

Bradway Bugle

In and around Bradway, Greenhill, Dore & Totley

150 years and going strong

Celebrating 150 years and still going strong at Bradway Community Hall

The older and smaller of the two linked buildings at Bradway Community Hall was erected in 1866 as a schoolroom by Messrs Thompson, the main contractors for the construction of the Bradway Railway Tunnel.

The United Methodists started to use this little brick building in 1867. The site they took over when the contractors had completed their work has been used for a variety of community activities throughout the past 150 years. It includes the building of the larger hall in 1951 as a joint venture between the local community and St James Church, Norton.

The Bradway Community Association (BCA) will be celebrating the Halls' contribution to the local community life at a social event on Saturday 18 March starting at 7.30pm. A range of information about how the buildings have been developed, managed and used will be on display. The refreshment will be a superb Victorian afternoon tea.

The BCA will be pleased to welcome people who have taken part in activities at the Community Hall and / or are interested in Bradway's history to this event. Tickets are expected to cost £7.50 each and can be obtained from Gwen Smithson (236 9876, or email gwen.smithson@hotmail.com)

Bradway weather 2016

I concluded my report on Bradway weather for 2015 by reporting the very mild December with temperatures well above average which had brought snowdrops and daffodils into flower in the Bradway gardens much earlier than usual. This theme of winter warmth continued into January and February especially towards the end of January when the highest temperature on the 24th in Bradway was 13.3°C, dipping only to 7.9°C at night. The 24/25th was the warmest mean January day at the Sheffield Museum since 1932. Readings at the Museum are reported for 9 am to 9am the following day hence the two dates here.

The winter mildness was caused by the westerlies blowing for much of the time with some very low pressure systems generating strong winds as well. Winds of over 40 mph were recorded in Bradway on February 1st to give the local

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A classic image of a men's crown green bowling match, on a sunny summer afternoon. Locally we are spoilt with a choice of three clubs. More details inside.

Earth Hour 2017

Turn out the lights, take some time out to contemplate our amazing planet, and help make a difference by supporting action on climate change. Join in on 25 March, 8:30pm to 9pm and make your Earth Hour matter.

A record breaking 178 countries and territories took part in last year's event, making it the biggest Earth Hour yet! Millions of people and over 400 landmarks from around the world joined in to show they care about the future of our planet, including the Sydney Opera House, the Eiffel Tower, Big Ben and Houses of Parliament, and the Burj Khalifa.

Earth Hour 2017 will be on 25 March, but until then, there are plenty of other ways you can support WWF (the World Wildlife Fund) and do your bit for the planet. <http://www.wwf.org.uk/earthhour>

90 years of CPRE

At the end of the year the CPRE marked a huge milestone in its history with a 90th birthday!

On 7 December 1926, CPRE came into being, originally as the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, and they have been campaigning for the protection of the countryside ever since, boasting countless momentous achievements.

You can read more about the background history on page 8.

Support for libraries

Sheffield Council is to continue supporting community-run libraries. It has pledged a minimum of £655,000 guaranteed support across 11 branches from 2017 to 2020.

Daredevil wing walking

Only the bravest fundraisers need to apply as St Luke's Hospice takes to the skies for a spot of daredevil wing walking!

The hospice will be holding its first wing walk event on Saturday September 16 at Wickenby Aerodrome in Lincolnshire. Participants are provided with a comprehensive ground and safety briefing before they are strapped into a secure five point harness and take off on their ten minute experience, including zooms and climbs at speeds up to 130mph and passes near to friends and family on the ground below.

There is a £50 registration fee for the event and participants are also asked to raise at least £800 for St Luke's. Wing walkers must be no heavier than 12 stone two pounds and aged between 18 and 65. Participants between the ages of 65 and 75 need a GP's declaration of good health before being allowed to take part.

For more information about taking part contact St Luke's Community Fundraising Assistant Noni Bryson at f.bryson@hospicesheffield.co.uk

Editorial

May I start by wishing all our readers a happy and prosperous new year. Whatever else, I think it will be an interesting one, but hopefully not more so than last year! Maybe we will find out what Brexit will let us in for and see how the American constitution copes with its new president

Chance has it that the countryside features prominently in this issue. We take a look at the work of CPRE, at changes on Blacka Moor Nature reserve, at turning back time on the river Dove and several wildlife issues. Appropriate perhaps as we approach the spring and hopefully suitable weather for getting out and about in the Peak District.

It is worth repeating that however much we love our countryside it is under threat, from budget cuts, from housing pressure and from changes in farming practices.

If you are looking for a new interest this year you could do worse than consider bowls. We have three clubs in the area and all of them are looking for new members. They all provide training for beginners.

Elsewhere in this issue we welcome back on page 24 our four legged friend Al Sation, who embarks (forgive the pun) on a series of easy walks for those usually on the other end of the lead. More exercise usually features on new year resolution lists and walking takes a lot of beating.

Then there are our usual features on educational issues, a contribution from the Bradway Badger and Chris Sheldon who looks back in time.

Finally if you are wondering what to do with those book tokens or Amazon vouchers you were given for Christmas, you could do worse than considering the books we have reviewed on pages 26 & 27.

John Baker, Editor



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Abbeydale Park Bowling Club

The Club will be holding open mornings on Saturday 1st and Saturday 22nd April 2017 between 10am and 12 noon for anyone who would like to try their hand at crown green bowling. Previous experience is not necessary as free instruction will be given.

The Bowls Club is primarily a social bowling club with informal sessions running each day in the morning, afternoon and evening. Members assemble and groups are made up as people arrive.

The Bowling Green is situated on the right hand side at the top of the Abbeydale Park Sports Complex where ample car parking is available.

Friendly Inter-Club Matches are held throughout the season as well as internal competitions for the many trophies bestowed on the club. Social events are held regularly throughout the year including Dinners, a Garden Party and a Race Evening, as well as regular Coffee Mornings during the close season.

Members of the Bowling Club are automatically enrolled as members of Abbeydale Sports Club and can enjoy the facilities provided by the Pavilion.

Please feel free to join us on the Green equipped with suitable footwear (flat with no heels) where you will be warmly welcomed. All other equipment can be provided. We have a large selection of bowls from which you can choose to borrow for play.

Practice sessions for beginners will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm starting at the beginning of May and prospective members are welcome to come to these 3 times before applying for membership.

If you require any further information please contact:- Doreen or Richard Bertram (Membership Secretary) Telephone: 0114 289 1423, email: richard.bertram@btconnect.com

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Do you look after a friend or family member who couldn't manage without your help?

Sheffield Carers Centre offers a range of services to help people who are caring at home. These include: telephone information, support and advice every week day from 9am - 6pm, advice for carers by email, support with planning for an emergency, a monthly Carers Café in the city centre, a quarterly newsletter, legal and financial advice and a telephone befriending service for carers who are isolated.

We also run information sessions on a wide range of useful topics. For example, coming up on 14 March and 11 April we have experts talking about how to get the most from your pharmacy, and how to avoid being a victim of scams.

These sessions will be held in the Terminus Café on Lowedges Rd at 10.30am, and will be followed by tea and cake and a relaxation session. If you would like to know more, call Jan on 0114 278 8942 or email jan@sheffieldcarers.org.uk

If you would like any advice, information or support with any aspect of your caring role, please email questions to support@sheffieldcarers.org.uk or call to speak to one of our Care Advisors on 0114 272 8362.

Keep an eye on our website for details of further information sessions, ideas and help. www.sheffieldcarers.org.uk

Sayings of a wise man

*Money isn't everything,
But it sure keeps the kids in touch.*

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woods chance to lose some of their decaying branches.

Coupled with mildness these two winter months were almost snowless. In central Sheffield only January 17th recorded any snow amounting to a depth of 2 cm. At the higher altitude of Bradway, the 17th recorded 3cm depth and in February there were reports of snow on four days but none amounted to much. So the main winter months of 2016 experienced no significant snow to affect travel or the environment and apart from following the general trend of warmer temperatures the months were generally unremarkable in terms of weather.

The first month of spring did not roar in as traditionally expected but the winds turned to a more northerly direction and temperatures fell. Snow fell on the 4th and 5th but it was no more than 4 cm on the Bradway hills and unrecorded in central Sheffield, so again there was little traffic disruption.

The north-westerlies were replaced by higher pressure giving a dry spell from the 10th to the 25th but temperature were still on the cold side. In fact the mean temperatures for the month were below average but precipitation was above average with the wet start and finish compensating for the dry middle.

To conclude the month storm Katia gave some dramatic weather with thunder and hail being accompanied by over 27 mm (just above an inch) of rainfall. As a result soil moisture levels

were more than adequate for plant growth. The early growth in the first two months was slowed by what were then the cooler and slightly cloudier than average conditions.

April was similar with temperature and precipitation near average. There were no warm days and several night frosts together with four days when snow showers occurred though without much depth. Finally in spring May brought some warmer weather with temperatures reaching 24.4°C on the 8th and 23.9°C on the 9th and no air frosts throughout the month. Fortunately, for gardeners, there were several brief periods of heavy rain to keep the soil moist and assist plant growth though the longer periods of dry weather meant that it was an average month for rainfall amounts.

The good weather of May did not extend into June which was the dullest since 1958 at the Museum. Temperatures were moderate with the highest of only 24.6°C on the 7th being similar to that of May. It was also exceedingly wet with 142.8 mm (nearly 6 Inches) and most days after the 9th experiencing rain.

This cool, wet weather continued into July until the 16th when there was a sudden surge of heat with 30.3°C recorded. Unfortunately it didn't last and temperatures dropped back to average values. August continued this theme, initially with not too much rain but this returned together with somewhat warmer temperatures towards the end of the month.

