be left with most of them cluttering up my desk drawer. At least now I've emptied it of the old A4 ones!

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The 'largest and most luxurious cinema in Sheffield' is about to enter a new phase in its life. The Abbeydale Picture House closed in 1975 and was granted Grade II listed status in 1989. But it was not until 2008 that it opened again following its purchase by the Friends of Abbeydale Picture House. This venture enjoyed some success until it closed again a few years later.

Then in 2012 it was purchased by Phil Robins with a view to renovating the building and opening it to the public as a climbing wall. Since then things have changed and the building is now run by an enthusiastic and adventurous group of Sheffield University graduates who have developed an innovative and popular series of entertainment programmes during the last year. One of them, Louise Snape said, "Our aim is to transform the Picture House into a cultural hub for the area, a venue for a wide range of events with mainly music and film. We want it cater for and engage with all the vibrant communities that live here"

She wants to build links not just with the wide range of nationalities in the area but also with all the generations, the artists and non-artists and to engage them as both performers and audiences. Already the programme they have offered has included silent movies, Bollywood films and classics like West Side Story, whenever possible shown on an original 'old-fashioned' film projector.

Most of the shows have been sell-outs. And in the newly built bar area customers can enjoy good food and local coffee in the newly opened weekend cafe. It's an experience simply to visit the cinema, to look around and remember what it was like in days gone by. Popcorn is sold, that wasn't available in my day,

Much more than a cinema

Ambitious plans for the Abbeydale Picture House

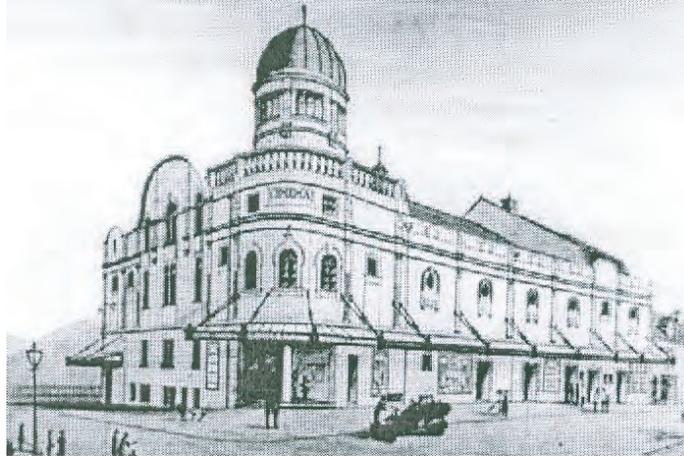
and I'm told there will soon be a lady selling ice cream from a tray.

The longer term plan for the Picture House is to obtain charitable status and then slowly to establish the venture whilst at the same time seeking out

seedy, although full of potential, it is now becoming a destination for Sheffield people and others from further afield. The revival of the area has been due to the spread of so many tea rooms and coffee shops, all of them independents with their own differing characters. New shops of all kinds have been opened by enterprising people and the success of the Antiques Quarter has played its part in helping to create a suburban district that at times is reminiscent of what might be found in Berlin or other European cities.

The future of the area is likely to be even more exciting as the Picture House seeks to launch nothing less than a cultural revival in the city comparable to those in other major northern cities.

David Pierce



Abbeydale Picture House in all its early glory.



The famous Harold Lloyd scene from the black & white era.

financial support to renovate the building itself. In so doing it can play a part in the continuing revival of the area.

Abbeydale Road is already on the up. After many years of looking a little

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The new state pension and how it will affect you

The new single-tier state pension, also referred to as a 'flat-rate' pension, came into effect at the start of April this year. Whilst it makes the system simpler, as well as increasing the basic state pension from around £120 per week to a starting figure of £155 per week, the new system is not set to benefit everyone. To find out whether you're one of the people who will be better off, one of those losing out, or someone who won't be affected by the changes at all, read on.

The new system applies for men with birthdays after 6th April 1951 for men, and 6th April 1953 for women, so if you retired before 6th April 2016, the single-tier system won't affect you and you'll continue on the previous two-tier system.

Unlike the old system, not everyone in the UK will be entitled to a state pension; you'll need to have made National Insurance contributions (NICs) for at least ten years. These don't have to be in consecutive years, and there are some people who will be exempt from this rule - including some parents, carers and jobseekers. Even so, it has been predicted in some quarters that this will result in approximately 70,000 people who will be unable to draw any state pension at all. In order to receive the new state pension in full, you'll need 35 qualifying years of NICs, up from 30 years under the previous system.

Some two million people are unlikely to receive the full amount due to being contracted out of the old second state pension before April 2016, having paid a lower rate of National Insurance. Most of these will be public sector employees, such as teachers, members of the armed forces and those working in the NHS. How much less these people will receive will be determined by how long

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they were contracted out of the second state pension. Equally, those who have been paying into the second state pension before April 2016 will have this protected, meaning they may receive more than the £155 per week basic rate.

After the transitional period, those who are likely to lose out in the long-term are those currently in their 20s and 30s, due to making standard NICs but not being able to benefit from the second state pension as those under the old system did. It's estimated that two in three people currently in their 30s will theoretically be £17,000 worse off over the course of their retirement. That rises to around 75% in current 20-somethings who are set to lose a notional £19,000. There will of course be those who will be better off under the new system - around six million by 2030 according to government estimates.