Our autumns have been warmer than average recently and 2016 was no exception. The first fortnight was warm culminating in 27.6°C on the 13th September. Temperatures then declined towards the end of the month but with little rainfall (24.6 mm) soils became drier and the late summer flowers could give a final burst. Dryness continued into October with temperatures close to average though the night of October 28th was unseasonably mild with a low of only 12.2°C.

November exhibited cooler temperature and even some air frost towards the end of the month but the most significant feature was storm Angus that gave over 60 mm of rain on the 20/21st. Inevitably this had a dramatic effect on the River Sheaf at the bottom of Twentywell Lane where the river rose to a depth of 1.6 m compared with an average flow of 25cm!

The year concluded with another mild month with temperatures well above average reaching 12.9°C on Christmas Day and frost on only four nights. Pressure was generally high with winds from between south and west and well below average rainfall.

Overall 2016 was an unremarkable year for its weather with some extreme values but little persistence of warm, cold, wet or dry weather to make it more memorable. Even in high summer unsettled conditions prevailed and barbecue evenings were few and far between.

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Bradway Resident awarded Legion D'Honneur

On 13th November, 98-year-old Jim Pass of Bradway was one of six WW2 veterans awarded the Chevalier Legion d'Honneur by Jeremy Burton, the French Consul to Yorkshire. The ceremony took place at the Yorkshire Air Museum, Elvington, York.

Jim's award was for services to France on and during D-day in June 1944 when he landed on SWORD beach driving an amphibious DUKC vehicle, helping to unload ammunition before taking up his duties as a driver and dispatch rider.

Jim was called up in early 1939 at the age of 20 to undertake six months military training, but during that time war was declared and he ended up remaining in the army for seven years. He joined the Royal Army Service Corps, and because he could ride a motorbike he became a dispatch rider. Along with other men, he was taken to a local showroom to choose a shiny new bike, which was then promptly sprayed khaki!

In 1940, when retreating, he was ordered to throw the machine into a canal to prevent it from being of use to the advancing German army. He was on the beach at Dunkirk for seven days before being picked up by the paddle steamer Waverley, but the vessel was destroyed when a bomb dropped straight down the funnel. Fortunately, he was then rescued by the destroyer, HMS Scimitar.

Once back in England, he married Molly, his first wife, then volunteered for and was trained to be a glider pilot. After D-day, he flew troops into Holland behind enemy lines, having to fight his way back to England with them once the glider had been destroyed. In his own words, he was "in the thick of it most of the time".

It was by no means plain sailing when



Jim Pass at the award ceremony showing off his Chevalier Legion d'Honneur



he was finally demobbed. After spending so long sleeping on the ground, at first he found it impossible to start using a bed again, and instead slept on the bedroom floor!

Jim was born in Castleford in 1918, moving to Leeds at the age of two. He trained as a shorthand typist and book-keeper and found employment with lift manufacturers Waygood-Otis Ltd. Always the adventurous type, Jim has been an active member of the Camping and Caravanning Club for more than 50 years, serving on the club's National Council and several Committees. He is also a Vice President of the British Caravanners Club.

Jim has lived in Bradway since 1988, when he married second wife Rita and moved to Sheffield. He has been very active all his life, walking regularly and dancing three times a week. He was still taking regular trips into Europe with his caravan as recently as 2013 when he was 94! Sadly, his health has since deteriorated, but he still gets out to a lunch club once a week and being a "lager lout from Leeds" (his words not mine!) he enjoys a glass of said beverage every day at lunchtime, and a drop or two of something stronger later in the day! It's encouraging to note that a regime of exercise and the moderate intake of alcohol appears to be the perfect recipe for longevity!

Well done, Jim!

Peter Stubbs

World War Two tribute show

A musical and drama tribute to those who fought, died and loved during the Second World War, and the families they left behind, is to be presented in May by Coal Aston-based amateur theatre group, Norton Players.

This award-winning group has several members living in the Bradway area, who are part of a large cast in a production which is sure to spark tears, laughter and a large dose of patriotism.

These Foolish Things, devised and written by Colin McIntyre, features such stirring anthems as Rose of England, Land of Hope and Glory and there'll Always Be an England, as well as 20 much-loved songs from that era and 11 drama sketches.

The group are seeking the loan of a long fur coat (shabby condition is fine) for a Flanagan and Allen song and also a navy rating's uniform from that period.

Please telephone Pauline Barker on 0114 274 6124 if you can help.

This musical revue runs in Coal Aston Village Hall from Wednesday to Saturday, May 17-20, starting at 7.30pm, with tickets priced £7 (concessions £6).

There will also be a matinee on the Saturday, starting at 2.30pm, tickets £6.

Seats can be booked on 0114 288 9290.

Norton's Flying Legacy

This new community project focuses on the WW1 airfield and aircraft repair depot at Norton, Sheffield (RFC Greenhill) and will tie in with the centenary of the airfield and other WW1 commemorations. It will explore the airfield's use, infrastructure and local impact, etc. and will also examine its post-war use and the development of the Painted Fabrics Workshops.

This HLF-funded project is open to anyone with an interest in the area and the era and will consist of a series of indoor presentation and discussion sessions, field trips and archival visits, including to the National Archives, Kew.

The project will be launched on Thursday 23rd February at the Sheffield Transport Sports Club from 10am to 1pm. This will set the scene for the project and let people know how they can get involved. Please contact us for information info@hallamec.plus.com or telephone 0114 272 4227

Thursday Lunch Club

Do you know an elderly person living in the Lowedges, Totley or Greenhill area who would appreciate the chance to get out once a week for a hot meal, some company, and conversation? The Thursday Lunch Club, based at the Michael Church Lowedges, is looking for new members. If you're interested, call Dorothy on 0114 2357896. Transport is provided.

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Easter Lambing

Easter Lambing Open Day Event. 19th & 20th April 2017 at Whirlow Hall Farm Trust

Experience the beauty of the natural world this spring! For the 7th year running Whirlow Hall Farm Trust is opening up the farm on the 19th and 20th April, so the whole family can enjoy the wonder of new born lambs, during the Easter Half Term. Last year's Lambing Event saw a record numbers of visitors, attracting around 3,000 families from across greater Sheffield and South Yorkshire.

The event will see an Easter Egg Hunt, Pony Riding, Face-painting, free craft activities for children, and our fabulous Punch & Judy. The main attraction will be lots of new born lambs and the rest of our farm animal family. 11.00am - 3pm both days

Entrance to the Farm is priced at: Children £4.50, Adults: £4, Family Ticket £15 (x2 children, x2 adults)

Whirlow Hall Farm Trust is an educational and environmental charity based on a 138 acre working farm on the outskirts of Sheffield. We work directly with children across South Yorkshire; whether it's developing a healthy relationship with food, seeing an animal for the first time or helping to get their lives back on track.

Together, we help thousands of local children and young people to raise their aspirations and improve their life chances. Each year we provide a range of



sessions to inspire children and bring their studies to life, we particularly encourage schools and groups that experience financial and other disadvantages or special needs; and those who struggle within mainstream education. We believe every child, whatever their background or circumstances, deserves an opportunity to learn and develop to their full potential.

For more information about Whirlow Hall Farm Trust, and the work it does visit: <http://www.whirlowhallfarm.org/>

Welcome a challenge

Are you tough, resilient, a born leader, an individual of high moral fibre? Well bully for you, then!

However we are looking for new leaders for our Bradway Beavers, Cubs and scout groups, as many of us are

getting too old to manage the knot tying, what with our arthritic fingers and failing eyesight, and while we can't offer you trips to the extreme sports hotspots of the world, we can guarantee that you will have a lot of fun.

The leaders all give their time on a voluntary basis, training is always given, both by the pack leaders as well as by experts from around the area; no exceptional skills are required, just a fondness for the outdoors, a desire to help in the local community and a good sense of humour.

The young people we are honoured to work with are all full of enthusiasm, an eagerness to participate and the desire to progress. Anyone who has been in the scouting movement will know the kind of traditional scoutlong skills we wish to pass on; using maps and compasses, tying knots and starting fires. But today's scouts are learning new and increasingly relevant skills, such as communication, citizenship, self respect and team work. And having been a cub leader in Bradway for many years, it is a real privilege to see how those children have grown into outstanding young men and women.

So, if you are up for a challenge and have one free evening a week and fancy the idea of a night of learning and laughter, then please help us out at Bradway Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Or you could just go to the pub, but that would be boring in comparison.

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Bradway Bowling Club

Bradway Bowling Club is looking forward to the new bowling season and if any new members wish to play, then they will always be welcome. The VETS play during the day on Wednesdays and Fridays while any age can play on Tuesday or Friday evening and Saturday afternoons. There is also a special ladies league on Wednesday evenings.

Bowls can be played at any age and is very competitive when playing in a team but friendly matches can be played at any time at the club. Anyone wishing to learn how to play bowls can do so when free lessons are given on Thursday evenings during the summer. Bowls is a great game to play and provides a competitive sport along with gentle exercise and many new friends.

The Bowling Club also offers a full range of activities both sporting and social. There are 2 snooker tables, an art club, a walking club, yoga sessions, a very cheap bar and lots of social activities for all your friends. Hoping to see you in the future.

Stuart Wood

Greenhill Library News

*Films, books, talks, kids,
and chaos Monday*

After disengaging our library brains over the Christmas holiday, we're back to "business as usual" here at Greenhill Library in 2017.

The Film of The Book

First, we're excited that our cinema events are finally getting off the ground, beginning on Friday 24 Feb. with a showing of a film based on a book, followed by a discussion led by Liz Cashdan that explores the transition from book to film. We're also hatching plans



John O'Donovan, a volunteer from the U3A video and documentary group, films a Chatterbooks session as part of a documentary about the work of the library.

for a "Kitchen Sink Drama" series, and hope to start running a Children's cinema club on Saturday mornings.

We are seriously in need of a few volunteers to help run these (both "projectionists" and "front of house" people); if this interests you, or if you would like to receive details of these and other events via our monthly e-newsletter, drop me a line at support@greenhill-library.org and I'll add you to the list. (You can easily unsubscribe later.)

Our regular series of Friday evening talks continues. On 17 Feb, Peter Machan will be talking about "The Cutlers and Silversmiths of Hallamshire". 17 March also promises to be an entertaining evening, when Gerry Kersey (of Radio Sheffield fame) will present "A light-hearted examination of the humour business".

Then on 2 April we have our spring Farmers' and Craft market. These are popular events and one of our biggest fund-raisers. We try to keep the market fresh and vibrant by inviting quality producers and unique crafters to keep it sustainable, and we look forward to your continued support.

On Tuesday 11 April the Greenhill Village History Society presents "One Year On", with an evening of extracts from their archives. They'll be showcasing their current projects and the local interest books purchased with their recent Ward Pot grant.

Finally, on 21 April John Burton will tell the fascinating story of Laurel and Hardy, who he describes as "the best loved comedy double act of all time". (As a lifelong fan of Morecambe and Wise I am tempted to dispute that, but I guess this isn't the time or place for that debate.)

There's plenty going on for children, the most spectacular event being the fun-time sessions which run on the second Monday of each month ('chaos Monday') which see the entire children's library awash with little people and their

parents and carers. "Chatterbooks", for 8-12 year olds, is doing well on Monday afternoons under Clive Opie's leadership, and Lynne Brown recently started running regular craft sessions for kids, on the second and fourth Friday each month after school during term time. We're also holding a read-a-thon at half term (Feb 24) from 10.30 to 2.30, combining readings from the "Horrid Henry" books with craft activities. All these children's activities are free.

Finally, let's not forget the books. With a recent award of £2000 for young children's books, an injection of new council book stock at the end of last year, and over 350 donated books added to our "yellow sticker" system in the last three months, we have plenty of new stock to check out (literally).

If you haven't been into Greenhill Library recently, may we suggest you pop along? We think you'll like what you see.

Chris Brown

Greenhill village history society

Presents 'ONE YEAR ON' – an evening of extracts from our Archives on Tuesday 11th April @ 7pm in Greenhill Library.

The evening will include 'Then & Now' – a slideshow of images from the local area. Members will also read excerpts from articles donated by residents - their memories and experiences of the locale, and in addition, a report of a local murder.

There will be a showcase of our current projects and the books we have purchased courtesy of the Ward Pot Grant, which will be available for loan in the near future.

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Lesley Fox

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Bugle publication dates

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day or two.

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National Women's Register

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Dronfield Group

We are the local group of this national organisation, formed in the 1960s, which is for women of all ages. The annual national subscription is £20 which gives access to several editions of "The Register" magazine, and the opportunity to attend conferences and workshops.

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which are held in members' houses. There is no obligation to host or chair meetings - the level of involvement is a personal choice.

Evening meetings are held once a fortnight, rotating through Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday so that if any member has a regular commitment they can still attend. Meetings start promptly at 8pm and finish at around 10pm and we then have tea, coffee and biscuits. We collect a small amount of money per meeting, which is split between our group fund and the hostess.

Now that some of our members are retired or working part-time we have started having daytime meetings as well which are once a month, at the moment on Monday afternoons between 2 and 4pm. Again we discuss a variety of topics which are sometimes linked to the evening meetings or to the visits we arrange in the summer.

We also have a Book Group and Lunch Club which meet monthly, and a Walking Group.

If you would like to find out more and view our latest programme, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/nwrdrondfield/>

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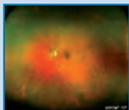
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Saving rural England

On 7 December, 90 years ago, an event worthy of celebration took place: the inauguration of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE).

Since its inception, CPRE (now the Campaign to Protect Rural England) has initiated, led or articulated many of the successful principal campaigns that have ensured just 5% of England has been built on, despite it being one of the most densely-populated countries in Europe

Its legacy includes National Parks, Green Belts and the crucial Town and Country Planning Acts, although some of these ideas had an even longer gestation; Col. Light, a messenger at the Battle of Waterloo, evolved the idea of Green Belts during his incarceration in Newgate Jail for abducting a 15 year old heiress. But the founding of CPRE in 1926 was remarkable and recognised as such at the time.

“Never before has such a body of societies and organisations been bought together for a great common purpose,” suggested the leading architect Guy Dawber, CPRE’s first chairman. Country Life, echoing the sentiments of many, wrote that its foundation was the public expression of the anxiety felt by all educated people for the future of the countryside.

The Guardian’s ‘Century’ archive project later ranked CPRE’s emergence as one of the 10 most important news stories of 1926. Within three years, at the time of the 1929 General Election, all three party leaders, Lloyd George, Stanley Baldwin and Ramsay MacDonald, all destined to be Prime Minister, warmly endorsed “this worthy movement”.

It was founded just in time. Recent technological advances, especially for road building, motor car manufacture and in electricity generation meant that developers could now select green fields in the middle of nowhere as suitable development sites with no protection afforded either to the land or to the view.

The spark was lit by Guy Dawber’s maiden speech as President of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1925 when he argued passionately that the “time has come when definite steps should be taken to prevent the further destruction and disfigurement of Rural England”.

The battle continues to this day. Visit <http://www.cpre.org.uk/>



Former CPRE vice president Nicholas Crane is a geographer, explorer, writer and familiar face from TV programmes including *Coast and Town*. He was elected President of the Royal Geographical Society in 2015.

His latest book, *The Making of the British Landscape* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20), reveals how we have shaped this island habitat as powerfully as it has shaped us.

The British Landscape

Fresh from writing a new book about the British landscape, broadcaster Nicholas Crane shares his insights into the ground beneath our feet.

The landscape tells a much longer story than literature can. The earliest written description of a British landscape

I’ve found was by Gerald of Wales in 1188 - not even a thousand years ago. Yet Britain has been continuously inhabited for 12,000 years. Now, our landscape is the only record of that: the humps and bumps in the ground, the half-buried henges, the Bronze Age barrows and standing stones, the ancient ridgeway routes ...

Researching the landscape, I was surprised every day. For example, I always accepted the idea that the Romans brought civilisation to Britain - but, in fact, the country was on the brink of urbanisation before they invaded. And when they left, the infrastructure they imported fell apart. You could argue that the Romans were the first unsustainable builders, who set back development here by 500 years.

Many of the most important landscape movements were imports. Neolithic farming came from abroad, as did canals. The Saxons and Normans were immigrant groups that brought their ideas and architecture, and we adopted them as our own. If you go to Totnes, a modern ‘transition town’, you’ll see a Norman motte-and-bailey castle superimposed on a Saxon street plan. We have layers and layers of stories in this country.

Salisbury Plain is a fascinating place. It was one of the first English landscapes to be colonised, first by Mesolithic forager-hunters, then by Neolithic farmers. Having been in Ministry of Defence (MOD) hands since World War I, much of it has never been mechanically ploughed. I once walked across England from one end to another and it was the most beautiful bit of countryside I saw, with knee-high wildflowers and clouds of butterflies. Thanks to the MOD, we have preserved the single biggest chalk grassland habitat in North West Europe.

I feel very strongly we’re entering a critical phase for British landscapes. We’re facing unprecedented challenges we don’t yet have answers to, from rising sea levels and chemicalisation of soils to a desperate need for affordable housing and more pressure than ever before on greenfield sites and Green Belts. Because our habitat is finite, it’s vital we make the right decisions.

As a devoted urbanite, I’ve always valued Green Belt. If you live in the city, it makes green spaces accessible to you. And a lot of Green Belt is valuable landscape - woodland, hedgerows, ancient field systems - that, once destroyed, can never be replaced. It’s something of a rustic museum; a repository of disappearing ways. Rather than losing Green Belt to housing, I’d rather see high-density, affordable housing built in existing urban areas - revisiting the idea of high-rises in a more sustainable, socially cohesive way.

I’m as fascinated by suburbs as I am by wild woods. But some of my favourite landscapes include Norfolk, where I grew up. I love sailing and canoeing on the Broads. In a little boat, with the reeds towering above your head, you experience the landscape with your ears



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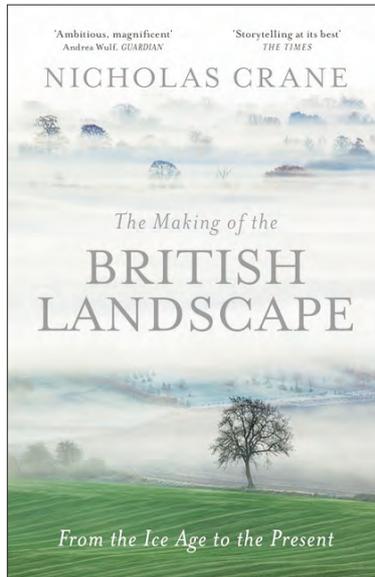
I'm also very fond of Sussex, my mother's home county. Recently, I stopped off for a sunset walk at Ditchling Beacon - the view along the scarp of the South Downs, with the Weald spread below you, was the most beautiful sight you could ever hope to see. There was an old Tiger Moth biplane soaring overhead - it was like something from a painting by the local artist Eric Ravilious.

The loss of field birds from our hedgerows and farmland is a real crisis. I'd rather attention was paid to the quiet disappearance of once-common species than high-profile rewilding projects like the one aiming to reintroduce wolves to Scotland. Farmers once received subsidies to rip out all the hedges, so they'll need subsidies to put them back. Species diversity is critical for the countryside to function properly.

CPRE is by far the most effective countryside lobbying group. I was incredibly honoured to be vice president for a while. I learned so much during that time. Take CPRE's reports - they're balanced, informative and critically important. Its tranquillity maps are some of the most brilliant maps of England ever made. Tranquillity and beauty are too often overlooked as a source of health and wellbeing for us all.