As a general rule, and assuming a pension age of 70 by the year 2050, if you were born before 1980 you can expect to benefit from the flat-rate pension; in contrast, those born after 1980 have a greater potential to be worse off.

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Bradway Birds

You have all seen and heard a wren, perhaps without realising it. As small as a blue tit, richly brown, with a cocked tail, they are tiny in size but big in personality and very independent. They never come to a bird table, and don't even hang around under nut holders waiting for fragments to fall, as robins, dunnocks and chaffinches do.

You will see them running to and fro on a patio, jumping into and out of plant pots. They also potter under and in dense shrubs. Occasionally they will run up and down tree trunks or stumps, looking like mice. At times, they will make themselves obvious in a tree top, which they will use as a singing post.

They fly across gardens or even our roads, their wings whirring too quickly for the beats to be seen. The song is indescribable but unmistakable, a loud and long chattering rattle; too loud you'd think for such a mite to make. Indeed, the whole body shakes as it delivers, and it sings in any month of the year. The only other local bird to do so is the robin, though its song is a tuneful and rather mournful jingle.

At present, the wren is Britain's most numerous breeding bird, with upwards of ten million pairs. This is because, although it is never crowded in large numbers, it is found in every environment: urban, suburban, arable, pasture, deciduous and coniferous woods, parks, coast and mountains.

Harsh winters kill wrens, but we have had few of these for twenty years, so their death rate has been relatively low.

Their sharp thin beak shows that they eat small food items that need to be picked out of confined spaces. They are not tacklers of snails, slugs, bees or large worms. Nor can they crack seeds or break up nuts as can sparrows and finches.



A flock of starlings is called a murmuration. This sociality is particularly evident in their roosting behaviour; roosts can number in the thousands of birds.

No, they feed on ants, small flies and beetles, aphids, insect eggs and tiny grubs and caterpillars (yum, yum!). These they find under leaves, among stones and logs, in the fissures of tree trunks and stumps, in cracks in the soil or your patio, and among your flower pots. The victims are tweezered out.

Being small allows access to all these hidden places, and means they can survive on less food than larger birds. They have a little niche to themselves. Except for seeds, they probably compete more with mice. Smallness, however, does mean greater heat loss per unit of weight. Consequently they have to eat more than a third of the calories eaten by birds three times their weight and they have to eat more often.

Though smallness does mean greater vulnerability to winter cold, it also allows them to feed when the snow is loose and wet. Entering gaps in the snow around plants, they will still find small fry in their usual haunts, a food source that is unavailable to larger birds.

A complete snow cover which then freezes into a crust is a killer, for prey hiding places are then closed off. Wrens are famous for huddling together in these circumstances, dozens in a nest box, for example. A day without food at freezing point starts to kill wrens.

Mail wrens have a charming way of gaining a mate. In April, they build five or six nests around their territory then sing hard. If a female arrives, she follows him round as he displays his home building prowess. She might approve a nest and enter, so the deal is sealed for the year; or she might move to another candidate's patch, and the rejected bird has to sing again.

Pairs have six or more young per brood, and the fledglings run in line after their parents, again like little mice. Unlike single-brooded tits, wrens have two or even three broods per year, and so can bounce back rapidly after a hard hitting winter.

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Murmuration of starlings

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This aerial gathering of up to 100,000 birds happens just before the sun goes down on autumn and winter evenings. You might see a small number of these dark, speckled birds perched along a telegraph wire or in a tree, then, suddenly, they take to the air. What starts as a faint black wisp seems to grow larger and darker as more and more starlings join the murmuration.

Before you know it, the sky is filled with thousands of birds moving as one giant cloud, creating a rushing sound as it writhes and contorts through the air like a phantom. This mesmerising aerial ballet can go on for several minutes then, just as suddenly as it started, the flock will drain down onto the fields, reed beds or woodland below where they'll roost for the night. All is still and quiet and the sky is empty once more.

So why does this spectacle happen? Many suggestions have been put forward, but the most purported theory is to ward off predators, such as hawks and peregrine falcons keen to bag themselves an evening snack. Others say it's to communicate to other birds where they can find food the next day. Or could it just be their final stretch before bed? Who knows? Perhaps it's best to enjoy the wonder and other-worldliness of Mother Nature's dance, and leave the mystery unsolved.

Despite the incredible size of the flocks, starling numbers are just a fraction of what they used to be. Huge starling flocks used to gather over Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle, Liverpool, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Belfast, but today you have a much better chance of seeing the birds in rural areas.

The starling population has fallen by over 80% in recent years, meaning they are now on the critical list of UK birds most at risk. The decline is believed to be due to the loss of permanent pasture, increased use of farm chemicals and a shortage of food and nesting sites in many parts of the UK.



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Firstly, a 1933 Ford 'Model Y' 8 HP Tudor (two-door), in black. An original family car, known as the 'Short Rad' in black coachwork with green interior, with 12,698 miles and two owners, this car was last on the road in 1965 and has been in dry storage ever since. It is presented with the original registration "FA 5086".