You can explore CPRE's tranquillity map and other maps at maps.cpre.org.uk

This article first appeared in Countryside Voice



The Making of the British Landscape From the Ice Age to the Present

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Bradway Action Group

Bradway Traders' Christmas event:

For 2016 BAG once again erected lights above the shops on Twentywell Lane and erected a Christmas tree kindly donated by the National Trust at Longshaw. There were children's games, a tombola, a raffle, a face painter, Father Christmas at Tilley's, and hot sandwiches from Mick the butcher. Makinson's were open for their range of fruit and veg, and other items.

Hairy Hounds once again organised a dog show, Bradway's open air December rival to Crufts! As a result a cheque for £220 was sent to St Luke's Hospice. The staff at Love and Best threw themselves into the event with wonderful costumes – Mickey and Minnie Mouse were there with friends, and raised £1203 for Bluebell Wood Hospice. S17 took part on Bradway Road, as did the pet shop that also raised funds for their chosen dog charity. Our thanks particularly go to BAG's Deputy Chair, Anne Sharpe, for driving this forward.

Bradway Fun Day:

Now being planned for Saturday September 16th. A variety of stalls, games and attractions will be provided. Requests to take part will be welcome, be they stall holders, games, or charities; just contact us through the website. We've requested an RAF fly-past and hope this may be agreed – and the planes will turn up!

Green belt review:

Both Sheffield and North-East Derbyshire are drawing up plans for development and need to identify more land for housing. It is being assumed that some parts of the green belt will need to be utilised in order to fulfil the targets for all the new houses demanded.

BAG has seen the outline plans for both authorities, but it's still very early days and they are embryonic. Members are carefully monitoring progress. As examples, both Dore & Totley Golf Club and the Moorview Golf Driving Range have suggested parts of their land could be utilised. However, all land on the fringes of Bradway and Dronfield could be under threat, and we're keeping eyes and ears open.

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BAG is not currently wanting to object to, or approve of, any development, preferring to keep an open mind until any details are revealed. That said, we'd certainly be most unhappy to see the driving range site threatened as we believe there are long standing legal reasons to preserve it as open space. On the other hand, limited redevelopment in the club house area of the Dore & Totley GC site could possibly have some merit.

We understand further consultations will be offered by both authorities over the course of 2017. As and when we know more we'll try to keep members advised through our website, Facebook and in newsletters.

HGVs on Twentywell Lane, and now on Prospect and Queen Victoria Roads:

We wish we could add some good news to what was written in the last edition. Unfortunately, at the time of writing Brocklebanks hadn't completed their contract to remove surplus topsoil from the Wyvern Gardens site in Dore and their convoys have continued. This must surely be near the end.

Unfortunately Brocklebanks recently compounded the offence they've given Bradway residents by routing one or two trucks down Mickley Lane, then up Queen Victoria Road and Prospect Road to get from Owlbar to Meadowhead.

This is such an unsuitable route it hasn't previously been considered for such signs or a ban on HGVs. Once again we've written to Brocklebanks, and once again received no reply.

Councillor Martin Smith lives on Twentywell Lane and is seeing if anything can be done to tighten up restrictions through Bradway, and to get better signage to advise of unsuitability. We hope he can make progress where others have failed.

Grass verges:

Every winter and spring it's the same. Some residents, visitors and delivery vans drive onto, and park, on the grass verges, crushing the grass and any bulbs that were planted a few years ago. For those who planted the bulbs it's most frustrating. For nearby residents it starts to look like a quagmire. BAG is asking Amey to look into reinforcing some of the most compressed areas, but short of positioning bollards along every verge there's little more that can be done – except to politely request drivers to try and avoid driving or parking on verges.

Some residents have placed stones on the grass outside their houses to protect the verge. Neither BAG nor the council can recommend this. If a motorist should damage their vehicle by hitting such stones they might be able to sue the person/s responsible for putting them there. Anyone who's chosen to take this action may say it's been effective, but they're taking a risk!

Old School Field – Bradway Village Green:

We're pleased to report that council managers have agreed in principle that if BAG pays for a new small slide for the playground they'll install it for us free of charge. They have nothing spare in the capital budget, but we should be OK for help with essentially maintenance items. BAG thinks we have the money to buy it and we're about to select the best slide for the position. Thanks go to BAG's stalwart committee member Peter Smithson who keeps a very close eye on all that goes on with the Old School Field. Over the years he has built up an excellent rapport with the right people we need to know to get things done – eventually.

Scouts Jumble sale:

The Scouts are hoping to organise a jumble sale this year. They've been very successful in the past, and many residents have been asking about them. Unfortunately they're short of helpers. Before setting a date they need a few volunteers to come forward. If you can offer a few hours to help please send a message to Frank Richardson via; secretary@bradwayactiongroup.org

Bradway Bugle:

Editor John Baker seems to be lot better since his spells in hospital in 2016 and we must all wish both he and his long suffering wife every best wish for a more healthy 2017.

Once again I'm sure I speak for all readers in thanking him for all the hard work he does, and for the patience he

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extends to correspondents and advertisers as he prepares each edition. The Bugle is often taken for granted. John spends a lot of time with all aspects of its preparation and production. BAG members happily finish the job by delivering most of the copies door to door.

The delivery team has lost a few regular paper boys and girls recently. If you could spare a few hours once a quarter to help the team please contact BAG at; chair@bradwayactiongroup.org

Repeating a plea made previously, John would welcome assistance with future editions. If you think you could help please drop him a line, or give him a call. His details are on Page 2.

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

8th March – Open Meeting. Bradway School, 7.15pm:

Short talk about home security by a locksmith from Harrold & Sons, followed by our usual Open Forum. Agenda to be on website and in noticeboard on Twentywell Lane. Items to be placed on the agenda to be sent to; chair@bradwayactiongroup.org

28th May – Bounds of Bradway Walk, starting top of Twentywell Lane, 10.30 – to 1pm

- 14th June – Open Meeting*
- 16th September – Bradway Fun Day
- 4th October – Annual General Meeting*
- 10th December – Bradway Traders Christmas Event* (*Provisional dates)



A Brocklebank lorry taking the tight turn into Queen Victoria Road

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 joined or renewed in 2016. Without your support we'd get a lot less done. With more support we may be able to do more.

It's time to renew, or join, for 2017 and forms are on our website. We always welcome new members.

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The Time Travellers Travelogue

2016 was undoubtedly the busiest and most remarkable year since our formation as a local history and archaeology group in 2011. Our programmes of activities and involvement in excavations seem to be hitting the target as we have grown in size from around a dozen enthusiasts to an organisation of 100 members, plus as many again on our email information lists. We rounded the year off in celebratory style at our Solstice / Christmas party and reflected on what we had experienced and learned, aided by a curry and a drink or two.

The highlight of 2016 was our Heritage Lottery Funded project to conduct a variety of archaeological activities at Whirlow Hall Farm. The Time Travellers will be delivering several presentations over the coming months, passing on details of our findings and organising a Heritage Day for the public at the farm during the late spring.

Part of our HLF grant for our Whirlow Hall Farm project provides for some professionally led training on Earthwork Surveying. This was delivered by Dr Clive Waddington of ARS in January and was an excellent event. We were given a couple of hours theoretical training on why and how we do this type of surveying and then were let out into the open to put this into practice.

We walked up to a very breezy moor near Totley and looked at two fascinating and very different sites. First we inspected an area where it has been suspected that a prehistoric stone circle exists, although this appears to have never been fully detailed. Our first task was to clear away the dead bracken and have a better look around. What we found were many more stones of varying size, some standing stones (orthostats),

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plus some quite clearly aligned stones and possibly of ritualistic significance. We will hope to return there quite soon to do some further clearance of the undergrowth and complete the task of surveying the site. It is possible that we might be able to participate in an excavation of this site in the future.

The second site, just a few minutes away, is thought to be the location of a medieval Grange, possibly associated at some time with Beauchief Abbey. There has been more recent use of the land and this site clearly lends itself to research, surveying and perhaps some exploratory excavation by Time Traveller members. This provides a great opportunity for us to consolidate our newly acquired skills now that many members of our group have built up some good archaeological experience.

Over the coming weeks we plan an industrial archaeology trip to Lumsdale Valley and Cromford Mill, several walks around nearby moors and a talk on the historical development of Yorkshire. If you are interested in finding out more about the programme of activities that the Time Travellers have lined up for the next few months, then give us a call on 0114 236 9025 or visit our website at www.thetimetravellers.org.uk

Glynn Burgin
The Time Travellers

If you have news or information about local events, or memories you would like to share, then drop us a line or email to the address on page 2, or give us a call on 0114 236 9025. We would like to hear from you.

On the Beat

Where has this year gone? I'm coming up to my first anniversary on the S17 beat so please forgive a moment of reflection on the year gone by.

Firstly can I say thank you to all the people who have taken the time to contact me or talk to me in the street during the last few months. Its been pleasing to know that people are actually reading my columns in this magazine and finding them useful (sometimes!)

I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know people across the area and have been impressed by the many groups and organisations I have spoken to and how dedicated these groups are to providing a service to the community. I'll admit to being floored by some questions I've been asked at Rainbow groups and I've learned a few things myself from the more "mature" groups I have visited. I've attended some great community events and met some lovely people.

I'd like to say a special thank you to members of the S17 Neighbourhood Watch who have helped me out with a few issues in the area and kept me advised of things I may not have known about. They are a very committed and enthusiastic group and its been a pleasure (mostly!) to attend their meetings. If you are hesitant about whether NW is for you, I'd recommend getting in touch with them to find out more. If you don't have their details contact me and I'll pass them on.

I've also enjoyed visiting all the local tea and coffee shops which are all fantastic in their own way. If you see me in one please don't hesitate to say hello, I'm more than happy to have a chat over a teapot. However please don't interrupt if I have cake in front of me...

Crime wise we've had a mixed year with a number of burglaries earlier on tailing off in the Summer but just starting to pick up again, particularly where properties have been left empty for one reason or another.

Please don't let your vigilance drop with the temperature. Burglars love the time around Christmas as houses are full of shiny new things! Keep an eye on your neighbours as well as ensuring your own security and let us know if you have any suspicions on vehicles or people in the area.

Vehicle Crime is also still an issue, particularly the theft of tools from vans. Please don't leave items in your vehicle overnight wherever possible and always make sure doors are locked if the vehicle is to be left unattended. Finally, a repeat from previous columns regarding door to door tradesmen, please say no when approached unless you can thoroughly verify their credentials.

As ever I can be contacted by email on adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk or via mobile during duty time 07787 881945.

I hope you all enjoy a happy and healthy 2017.

PCSO 8136 Adrian Tolson

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Hello everyone, here we are at the start of the New Year and we are all shivering from the cold. Let's hope that the small splattering of snow we have had is going to go away all together!! We can only hope.

After the office closed on 20th December Mike Fynn went in to help the carpet fitter to put the final touches to the office refurb. He then added some new chairs and the whole place looks absolutely fabulous. It is impossible to realise how grubby the office was prior to all the hard work, but power to everyone who contributed in hours and all the contributors during 2016.

The last list of donors for the year reads as follows:- Bridge Drive (we are hoping to run this event again this year) £685; Totley Open Gardens £900; Abbeydale and Millhouses PCC £250; Hallamshire Tangent £100; TRA re Totley Show £250; Dore Village Society £500; Totley Rise Senior' Social Teas £70 and St Mark's Church, Broomhill £200. You have all done us proud and we are truly grateful.

Our last fundraising event was the Christmas Fayre, and what a fantastic turnout we had raising £915. You had to be there to see it all come together but it was a fantastic morning and of course the Cross Scythes staff excelled themselves once more with lots of cakes, coffee and

teas. Thank you all.

It has been relatively quiet since then and as yet we haven't set a date for our next coffee morning but we will be doing shortly, probably aiming at around Easter time. We will make sure we give you plenty of notice.

We are hoping to recruit some new volunteers during the coming months to be escorts and drivers. If you have a few hours spare each week we would love to hear from you and welcome you to our merry band.

All that is left for me to say is HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL and may you be blessed with good health and happiness throughout.

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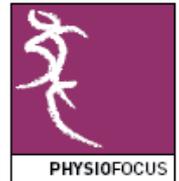
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Bradway Birds

Nowadays there are buzzards every week over Bradway. One, two or three, they are there over Poynton Wood and the adjacent streets. They fly directly with broad, slow wing beats, or they soar in circles, they even hover. As they do so they utter their thin and mournful cry.

Until recently, such sights and sounds anywhere near Sheffield were unthinkable. Persecution had pushed buzzards, as historic invasions pushed the Gaelic people, into higher and less productive lands. To find them, a trip was needed to Dartmoor, the Welsh Hills, Cumbria or the Grampians.

Since 1990, they have spread eastwards into the easier lowlands, and at possibly 60,000 pairs have become our most numerous birds of prey. They have overtaken the sparrowhawk, and the kestrel, which is in decline. The assaults of farmers and gamekeepers were not only savage but were largely misguided. By removing rabbits, rats, and smaller rodents, they probably helped more game birds to survive that the few they ate. Foolish and illegal killing does still occur but on a much smaller scale.

The buzzard is not a specialist bird, and has no skill all of its own. It cannot accelerate or twist and turn like a sparrowhawk; or stoop from on high at furious speed like a peregrine; or hover like a kestrel; or chase down a swift like a hobby; or listen in a tree and drop on voles like a tawny owl; or float in the air over a marsh and take a moorhen as a harrier does.

At all these flight methods it is no better than average, but it can do all of them to a reasonable extent. It is very much an omnivore, and this has been a big bonus once persecution has fallen away. Buzzards eat small birds, rabbits, rodents, carrion, large insects and even lizards. They will walk in wet pastures



Buzzard in flight. Photo Graham Catley

and catch worms and frogs.

They do not attack chickens, cats or babies in prams so don't worry that they are doing so well in the suburbs. In fact, they were slow to reach the upper Sheaf Valley and I don't know why. In 2000, they were over Coventry in the inner suburbs as well as the leafier ones. Five years ago, a dozen at a time could be seen over Barlborough.

Anyway, they are on the Old Hay and Topley Brook valleys and over Bradway at last. A good mixture of copses, hedges, isolated large trees, moorland and pasture, is supplying the variety and amount of food that allow the adults to feed well. They then raise more young to join the population than there are old birds dying.

They are unlikely to drop into gardens rather than patrol playing fields, the golf courses and woodland edges. Red Kites in the Chilterns and Reading are famous for taking meat provided by householders, up to the astonishing number of 50 in one large garden. Buzzards are less dependent on carrion and more likely to keep their distance.

I've never seen it discussed in the literature, but the buzzard could be partly responsible for the decline of the much loved kestrel. Kestrels have declined by 56% since 1995. Buzzard up/kestrel down could be a coincidence, but buzzards feed on all the kestrels' prey species in similar environments, and are large and powerful competitors for the much smaller kestrel. On the other hand, sparrowhawks do not use the same niches, or catch prey in the same way. Buzzards cannot duck, dive, twist and turn in enclosed spaces or between trees. In much of Britain, nothing feeds like the sparrowhawk. So, buzzard up/sparrowhawk stable is suggestive about the kestrel.

John Kirkman

News roundup

Three Valleys Festival 2017 is planned for Saturday 3rd June at various venues around the Dronfield area linked by a free bus from Dronfield station, as last year there are no Bradway venues participating however there will be a bus from Bradway at about 11:30am and one back around 9pm.

On the buses Stagecoach have now launched a smartphone app which offers the facility to buy day tickets online and

later this year they anticipate getting new ticket machines that will accept contactless debit cards.

On the pub front in Bradway – the Redcap has a new manager and the Castle has launched a new menu. Outside Bradway True North Brewery has taken over the Wagon & Horses at Millhouses Park, they have also recently opened the Blue Stoops in Dronfield.

Another revised planning application is in to demolish the Hearty Oaks pub and build houses on the site.

Andrew Cullen

Notions of childhood

John Locke and the invention of childhood

What do you think about when you think of the word 'childhood'? Do you think of toys, playing with friends, the magic of Christmas, amateur dramatics or making a mess with paint? My own children think of playing outside, going to castles (we went to a lot of them!) and school.

Whatever comes to your mind, your thoughts are very likely to include commonly held notions of what it means to be a child. As a child you play, you learn, you imagine and you are kept sheltered from the dangers of the world for as long as possible even though bad things can, of course, still happen. The adults in your life want you to remain naïve and untainted by the brutal realities of the world - to simply be a child.

So it is quite shocking to consider that this notion of childhood has only been a mainstream concept in the western world since the twentieth century. It is also worth remembering that, in many countries, for many different cultural, religious and economic reasons, childhood is very different to and distant from, our western ideal.

In the past, while some children did experience a childhood that we might recognise today, most did not, and it is only in the twentieth century, and even then mainly in the west, that childhood, as we now know it, has become the norm.

Origins of childhood

Our modern notion of childhood has its origins during the Enlightenment otherwise known as 'The Age of Reason', which spanned from about the 1620s to about the 1780s. The Enlightenment shook up the traditional religious values of the Middle Ages and many cherished ideas about the nature of childhood were challenged and re-examined.

A particularly influential thinker at the time was John Locke who published the book 'Some Thoughts Concerning Education' in 1693. Locke's ideas were highly regarded in educated circles despite being at odds with accepted thinking at the time. Locke stated that authoritarian teaching is counterproductive, suggesting, of children, that 'all their innocent folly, playing, and childish actions are to be left



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perfectly free.’ The goal was to make moral children, not scholars. Locke believed that education should be enjoyable and sculpted around the needs of the individual child in order to make a productive, positive member of society.

This was nothing short of revolutionary thinking at the time when any form of unstructured play or entertainment was considered a waste of time. In fact his words sound distinctly revolutionary and forward thinking today at a time when so much has been done by government to make learning increasingly formal, academic and proscribed.

The hornbook

In Locke’s time the only ‘book’ and learning tool specifically designed for children was the hornbook. With a history that traces back to the 15th century, this “book” was actually a wooden paddle, traditionally inscribed with the alphabet, numbers from zero to nine, and a passage of scripture.

Unfortunately for the children of the time the wooden implement had the dual purpose of being both a learning tool and a form of punishment! In Locke’s time, very little thought was given to a child’s rights. If you didn’t have the money to care for a child, that child was simply used as an extra worker and if the child wasn’t working, then they were an extra mouth to feed.

Child labour in 17th century England

It is also disturbing from the perspective of 21st century England, to think of the 200-year-long English tradition of child chimney sweeps, which really took off in

Bradway Primary Term dates

20th-24th February: *Half term holiday*
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the 1660s. Small boys between 4 and 10 years old from families of poverty were sold to master sweeps. Using their elbows, back and knees, the boys would climb up and down narrow chimneys to clean out the soot. These children were severely beaten, starved, disfigured, prone to serious health complications, and frequently died young. However, this ‘business model’ remained until 1875, when it finally became illegal to use children as chimney sweeps.

The historic use of children as cheap labour has of course continued to the present day in many countries. Although the idea of children working, even for part of their day, is generally not now acceptable to us in the west, even when combined with formal schooling, many families across the world would not be able to survive if forced to abandon the practise. However, even if the ideal of a childhood free from the cares and corruption of the world is only possible if

there is sufficient disposable income available, it is still amazing to think that the concept of childhood is only as old as our grandparents or, at the most, great grandparents.