Secondly, a fantastic, single-owner collection, comprises a 1966 Jaguar S-Type 3.8S in navy blue, with original registration "1063 LG" hibernating since 1979 alongside a similar 1966 Jaguar S-Type 3.4 in red with 66,000 miles and lying dormant since 1981. Alongside these, the body and chassis of another Jaguar S-Type will also be offered. Slumbering with these big cats in the same barn is a 1966 Morris Traveller "Woody" in grey, presented with the original registration "JWJ 20D" which has been alongside them since 1995.

Time has unfortunately taken its toll on these old iconic British cars, but they are all seeking new owners along with other vintage/classic vehicles. Specialist Car Valuer Benjamin Johnson invites entries for this auction and will be happy to advise on 0114 281 6161, further information and many more photos can be found on the auction preview page at



1933 Ford 'Model Y' 8 HP Tudor (two-door), in black.

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Also in September there are changes to the price of child bus tickets reflecting a reduction in subsidy from SYPT, who are facing further budget cuts as part of the government austerity programme. The child flat fare single is to increase from 70p to 80p and the weekly Getabout pass, valid on all buses and trams in South Yorkshire, is increasing from £6.50 to £7.50. The concessionary fares apply to all children under 11, children aged 11-15 with a 'Megatravel' pass and college students aged 16-18 with the appropriate SYPT concessionary pass.

Something that doesn't seem well known is young people aged 16-25 can get a discount on many of the weekly and monthly all operator passes in the Travelmaster ticket range, these are sold by the self service machines at Sheffield Interchange and Arundel Gate Interchange, however a personalised smart card has to be applied for first.

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Andrew Cullen

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Life in a rural landscape.

In October the Doreways Group will be holding an Exhibition devoted to life in Dore round about the end of the Victorian era. Life then in Dore was very different and they will be highlighting some of the jobs and the way of life, particularly in farming, that went on in the village.

Expect some surprises as you are taken back in time to how households looked. Visit the shops that served the village, and how you might have travelled. Who might you have met in the village? What was it like in the village school?

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Dorne Coggins

Vitamin D supplements

Everyone should consider taking vitamin D supplements in autumn and winter according to new public health advice in England and Wales.

For most people, the bulk of their vitamin D is made from the action of sunlight on their skin. Limited amounts of the vitamin are also found in oily fish, eggs and fortified cereals. In winter months, people should consider getting this from 10 microgram supplements, if their diet is unlikely to provide it. Official estimates suggest one in five adults and one in six children in England may have low levels. Why is vitamin D important?

Its main function is to regulate the amount of calcium and phosphate in the body, which are vital for the growth and maintenance of healthy bones, teeth and muscles. In adults, vitamin D deficiency can lead to osteomalacia - causing severe bone pain and muscle aches.

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The Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials will take place this year on 1st, 2nd and 3rd September on Longshaw Pastures in front of Longshaw Lodge, near Grindleford, starting at 7.30am each morning. We are very honoured this year to have Lady Ruby Sykes as our lady President.

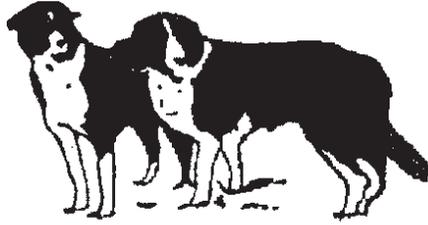
On 1st and 2nd there will be open class sheep dog trials when many of the "One Man and His Dog" competitors will be taking part. We are very pleased to have Mr. James Howard who won the championship in 2012 and 2014 to judge the open classes and championship, and to judge the local class Mr. Jan Pieters, from Holland. Mr. John Elliott will judge the double dog class and Mr. Nick Denniff the beginners class.

At approximately 3.30pm on 1st, subject to any unforeseen circumstances, there will be a parade of local hounds courtesy of the Barlow Hounds, Pennine Fox-hounds, High Peak Harriers and the Ecclesfield Beagles.

Following the local class sheep dog trial on Saturday 3rd the Longshaw Fell Race is to be run. Starting at approximately 10.30am, this is open to all adults and is enter on the field.

Following the start of the fell race there will be a demonstration of dog obedience and agility.

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



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

The entrance charge is just £5 per adult each day, with no charge for children and free parking, and we start at 7.30am, weather permitting, finishing at approximately 5.30pm.

This will be the 118th year of the Association, thought to be the oldest continuous sheep dog trials in England with the two world wars and the year 2001, because of foot and mouth disease, 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.

For further information please contact the Secretary, Mrs. Sheila Humphreys, MBE, on 01433 651852, or e-mail

lsdta@talktalk.net

Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials Assn
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TOADS Production

Here we are again, another TOADS play in the pipe-line!

Our November play will be a murder mystery entitled "13 Past Midnight", written by Billy St John, and is to be directed by Judy Savournin.

This year we have been very fortunate in acquiring several new members and have therefore been able to cast 16 people in this play!

Please save the dates, which are as follows - Wednesday 16th November to Friday 18th November at 7.30pm, and Saturday 19th November at 2.30pm.

The venue is as usual St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Please call 0114 2351206 to reserve your tickets or contact any TOADS member - we look forward to seeing you there.

As always if you are interested in treading the boards or helping out backstage, why not pop along to the Guild Room at St John's Hall any Tuesday at 7.30pm, or contact Anne Bettridge on 01246 460318, or any TOADS member, or visit our web-site www.toadsdrama.co.uk

Hope you all have a very pleasant summer.