What now for childhood?

Could it be that we have already passed the period with the most powerful conception of childhood (1850 – 1950) and that in the current era, childhood is now mainly defined and shaped by the media, particularly social media, rather than by society and families? If so this has profound implications for educators. Indeed I have noticed after 27 years in education that children appear to be less resilient emotionally and physically, than they were in the past.

If the notion of childhood as being highly protected and low risk is a relatively modern phenomenon, I would suggest that it is dangerous to now consider this notion as fixed forever more, since it may not be benefiting our children in the long term. As educators, and as parents, I think that we have a duty to continually question what the nature of childhood should be, and that we should resist attempts to set it in conceptual concrete so as to best serve children’s long term interests in a rapidly changing world.

‘Things of this world are in so constant a flux, that nothing remains long in the same state’. John Locke

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Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Happy New Year everyone. Thanks to all who supported us at the Christmas Concert. If you weren't there you missed a treat. It was 2 hours of a variety of wonderful music and more laughs than a hyena.

The older you get the faster the time flies by. It seems like only yesterday that we were working on Orpheus In The Underworld and here we are starting the floor rehearsals for The Mikado (or The Town of Titipu), one of Gilbert and Sullivan's most well known and loved operettas. If you know it then you'll enjoy hearing all that fantastic music and Gilbert's clever gags again. If you don't know it, here's your chance to find out what all the fuss is about.

Although set in Japan it is Gilbert's way of disguising his lampooning of the British Establishment. It tells the story of Nanki-Poo, son of the Mikado, who has fled court to escape the clutches of Katisha, an elderly and not very pretty lady at court. He travels under the guise of an itinerant musician and falls for Yum-Yum a ward of Ko-Ko a cheap tailor who has fallen foul of the law by flirting with Yum-Yum and was due to be beheaded but reprieved at the last moment and was made Lord High Executioner (don't ask!).

To cut a long story short, The Mikado is due to visit Titipu and the town grandees think it because no executions have happened. Pooh-Bah (Lord High just about everything) and Ko-Ko collude with others, to choose a victim. Unfortunately he just happens to be Nanki-Poo, not a good idea!

The shenanigans all work well in the end but there are lots of laughs and excellent music on the way. Some songs are very well known; A Wandering Minstrel I, Three Little Maids From School, I've Got A Little List, The Sun Whose Rays and Tit Willow to name but a few. The chorus sounds better than ever and the principals are a delight with Alan Wade as The Mikado, Mike Spriggs as Pooh-Bar, Ian Stewart as Ko-Ko, Davron



Dore Gilbert & Sullivan's performance of Orpheus in 2016.

Hicks as Nanki-Poo, Christine Subbs as Katisha, Gwen Nimmo playing Yum-Yum and Jo Hutchesson as Pitti-Sing ably backed by Dick Bell and Kathryn Parkin.

The Mikado will be performed at The Montgomery Theatre in Surrey Street, Sheffield, S1 2LG on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 5th, 6th and 7th April at 7:30pm and a matinee at 2:30pm on Saturday 8th April 2017. For tickets (£13 adults and £6 children) contact Judith Bettridge on 0114 250 7155. Tickets are also available at Sheffield Theatres Box Office (subject to a 10% booking fee).

Go on, grab some light-hearted culture, we look forward to seeing you there.

Derek Habberjam

The Society has been asked to perform a Concert Version of The Mikado at Ridgeway Parish Church on Saturday 4th March at 7:30pm. It may be an option for those who cannot manage the stairs at The Montgomery Theatre to hear it. It will be to piano accompaniment whereas the show will have a full and excellent orchestra. For more information contact Richard or Jenny on 01246 431914.

Sheffield Folk Train

On the fourth Tuesday of each month we gather on platform 2C (please check the departure board) at Sheffield Station, to catch the 19:14 train to Manchester which calls at Dore (19:20) and 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 with appropriate refreshment available. We then 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

28 February 2017.

Crazy Heart - tbc We have been grateful to Crazy Heart, on their previous appearances, for their offers to take over at short notice for another band which had been forced to withdraw, and also for the magnificent and stirring qualities of their performance. Again we can expect a most outstanding evening of vocal and instrumental presentations, with guitar, bass, banjo, ukeleles, flute, whistle and percussion.

28 March 2017.

TUOS. Formed in 2012, the University of Sheffield Folk Group has worked with a number of renowned folk performers, particularly Fay Hield, to explore traditional music and the ways it can be performed. They may present vignettes of their work over the last year interspersed with session tunes. Feel free to bring along your instruments and voices to join in with the choruses and session elements. There will be something for everyone, and definitely a gig to remember for these students.

25 April 2017

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Goodwill To All Men....

One thing I particularly enjoy at Christmas is to settle down with a good cryptic crossword puzzle. I quite like the one in the Sheffield Telegraph, although it's a bit on the small side. To get myself in the mood, I picked up the 22nd December edition and leafed through the pages. There was no crossword puzzle to be seen!

I then waited for the weekend edition of a certain national newspaper that usually features a large cryptic puzzle and keeps me going for a few days, but being Christmas they had decided instead to publish an even larger version of the "simple" variety. These are not really my cup of tea, being actually more difficult to solve in some respects than the cryptic ones, and with this one being so large that the clues were on one page and the grid on the opposite one, it could only really be tackled seated at a table. I didn't bother!

The week went by with several delightful family gatherings relegating my disappointment at the lack of crossword puzzles to the back of my mind.

Come the following weekend, I purchased the next editions of the two publications as usual. This time, the Sheffield Telegraph did indeed feature the usual crossword puzzle, and very helpfully provided the solution to the one omitted the previous week, but the one in the national newspaper was a repeat of the one published two weeks earlier!

Wondering what was going on, it occurred to me that being the season of goodwill the media were perhaps doing their bit to ensure there were no "cross words" at Christmas. Well, it didn't work as far as I was concerned, I can tell you!

....and to a Very Special Woman!

Always stuck for something to get Mrs B for Christmas, I suddenly had a brainwave. Or perhaps I should say that the penny finally dropped, for it was an item she'd been going on about for ages! Unable to get hold of it locally, I resorted to sourcing it via the internet. All went well. I contacted the company in question and they agreed to send me the item by post.

But the days came and went and no package appeared. It was getting perilously close to Christmas and I feared my treasured item would not arrive in time. On the morning of Christmas Eve, with an air of resignation, I started to wrap the other gifts I'd bought. What should I do about the missing present? Should I keep the wrapping paper, sticky tape and scissors to hand in case it arrived at the last moment? Sod's Law would surely guarantee that if I did that it would never arrive.

It was then that I decided to play Sod at his own game. I carefully packed away all the items needed to wrap the missing present, and then went down to look in the porch. By some miracle, there it was, lying on the mat!

Just as I was congratulating myself on defeating the devious Sod, it occurred to me that if I'd looked in the porch before

I put away the wrapping paper, etc., it would have saved me the bother. Or would it? More than likely, in that case, the package wouldn't have been there at all. That's the thing about Sod's Law. You can never really win. But perhaps on this occasion I got away with an honourable draw!

And the item in question? An IKEA catalogue! Not mean - thoughtful!

The Bradway Bodger

TOADS new play

TOADS announce a world premier !!

We are very pleased to announce that TOADS' May play this year has been written and will be directed by a member of our society - Alan Wade!

Alan lives locally and is well known in the community as a regular actor in TOADS' productions, is associated with The Company, and is very active within the Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society as well.

We are delighted to be performing the world premier of Alan's play - "That Week in August". Don't miss it!

The dates for your diary are Wednesday 10th May to Friday 12th May at 7.30pm and Saturday 13th May at 2.30pm. The venue is as usual St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South.

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Blacka Moor Nature Reserve Update

Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust have been busy working to support the vision for Blacka Moor Nature Reserve:

"A wild landscape, which is rewarding to visit, with a wealth of habitats supporting a richness of wildlife, where the archaeology and history are conserved and celebrated".

The Wildlife Trust have carried out a variety of work over the past year to enhance and conserve this beautiful and well-loved reserve, protecting its varied habitats, as well as adding to the reserve's aesthetic and recreational appeal.

Blacka Moor Access Improvements

Waymarker posts and kissing gates have been installed at several points around the reserve, helping people to find their way around Blacka Moor's wonderful network of footpaths and bridleways. These have been sensitively sited to avoid impacting on the nature reserve's fabulous views, and unsightly old metal fingerposts have been replaced with more in-keeping timber ones. This access improvement work, along with last winter's flag laying, have been funded by Peak and Northern Footpaths Society. The Wildlife Trust are very grateful to visitors for staying on the footpaths and bridleways, which helps to prevent disturbance to breeding birds and to protect the valuable habitats of Blacka Moor.

Last year saw the completion of the restoration of the historic drystone wall at Strawberry Lee Pastures. In summer the entire boundary wall which runs along the side of Hathersage Road was also rebuilt, as part of the Council's Streets Ahead programme. Previously in a bad state of repair, with many gaps where sections had collapsed or been damaged

by cars skidding off the road, this former eyesore has been much improved, providing a solid boundary to the nature reserve.

Heathland Work

Throughout the winter tree and scrub management has been carried out to conserve the internationally important heathland habitat. The heathland contains a mosaic of scattered scrub and diverse heathland plants including Ling and Bell Heather, Bilberry, Crowberry, Cowberry and Cranberry. Without ongoing management of encroaching scrub, the heathland habitat would gradually be overtaken by woodland and be lost. Winter scrub and tree management opens out the moorland fringe and removes encroaching saplings, whilst retaining scattered trees which are both visually appealing and important as singing posts for birds.



Rangers installing a new wooden fingerpost to help access.