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Take a break

Cornish Treats.....

With temperatures rising over current months and hitting tropical highs a staycation in the UK is always an option, although the weather is often unpredictable! For me a trip to Cornwall is rarely spoilt due to an inclement forecast!

Having found a beautiful self-catering base at The Barns Pigallie (www.thebarnspigallie.co.uk/) in a small village near Redruth, this gave us the perfect location to explore the area and once settled we headed out along the 2-mile trail to Portreath and our first peek of the stunning Cornish coast. What a treat!

We meandered around the harbour peering through the window in dead man's hut and down to the beach, which was teeming with happy holiday makers soaking up the sun, the amazing vista and atmosphere. Time for a well earned ice-cream before heading back along the shady trail and our home for the next 4 days, 5 The Barns Pigallie ... life doesn't get better than this!

The evening was spent near St Ives as we met friends and made our way via the Bussow Reservoir to the hill across from their quaint cottage to admire the beautiful view down to the ocean and across the bay, scrambling over the huge rock formations and generally lapping up the stunning scenery before heading back to change for dinner ... a tasty Mexican at The Mex (<http://themex-stives.co.uk/>) in St Ives ... my mouth is watering just thinking about it, yum!

With a misty drizzly start to the day, our fun packed itinerary would not be compromised by a bit of mizzle. Packing my new hiking poles and sporting a light rain jacket we headed for a leisurely stroll out through St Agnes and along the coastal path that hugs the cliff and provides the most epic views of this Jurassic landscape. It's great having friends who live in the area, they always have a plan for the day and know where to find free parking not too far away from the most perfect trails.

It wasn't long before the skies cleared

and our jackets were off as we continued along the coast snapping photo after photo, as with every step another amazing perspective came into view, bliss! I was now sporting a touch of wind burn as the strong breeze had chased the clouds away to leave another glorious sunny day.

All too soon our yomp was over and we headed back to a sheltered spot above Portreath to rest our feet and bask in the



"the beautiful view down to the ocean and across the bay".



A typical granite Torr

late afternoon sun with another stunning vista. It was going to be hard to drag ourselves away, but we had dinner reservations pending so had to make a move!

For our last day proper we made our way to Crantock beach with the cloudless blue sky as an amazing backdrop. The tide was out which left a massive expanse of golden beach for us to explore before settling down with our picnic lunch and

soaking up a bit of sun! Scorchio!

As the tide began to roll in and the white horses built, we took the estuary trail to watch as the rushing tide quickly filled part of the beach. Finding a small path down to the shore again we enjoyed a shady spot whilst checking out the palatial houses perched across the water. These lovely homes would certainly set you back a pretty penny or two! One can only dream :)

Will our last evening upon us, all too soon, we took a leisurely sunset drive along the coast for a final few shots of the rugged coastline. It was with a sad heart we said goodbye as the billowing clouds came rolling in. Rain or shine this amazing area always seems to look beautiful. No wonder our friends decided to relocate here. The only downside to such an amazing stay is the long drive home ... but the fun times we have had will get us through the many hours in traffic. It will be back to reality with a BUMP! Here's to another visit already tentatively planned. Hurrah!

Lindsay Allen

Local pubs and beer

The Castle Inn's food continues to prove popular and the latest addition to the refurbished pub has been the conversion of the previously little used rear beer garden into an outdoor BBQ restaurant and cocktail bar, open at weekends weather permitting.

Dore Club on Townhead Road are throwing their doors open to the public on 10th September for a beer festival to coincide with Dore Show.

A number of pub events in the Dronfield area over August bank holiday weekend with the Dronfield Arms (home of Hopjacker Brewery) holding a beer festival with family friendly activities in the daytime and live music in the evening, the Green Dragon holding a party in the car park with outside bar and the Miners Arms at Hundall holding a beer festival to coincide with the Land Rover Trials and charity cricket match taking place in and near the village.

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2. Tick control - make sure you organise and carry effective tick control. There are several diseases in Europe and the UK, which are spread by ticks and other biting insects. We can order safe and effective treatments for you.

3. Insurance - check your insurance documents carefully to ensure it will cover you for accidents and illness whilst you are away or abroad. Read the small print as there may be some exclusions which you're not aware of.

4. Take enough medicine - many dogs are on long-term medication such as arthritis and heart treatments. We'd normally recommend you book a health check appointment with us before you go so we can ensure that your pet is fit to travel and that you have enough medicine to last you for the whole of your trip

5. Safety first - when travelling by car, keep your pet safe by using a harness or travel cage. There is nothing worse than having an excitable pet jumping about the back seat.

6. Keep cool - why not get your car air conditioning checked before the journey. Most dogs will find the heat Europe difficult, so keeping them comfortable on the journey will make everyone happy.

7. Travel sickness - you may need to consider using some travel sickness



tablets if your dog gets unwell. Any of our vets will be able to help and advise you on the best products to use. You will need an appointment for us to check your pet first before we can dispense them.

8. Hot cars - never leave your dog alone in the car - even with the windows open as the heat can become dangerously high in a very short time.

9. Water - take plenty of water. Dogs keep cool by panting, and will therefore need clean water and a suitable bowl.

10. Check collars and tags - make sure your dog is clearly identified. You will already have had your pet microchipped. You might need to check that your pet's microchipping details are all up to date. Why not have a separate tag made with the name and contact details of the place you are staying.

If all of this seems just too much, it's also very popular to leave your dog at home in happy, comfortable conditions. We have a list of kennels and dog walkers who would be willing to help you out. Ring us on 0114 2363391 and our reception team and we can put you in touch with someone we trust.

Sheffield Folk Train

On the fourth Tuesday of each month we gather on platform 2C (but please check the departure board) at Sheffield Station, to catch the 19:14 train to Manchester which calls at Dore (19:20) and all stations along the Hope Valley, with music from the band throughout the journey. We reach Edale at 19:47, where we alight and make our way to The Rambler, where the musical entertainment continues.

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

23 August Treebeard. A group which have been regular favourites for some time. In agreement with their on-line description I can say that they perform "a clever blend of originals & cover material, made all the more enjoyable by the friendly and fun loving attitude on stage".

27 September. Porch Lizards. A band making their first appearance on the Folk Train. They were formed only a few years ago and, because of the differing musical tastes and backgrounds of each member, a very popular Bluegrass collection of songs came together. It is said audiences love what they hear and more importantly - how it's delivered.

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Most people now drink at home more than anywhere else, more so as we get older. At home we can be prone to being very generous with measures when pouring. This means it's easy to lose track of how much is being drunk. Learning more about how much you're drinking or using a unit measure is a simple way to keep track.

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Magic doorway

A beautifully carved door recently appeared in the base of a tree near Forge Dam. Is it a portal to another world of hobbits, fairies or elves? It seems Sheffield City Council is keen to engage local children in woodland folklore.

The opportunity arose to create something wonderful after a tree inspection revealed the need for root protection works on an old Horse Chestnut tree. Rather than leave, say, a blank concrete surface, they commissioned this door from local craftsman and ex-council ranger Henk Littlewood which is carved with the words "Chestnut, plane and sycamore, who or what lies beyond the door?"

The work is part of a project called 'PORTALS' which is currently under development but aims to create a series of similar initiatives around the city where funding has been secured.

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Take several tons of sheep droppings, a dozen volunteers and a derelict walled garden almost 200 years old. Add a few seeds, and in a few months you'll have most of the vegetable and salad supplies for one of the northern Peak District's most popular cafes.

"We reckon we've got a carbon footprint of 50 yards," said Paul Mowforth. "My wife came in for lunch with a friend last year and was told by the cafe they hadn't any tomatoes at present. She said 'I think you'll find you have' and came round the corner to pick a few from the greenhouse. Her friend was very impressed."

The volunteers working on the walled garden hidden behind Longshaw Lodge believe the site was originally designed to produce fruit and vegetables so the Duke of Rutland could "show off to his shooting guests."

When they started work in the winter of 2009, however, "it was a mess, full of weeds and brambles. It was just used for drying washing," said Jill Beckett. National Trust volunteers Jill and Paul had been asked to create a garden to show visitors and fellow staff how to grow their own food, and ultimately to provide raw materials for the adjacent Longshaw Lodge tea room, after winning a DEFRA grant from the 'Eat into Green Living' initiative. "But at that stage, there were no gardeners, and no garden," said Paul.

A team of staff and volunteers spent the winter removing weeds, digging out beds and shovelling old sheep manure collected from estate barns. "The sheep manure turned out to be rocket fuel," said Dave Bone. "After only a few months in that first year, the tea room cancelled their salad order as they were getting all they needed from us."

Paul and Jill collected their team of volunteer gardeners from around Sheffield and north Derbyshire. Jo Backhouse was inspired to join in after meeting Jill in the tea room toilets.

"I'd just bought a caravan in the Hope Valley and after talking to Jill in the toilets, I thought working in the garden

The Volunteer garden at Longshaw



The garden being brought back to life by volunteers in 2010.

would help me feel involved in the area," said Jo.

An immediate challenge was the location's height. "One of our volunteers asked the Gardener's Question Time panel what heritage varieties we could grow at 1000 feet above sea level," said Dave Bone. "Their answer was: 'I'm surprised you can grow anything at that height!'"

The sheep dung rocket fuel, the sheltering walls and the gardeners' expertise have proved otherwise: only squash and some apple varieties have failed, with the volunteer garden now producing salads, potatoes, onions, garlic, shallots, cabbage, berries, apples, rhubarb, herbs and more to supply the tea room, all following organic growing methods.

In 2011 the team won a national 'Marsh Heritage Award' for volunteer-led projects.

"The commitment of the volunteers has been incredible," said Jill Beckett. The team work every week except a month off for Christmas and New Year, and visitors can view the garden any time the lodge is open, and meet volunteers on Thursdays and most Saturday and Sunday lunchtimes. The project is entirely self-managed, supported by small grants from the Sheffield area National Trust members group and by public donations, for plant cuttings, for example.

The project includes ideas for novice gardeners such as a 'one metre square' garden bed display showing what can be grown in small spaces, and a 'keyhole garden' replicating a design from arid African countries, where a dustbin-sized compost area is surrounded by a circle of small beds so nutrients can directly leach out to hungrier vegetables.

The volunteer garden is holding an open day on the 31st July, where there'll be vegetable-based family games and advice for growers.

"I've been coming out here for the last ten years, and I'm amazed I didn't know about the garden," said visitor Gary Aiston. "It's inspirational."