Stonechat rely on open heathland - Photo by Mark Smith

Short-eared Owl, Stonechat, Common Lizard and Green Hairstreak Butterfly are among the species of wildlife that rely on this open heathland. The transition from spring into summer will see the wildlife becoming more active, and see the return of migrant birds such as Wheatear, Whinchat and Cuckoo. Look out for lizards as the sun starts to warm the heathland – and potentially Adders. They have never been seen on the reserve, but are common elsewhere on the Eastern Moors, so please let us know what you spot or hear on site.

The Blacka Moor heathland habitat is home to a variety of bumblebees including the Early, Tree and Carder as well as the cold-loving Bilberry Bumblebee, also known as the Mountain Bumblebee. The Wildlife Trust have been working with Moors for the Future to monitor the Bumblebees on Blacka Moor, part of Moors for the Future's Citizen Science Project. If you would like to help monitor bumblebees visit: <http://www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk/community-science>

Woodland Management

Woodland management has continued over the winter to reduce the amount of Rhododendron in Strawberry Lee Plantation. The invasive Rhododendron shrubs form a dense cover which, if unchecked, will spread throughout the woodland and into the moorland, smothering native species. While most of

the Rhododendron is scheduled to be removed, the reserve management plan allows for a band to be retained along the north and west margins of the woodland, as it creates an important wind and noise buffer, sheltering the habitat within.

You may spot standing dead trees amongst the woodlands, which provide habitat for fungi, invertebrates and birds such as Nuthatch and Great Spotted Woodpecker. Where it is safe to do so, standing dead trees are retained, but some dangerous trees have been felled where they pose a threat to the public.

Getting involved

If you would like to find out more about the work of the Wildlife Trust or would like to get more hands on, join them for their Blacka Moor Users Forum meeting on Saturday 25th March 10am – 12pm, or pop along to a Volunteer Work Day on the first Saturday and third Thursday of every month. More details on their website: www.wildsheffield.com or call 0114 263 4335.

Upcoming Volunteer Work Day dates:

March: Saturday 4th, Thursday 16th

April: Saturday 1st, Thursday 20th

To find out more about Blacka Moor and the work of the Wildlife Trust please visit the website at: www.wildsheffield.com/nature-reserves/local-reserves/blacka-moor/blacka-moor-gallery or you can send an email to us at nature.reserves@wildsheffield.com.

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4 things to do before the end of the tax year

The beginning of a new calendar year should serve as a timely reminder that we're only three months away from the end of the current tax year. It might feel at the moment as though there's plenty of time until the beginning of April, but ensuring you make use of the remaining months before they disappear is always a good idea. Here are our top four tips for ways to make the most of this tax year whilst you can.

1. Maximise your ISA contributions – Making the most of any Individual Savings Accounts you have is normally a sensible way to invest your money. If you reach the end of the tax year without reaching the investment limit for your ISA, there's no way to carry it over, so it could be tempting to invest as much as possible. The limit for the 2016/17 tax year is £15,240 and, unlike a few years ago, can be entirely made up of cash if you wish.

2. Check your pension contributions – Keeping an eye on your pension contributions at least once a year is a good idea. You can use pension contributions to help you manage tax liabilities, but high earners should keep the lifetime pension allowance in mind. The current allowance is £1 million, having been reduced from £1.25 million in April 2016, so anything over that amount in your pension is taxable.

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3. Don't forget your Capital Gains Tax Allowance

– The Capital Gains Tax Allowance for the 2016/17 tax year is £11,100 per individual, which means that couples can pay no tax on up to £22,200 of capital gains. Genuine gifts from a civil partner or spouse do not count towards the allowance, and there are other exemptions too, so it's worth having a look at where you could make some tax savings.

4. Boost your children's savings too – Whilst thinking about your own financial planning it can be easy to overlook the ways any offspring under the age of 18 can benefit too. If they have a Junior ISA, make the most of the £4,080 investment limit. Don't forget they also have the same Capital Gains Tax Allowance and can make pension contributions of their own.

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Totley Library

Council committed to funding Totley Library for another three years

In November Sheffield City Council committed to a package of funding and ongoing support for the volunteer run libraries for a further three years. Totley Library will receive a grant towards running costs such as lighting/heating/insurance and a package of professional support such as van deliveries to transport books. We are pleased that the council has given this commitment to keep Totley Library open, however the grant is less than in previous years so it is important that we continue fundraising to ensure the long term viability of the library.

In June we launched the new Totley Library Lottery to help raise funds for the library. The monthly prize fund is 25% of the ticket income, 20% for first prize and 5% for second prize. The remaining 75% goes into library funds. In November and December the first prize winners were Stephen Willets £84 and Margaret Griffiths £94.40 and second prize winners were Elaine Ferguson £22 and Susan Facer £23.60. If you would like to enter you can pick up a form at Totley Library.

We are delighted that the dedicated volunteers at Totley Library, along with 14 other volunteer libraries across the city, won an Outstanding Achievement Award at the Sheffield Make a Difference Awards. These awards were set up to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Voluntary Action Sheffield and recognise the amazing quality and diversity of local voluntary work and the huge impact that this has for our city. Over 150 charities and local bodies entered the awards and there were only 15 winners so we were very proud that our volunteers were recognised. The awards were presented by Jessica Ennis Hill in a ceremony at

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We are looking for new volunteers to help with our film club, cleaning and new trustees to join our management board. In particular we are interested in finding volunteers who have experience of fundraising or bid writing. If you would like to help support the work of Totley Library please pop into the library or email totleylibrary@gmail.com for more information.

We would like to thank everyone who has donated books to Totley Library. All donated books in good condition are gratefully accepted. Recent bestsellers and popular novels go into our new Totley Library Loans scheme, which all have an orange sticker on the cover. This scheme has now been extended into the children's library, with a new shelf of books for 8-12 year olds. These books were recommended by Waterstones as their children's books of the month and include popular series such as Horrible Histories and Lemony Sticket. Donated books that are not suitable for our loans scheme are sold to help raise funds for the library.

On 5th November we were pleased to take part in the BBC's Lovetoread campaign. Totley's very own Rony Robinson, who presents on BBC Radio Sheffield, visited Totley Library and hosted a book group with library users. People brought along their favourite book of all time, read small passages and explained why it inspired them so much. There was a broad range of books from classic favourites like Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice, to American Literature like J. D. Salinger's Catcher in the Rye to one of the longest novels in the English language Vikram Seth's A Suitable Boy.

On Friday 25th November we hosted a sell out fundraising concert by Pete Garratt, Ken Atkinson & Geoff Heppell. It was a highly enjoyable evening of traditional and contemporary folk music in the company of these three stalwarts of the local folk scene. We would like to say a big thank you to Pete, Ken, Geoff and everyone who came along to make it such a fantastic night. We raised over £350.

Natasha Watkinson

Cinema Listings February / March

Friday 17th February 7:30pm

Bridget Jones's Baby

Thursday 23rd February 10:30am -

Finding Dory (half term special)

Sunday 19th March 2pm - Trolls

Friday 24th March 7:30pm -

The Girl on the Train

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Thursday 23rd February 3pm -

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Thursday 30th March 3pm -

The Quartet

Young Carers Activity Fund

Do you know a young carer who is isolated and in need of a break? Is lack of money stopping them from getting much-needed respite? If so, the Young Carers Activity Fund could help.

Sheffield Young Carers administer the Young Carers Activity Fund on behalf of Sheffield City Council to give young carers aged under 18 up to £300 to fund a break from their caring role. This could include things like music lessons, spa days, a gym membership or activity equipment for home like a trampoline, a magazine or film subscription, or a computer.

The next closing date for applications is Thursday 23rd February 2017. Visit:

www.sheffieldyoungcarers.org.uk/young-carers-activity-fund.

Sheffield Together 2017

The Sheffield Together event is now in its 4th year and it continues to thrive. People are able to walk, jog, or run either 5k or 10k around Ecclesall Wood in aid of Cavendish Cancer Care. The money raised will support families in Sheffield affected by cancer. Last year, they raised over £5,500, which has paid for over 200 sessions of therapy for the people who visit Cavendish Cancer Care. This year's run, we want to raise even more than this to be able to help even more people.

This year the run will be taking place on Sunday 5th March from 11:30am - 2:30pm. Walk, jog or run – do 5k or 10k – that doesn't matter! All that matters is that you do it and raise money for Sheffield families affected by cancer!

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Antiques, Vintage & Collectables fair

Sunday the 19th of March 2017, 10am – 4pm at Dore Masonic Hall, S17 3LA. There will be over 20 stalls on the day, refreshments, and free antiques valuations (11am to 1pm), free tours around masonic hall and items from the Sheffield Assay office will be on view. The mayor will also be joining from 10am – 12pm.

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The Wildlife Garden

Before Christmas, there were some pleasant days, but it was mostly damp and dull. As the leaves fell, they became very wet, but I resisted clearing them from the lawn unless it was too thick a layer. They start to decompose and then the worms get to work just as nature intended.

Many garden experts advise us not to walk on lawns when it is wet or frosty. While my lawn is not pristine, nor free from buttercups and daisies etc, I walk on it every morning when feeding the birds, whatever the weather, and yet it is very healthy and rarely needs scarifying . . . thanks to the worms again.

The ponds did not get a full maintenance treatment this year. I was too busy planting over 200 plugs (45 varieties) of wild flowers. Also, and not for the first time, digging up bricks kindly buried by the house-builder in a

corner by the garage some 65 years ago.

It was then time to trim hedges and prune trees, which was mostly left to Luke, and, in December, I did some maintenance of my willow fence. I love willow structures as they can be very attractive garden features, but they do need attention at the coldest time of year. Brrrrr!!

The compost heaps have been turned and the oldest (one to two years old) is a really good consistency, having been well decomposed by the worms, woodlice and other organisms vital to the decomposition cycle.