David Bocking

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/longshaw/>



Paul Mowforth showing the One Metre gardens to Pat Garmory.



Volunteer Gardeners Jill Beckett (left) and Jo Stackhouse with some of the cut flowers from the walled garden.



Volunteer Gardener Jo Stackhouse working in the herb garden.



A bee on the chives in the herb garden.

Babesia, a New Threat

Last March, 4 dogs in the same area of Essex became seriously ill after contracting a tick-borne protozoal parasitic disease, caused by *Babesia canis* (*B. canis*). One of the 4 sick dogs died. The particular tick transmitting *B. canis* is usually encountered by animals travelling abroad in Europe, but none of the animals affected last March had travelled out of the UK. A relaxing of the pet travel rules is considered the reason for the outbreak.

Back in January 2012 EU regulators axed compulsory tick treatments for imported dogs entering the UK and Ireland. A marked increase in the number of rescued dogs from abroad being brought to the Harlow, Essex area and the relaxed laws, are thought to be the explanation for the offending tick's introduction. However, there are several different ways the *B. canis* contamination could have been transferred into the UK.

B. canis, according to Public Health England, is not considered to cause human disease and hence, does not pose a threat to human health.

Dogs could acquire the infection when living in, or travelling to, countries where *B. canis* occurs; it's particularly prevalent in France. Secondly, a dog could pick-up the infection in the UK from an offending tick, inadvertently brought into the UK. Other animals can carry this particular tick into the country (i.e. cattle, horses, sheep and pigs). Another pathway of contraction is from a dog that has

encountered *B. canis* from abroad, and upon its return, passes its affliction onto a suitable tick residing in the UK, which feeds on the infected dog's blood; the original dog may not be noticeably ill (or may have received treatment), but can still possibly pass on disease to local adult female ticks feeding on the dog.

It is also possible that a dog could become infected from one of the small populations of this species of tick that are known to be established in a few areas of the UK.

Infected dogs can become lethargic, vomit, become anorexic, have a fever, develop pale mucous membranes, develop jaundice, and have dark discoloured urine. They may develop neurological and respiratory signs, as well. *Babesia* protozoa enter into a dog's blood stream, taking up residents in red blood cells. British dogs are particularly vulnerable, as they have never faced this disease and consequently, have no natural resistance. The body's immune system recognises the intruder and starts to attack its own infected red blood cells; the animal may develop anaemia, as a result, when the immune system cannot control the attack.

The condition is life-threatening if the dog is not given blood transfusions and medication aimed at reducing the level of parasite in the dog's blood in time. Treated dogs may remain permanent carriers of the infection.

Ticks reside in tall grass and wooded areas. They are more commonly encountered in the Spring and Summer

months. Offending ticks typically need to be attached for 24 hours in order to transmit disease. But, the best treatment is prevention. Therefore, protect your dog from ticks—check its coat every day and use anti-tick treatments regularly.

There is no doubt the disease will spread, so educated dog owners need to realise that ticks, even in the UK, are potentially a problem for their dog(s). Many vet practices have preventative health care schemes aimed at helping their clients lessen their dogs' risk of tick infection. Ask your vet what anti-tick products are available and inquire on best tick removal practice.

*Kristin Kern-Lowe MRCVS BVetMed
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Rare Upland Hay Meadow

English upland hay meadows have been disappearing fast. 97% were lost in the last half of the twentieth century, with a dramatic 75% decrease in flower meadows in the Peak District between the 1980s and 1990s.

Meadows declined as traditional hay making methods were overtaken by the need to increase grass yield for winter livestock food.

Good news is that National Trust rangers and volunteers have been monitoring the flowers in Grouse Inn Fields since taking over the management 12 years ago. Since then the number of plant species have almost doubled from 40 to 77.



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More local events

Bradway Agewell Leisure Club

Meet on the first Tuesday in the month at The South Sheffield Evangelical Church, Greenhill Parkway (next to fire station) Coffee and biscuits are served from 09.45am to 10.10.am, followed by a talk from an invited speaker between 10.20am and 11.30am. Visitors £3.50 admission. New members welcome.

Sept 6th. Scotland splendour – Talk by John Linton Smith

Oct 5th. It could be verse – Kath, Sue and Ray

Nov 1st. The history of Bolsover Castle - Talk by John B Taylor

More information from Stuart Sawyer. Tel. 236 9830

Totley (M) Townswomen's Guild

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

Sept 20th. Quilting. Talk by Lynne Brown

Oct 18th. The Suffragette, The Silverworker and The Sheik's Creator. Three stories - a talk by Ann Beedham.

Nov 15th. Gift wrapping presentation, given by Karen Kay.

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

For further information, please contact Mrs Maureen Gray, (Chairwoman) tel: 250 9670 or come along and join us.

Totley History Group

Sept 28th. A - Z of Sheffield - a talk by Mike Spick. This is a rearranged meeting from February.

Oct 26th. The Sheffield Flood. A talk by Malcolm Nunn.

Nov 23rd. This is an open meeting when we are asking people to share their school

memories of the Totley schools. Totley County, Totley All Saints and, further in the past, the Dore and Totley High School. All welcome.

Dec 14th. The Christmas meeting will be at Ecclesall Parish Church when the Sheffield Folk Chorale will be giving a concert with guest musician John Kirkpatrick. Last year's concert was excellent and we look forward to an enjoyable evening. The concert starts at 7.30pm.

Meetings take place in Totley Library at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated
www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

Friends of Gillfield Wood

Sept 10th. In The Wood's Shadow. 3-4 mile round walk led by Sally Goldsmith. Meet Scout Hut, Aldam Road at 10am.

Sept 12th. Bat Night Walk & survey. Meet at end of Totley Hall Lane by 8pm.

Sept 18th. Practical conservation morning. Meet 10am at Baslow Road bus terminus. Refreshments, tools, etc. provided.

Oct 2nd. Mammal Trapping Survey. Meet at end of Totley Hall Lane by 8.30am.

Please check our website at www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com - for any late changes.

Holmesfield Flower Club

Sept 21st. Under Different Skies - Tutor Glenda Bream

Oct 19th. Autumn into Winter Workshop - Tutor Jean Wilson

All events 7.30pm at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield, S18 7WZ – ample parking. Contact Diana: 0114 2377601 for information. All are welcome, not just members

Bradway Community Association

Sept 4th. September Ramble

Sept 24th. Harvest Supper

Oct 2nd. October Ramble

Oct 22nd. Crazy Card Night

Nov 6th. November Ramble

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

Walks: Peter Smithson 236 9876

Social Secretary Jean Hunter 236 4922.

Whirlow Hall Farm Events

Farm Fayre 11th Sept 10 – 4pm

Beer & Bangers 1st Oct 7pm kick off

Halloween spooktacular 29th Oct

Christmas Fayre 26th & 27th Nov

Christmas Parties – from the 1st Dec

Dore Show- Old School

Sept 10th. 74 classes from vegetables to a junior section.

Totley Show - Totley Primary School

Sept 17th. 63 classes from handicrafts to photography. Registrations 8.45-10.45. Doors open to the public at 1.30pm. Auction 3.30pm

Sheffield Fayre at Norfolk Park

Aug 29th. Historical living history, re-enactment, trade stands, craft tent, Sheffield Horticultural Show, fairground

attractions. Free entry. 10.30 - 5.30pm.

Art in the Gardens

Sept 3rd & 4th. Sheffield Botanical Gardens. The largest outdoor art exhibition in the north of England. 10.30 to 5.30pm

Scarecrow Competition

Scarecrows will be on display all around Dore village from Monday 5th September and remain in place until Sunday 11th September. Prize winners



will be announced at Dore Show on Saturday 10th September. Maps showing all the locations of scarecrows can be obtained from Hartleys Fruit Cabin in the centre of Dore village.

Friends of Ecclesall Woods

Nov 16th. Annual General Meeting, 7.15pm at the Discovery Centre in the woods.

Creative art workshop

1 October 2016 - 10am - 4pm

Sheffield-based fine artist printmaker tutor and member of the Time Travellers archaeology group A. Rosemary Watson is leading a creative art workshop for adults exploring the archaeology and history of the Whirlow Hall Farm site, including the recent archaeological digs in Hall and Bole Hill fields, through drawing painting mixed media and collage. The workshop is suitable for both beginners and more experienced students and will provide a friendly creative atmosphere in which to learn new and to develop existing skills.

To book a place on a workshop or for further details please contact Dorne Coggins of the Time Travellers - md2coggins@talktalk.net

Totley Rise Methodist Church

Tuesday Ladies.

2nd Tuesday of each month at 8pm. Meet to enjoy speakers or a quiz or beetle drive. Sometimes the evening includes food eg salmon and strawberries or cheese and biscuits. Call Janet Savage on 01142369002

Messy Church

Held on a Saturday afternoon most months. Every Messy Church has a particular theme. All are welcome - contact Rachel Wilson on 07912352543 for more details on themes etc or just turn up. Tea and snacks are included.



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Study - Discussion - Prayer

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Knit, Natter, Craft and Chatter
every Tuesday 12noon -3pm. They may natter and chatter but they are certainly productive. This busy and friendly group has been a great success. They aim to include more people from the area, even the housebound.

The group will happily provide wool, needles and a chat for those who cannot travel to the church. Young people are also welcome as part of our community. There are skilful, lovely ladies ready and willing to help those new to knitting and sewing. Many charities benefit from the groups' work. Men are also welcome. You can stay for as long as you like up to three hours. We offer tea, coffee, biscuits and, most importantly, friendship.

Sheffield Citizens Advice Bureau,
every Tuesday 10am-12noon No

appointment needed. A drop in free and confidential Advice Service at the TRM Centre. Advice on legal, financial, employment, benefit and any other matters.

Coffee Morning,
every Tuesday 10am-12noon
Need a time to relax among friendly local people? Would like to make new friends? Then this spot is just for you. Stay as long as you like and relax with coffee and biscuits.

Meeting Place
every other Wednesday afternoon 2pm – 3.30pm. All parents and carers are welcome with their babies and toddlers. There will be a bible story, singing, prayer and a chat with each other to discuss the challenges of parenting. Tea and coffee will be provided. Contact

Rachel on 07912 352543 for further information.

Pushchair Club,
every Thursday afternoon 1.30pm – 3pm. Babies and Toddlers 0-5yrs come together with their carers to play and chat in a Christian atmosphere in the TRM Centre. Contact Rachel, our Family and Children's Worker 07912352543

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Well Dressing Diary

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

Some of this year's examples are shown on this page. These are from Hathersage, Millthorpe, Stoney Middleton and Dore Guides. Interestingly both of the latter chose to recall the Great Fire of London in 1666.

Below are just some of the dates and venues remaining for 2016. You can find out more at www.welldressing.com.

August

20-26 Taddington
27-3 Foolow
27-4 Wormhill
25-1 Holymoorside
27-3 Eyam

September

10-17 Chesterfield
10-17 Hartington

Gilbert & Sullivan Society

The first of our summer season's concerts is now under our belt and what a concert it was. Dore Church Hall was pretty well packed and the response was wonderful.

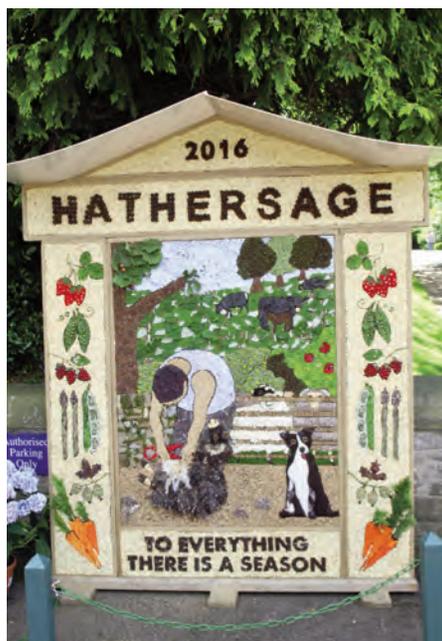
Sadly, we were missing our President and usual compere, David Bramah, who died suddenly two weeks before the concert, so the programme was dedicated to his memory and a collection was taken for Bluebell Wood, David's favourite charity. He will be missed by many apart from us in The G & S Society, not least The Dore Male Voice Choir, The Tudor Players, Dore Methodist Church and not forgetting his lovely family.

The concert itself was full of well known, light, popular music and included selections from West Side Story, ABBA, Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat as well as some splendid choral arrangements of such as Roger & Hammerstein's "It's a Grand Night For Singing" and Freddie Mercury's "Bohemian Rhapsody". Our accompanist, Peter Waring played a great selection of Cole Porter melodies which had everyone humming along and Alan Wade and Judy Savourin made us all laugh with their take on "Albert And The Lion". The comedy didn't end there either as Anne Senior had us in fits with her explanation of what "A Choir" was. The concert was ably compered by John Savourin who stepped in at short notice.

Our next concert in Dore will be at Christmas in the Methodist Church. No date has been fixed yet but tickets will be limited as it is a smaller venue than Dore Church Hall, so if you are thinking of coming, keep your eyes peeled for the date when announced and get in quickly for tickets! In the meantime, we have three more concerts to come, one being in Worksop – how our fame has spread.

Enjoy your summer and we'll see you all later in the year.

Derek Habberjam



Hathersage well dressing on a seasonal theme.



Detail from the well dressing at Millthorpe.



Detail from Stoney Middleton well dressing at the baths.



The Dore Guides well dressing on Devonshire Terrace.

Sheffield Blitz research

A project to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Sheffield Blitz is putting the call out for people to help gather final bits of knowledge to complete the story of the devastating attacks in December 1940.

Volunteers are asked to research everything from personal accounts of the bombing raids to the story of the decoy sites dotted around the Sheffield area which were designed to fool the Germans into bombing those targets rather than the city itself.

Nearly a tenth of Sheffield's population was made homeless on December 12th and 15th with over 2,000 people killed or wounded.

Thanks to a £81,300 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund a Sheffield Blitz Memorial Trail is being created to form the centre-piece of the two-and-a-half year Heritage Lottery Funded project with up to 16 sites around the city centre ear-marked for the installation of high quality, permanent memorial plaques. The project has received

The volunteer research will play a key part in the work as well as being used in a new book chronicling the build-up and aftermath of the raids.

Project workers are currently working on planning permissions for the trail whilst other work is going on to record the first hand memories of survivors.

Neil Anderson, author of 'Sheffield's Date With Hitler' who is leading the research, said: "We are after people with a keen interest in the Sheffield Blitz to help in this vital work. Training will be provided and we hope as many people as possible will come forward."

Anyone interested should email their details to: neil@neilandersonmedia.com

St Luke's Night Strider

On Saturday 8 October at 7.30pm, Sheffield's only walking half marathon and 10k event 'Night Strider' will welcome over one thousand men and women to the streets of Sheffield to support our care for terminally ill patients and their families.

It will be an incredible night – hundreds of people illuminated with light, striding together under the Sheffield night sky – with every step helping us raise the vital funds needed to ensure we can continue providing the very best care for the people of Sheffield. Please arrive from 6pm onwards to join in the entertainment and buy your glow in the dark merchandise before the kick-off at 7pm.

Options are either a full half marathon distance or a shorter 10k route. Night Strider is open to everybody over the age of 13 - though participants aged 13 to 17 must be registered and accompanied by another participant aged 18 or over - and is suitable for all ages and abilities.

Registering for the St Luke's Night Strider couldn't be easier. Simply visit www.nightstrider.co.uk