Wild flowers do not thrive well on chemically fertilised soil, but my compost will cause no harm to the plants or the essential micro-organisms in the soil. Some of it I sieve as it makes very good potting compost.

Hopefully, 2017 will be a better year for our native wildlife, both flora and fauna, but the lack of good habitats throughout

the country does not bode well for any improvement. Human activities are undoubtedly the cause and inappropriate gardening has to take a lot of responsibility. A visit to the garden centre or any other outlet for plants and a variety of chemicals(!) is not the answer. Locally, I have found only one that sources plants from this country. Most plants are imported, including short-life plants for bedding out in gardens, hanging baskets and window boxes and, of course, indoors. This brings with it considerable risk of introducing unwanted and invasive pests and other organisms.

Garden centres are piled high with chemicals and it is a struggle to find organic composts (even the staff might look puzzled when you ask for it). If they do stock it, check the small print, as it may have some chemicals in it too. Similarly, with farmyard manures, which should be produced from certified organic farms. "Environmentally-friendly" products should also be checked.

Native wildflowers (plugs or seeds), shrubs and trees can be sourced from British growers who value the integrity of their products rather than making a lot of money out of imported mass-produced goods, that are contributing considerably to our carbon footprint and the poor state of our environment.

The Soil Association is an excellent charity which, backed by good science and evidence in the field, is doing all it can to encourage organic farming for healthier, "living" soil, an improved environment, high animal welfare, and healthier food. The loss of pollinators is one of its greatest concerns.

It is not easy to remove plants which look attractive and fill space in the garden, never mind removing almost all of them, as I have done. It has, however, given me a real "feel-good factor" to see how much more wildlife there is as a result.

The Winter Aconites were starting to come through in December to flower in January, followed by Lesser Celandine, Wood Anemones and Wood Sorrel, as well as Snowdrops and Daffodils, which are all increasing naturally.

Later, spring flowers including Greater Celandine, blue Alkanets and White Deadnettle, which are all very attractive to bees and many other pollinators, will follow. And, whilst I do not want to wish the time away, I am keen to see how the latest planting of summer flowers develops, along with those which are already established, including Red Campion, Red Clover and Betony.

To finish, a quotation from Rachel Carson, an American marine biologist and conservationist whose book *Silent Spring* and other writings are credited with advancing the global environmental movement.

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Take a break

Sail away, sail away, sail away ...

I have to say there is nothing finer than setting sail from the Manhattan Cruise Terminal and looking out on the world famous skyscrapers as you float by. From our vantage point of Deck 12 it was as if we were flying by, even the Statue of Liberty herself looked tiny from our lofty position.

Day one proper would be a pleasant day 'at sea' as we headed north to Canada, giving us time to relax, get our bearings on the ship and take-in a cocktail or 2!

Once docked in Halifax, Nova Scotia we headed from the port to collect our rental car and set off in search of the sun, as albeit having a glorious day at sea the day before, today's weather was more than inclement! Boo!

First stop Lunenburg, an hour's drive from the port. This picturesque town, a beautiful UNESCO World Heritage Site, lies nestled along the scenic shores of southern Nova Scotia and was only marred by the lack of blue sky, but this didn't stop me from clicking away in search of the perfect shot across the bay. Travelling via the Lighthouse Route we stopped to explore along the way, visiting seaside towns like Chester and Mahone Bay. The latter featured 3 beautiful churches perched on the water's edge and were perfectly mirrored in the calm waters. Again a photographer's paradise ... if only the weather would behave!!!

From here we headed towards Peggy's Cove, famed for its picturesque houses perched along the narrow inlet on wave-washed gigantic boulders facing the mighty Atlantic Ocean and the pièce de résistance Peggy's Point Lighthouse, one of Nova Scotia's most photographed lighthouses, built in 1915. Here we spent time clambering the rocks around its base and generally exploring the area, along with a few coach loads of others ... in search of the perfect pic!

All too soon it was time to head back to the cruise ship and spend another lovely evening quaffing cocktails and enjoying the culinary delights the restaurants had to offer ... ah bliss!

Another overnight sailing took us into St John, New Brunswick, waking to what can only be described as a 'pea-souper'! Gulp! Hoping the sun would burn it off



"..... nothing finer than setting sail from the Manhattan Cruise Terminal and looking out on the world famous skyscrapers as you float by."

we headed ashore, collected our rental and drove off in search of a few sights. Sadly not, the weather had other ideas but we were not to be deterred, this only added the ambiance of the day and an alternative view, nothing would dampen our spirits! Heading towards St Martin's Cave and stopping along the way to take in the views we had a pleasant morning off the ship before heading back to town to see the tide rush in and create the phenomenon of the Reversing Falls.

This strange occurrence is caused by the tremendous rise and fall of the tides in the Bay of Fundy, which are the highest in the world! With a pulp and paper mill in the background, it wasn't the best of views, but certainly made for an interested stop ... and that coupled with giant otters frolicking in the waters it was certainly worth it, even on this grey day!

Back on board and cutting our losses on such a dreary day it was soon cocktail-o'clock, which quickly enhanced our mood! Ha-ha!

The night's activities included a stop by the evening 'show' an amazing hypnotist where members of the audience were the stars. Our friend Marcus was in his element and was volunteering even before hypnotist could ask. Up on stage Marcus proved to be THE star of the show, so much so we were cruise ship

celebrities for the remainder of the week! Whether real or not it made for an entertaining start to our evening, our sides were aching watching the 'audience stars' perform on stage ... and you're back in the room!

Next stop was back in the good ole U.S. of A and Bar Harbor, Maine. Here we'd made plans to take a 1pm trolley tour with Oli's Trolley, into the stunningly beautiful Acadia National Park, but prior to this we had a date with the tide and raced our way to the sandbar where Bar Harbor got its name. At low tide, the sandbar reveals itself and enables hikers to walk across and explore Bar Island, part of Acadia National Park, northwest of the Town pier. This amazing natural land bridge is accessible for almost 2 hours before low tide and 2 hours after low tide, however, we were on the cusp hence the urgency!

Walking down Bridge Street we were greeted by a park ranger explaining we had only around 30 minutes before the waters would start to creep over the sand and cover the access to Bar Island. Walking part of the way across it was soon evident that the tide was turning as the water came closer and closer. We made our retreat as the way ahead was starting to cover and watched in surprise as several hikers still on the small island were realising their window of opportunity for dry feet was well and truly missed. Thankfully, our feet remained dry as we watched them wade across the deepening waters as the tide rushed in. This was probably the best of both worlds and we were pleased we had witnessed the turning tide.

With still time before our tour we took the coastal path for a brisk walk in the glorious sunshine, taking in the spectacular views across the bay, before heading back through the quaint shops in town and purchasing some yummy local fudge.

Heading off on our tour we were first taken by historic mansions of the rich and famous from the days gone by when Bar



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Harbor was even more exclusive than it is now. Next entering the National Park along the scenic drive and treated to spectacular scenery en-route to the summit of Cadillac Mountain where we could explore on the first of our stops on the 2.5-hour narrated journey. Here we clambered over boulders to take in the stunning vista, before quickly being whisked to our next stop. Albeit a whistle stop adventure of Acadia NP it was a wonderful introduction to the breathtakingly beautiful area, giving us a taste to return.

Taking the last tender back to the ship it wasn't long before it was cocktail time again, followed by the show and dinner. I could get use to this life!

We then had one final day at sea and again the weather did not disappoint. The day started with a leisurely breakfast whilst watching pods of dolphins frolic in the waves alongside the ship, followed by a lazy day soaking up the sun on deck, chillaxing before our final day in Newport, Rhode Island the following day.

Newport was soon upon us and after disembarking via the tender we headed to the Information Center to check out the timetable for the trolley bus to the Cliff Walk. We were in luck, it was only a 10 minute wait, however, with a line stretching as far as we could see it was going to be a tight squeeze on-board!

The Newport Cliff Walk is considered one of the top attractions with a 3.5-mile pathway that borders the Atlantic

shoreline. It's a combination of paved, easy to navigate paths and unpaved rocky areas with some drops of around 70-foot along the route, so may not be suitable for all. We loved the mixture of scenery from the rugged coastline to the glamorous mansions peppered en-route! With the weather back on our side the blue sky made for an amazing backdrop to many photos as I snapped away before we headed back towards town, leaving our friends to explore one of the famous mansions.

All too soon our adventure was coming to an end and with our final night upon us it was time to pack and leave our cases outside our staterooms, for the next sight would be New York again and time to leave!

Lindsay Allen



Winter gardening for hedgehogs

It's cold outside, but don't let that keep you from tinkering around in the garden. Here are five jobs you can do that will directly help hedgehogs:

1) Create an underground nesting area.

Hedgehogs readily nest underneath sheds but you can create other winter havens for them.

2) Look for the opportunities to increase the planting area in your garden. The more plants you have, and the greater the variety, the better your garden will be for hedgehogs - it's as simple as that.

Replace concrete with a mixture of soil, sand and flower seeds. In a few months intrepid colonists will start to emerge - and these will encourage insects that hedgehogs eat.

Good plants to grow between paving are compact, creeping herbs like thyme and marjoram, because when you tread on them they'll smell delicious and you can use them for cooking.

3) Use prunings to make a mini woodpile. Logpiles don't have to be big to be beneficial - let nature break down your prunings. Dead wood is one of the best things for encouraging wildlife.

4) Have a chemical clear out. It's not just slug pellets that can harm hedgehogs. Organic gardening is cheap, easy and good for all wildlife. Herbicides, insecticides and molluscicides are all bad for hedgehogs. Dispose of chemicals safely.

5) Fight artificial grass. Artificial grass is a worrying new trend for wildlife. Does anyone on your street have this awful stuff? Beetles and worms cannot live on plastic grass and these are the things hedgehogs eat. Try and convince your friends that artificial grass is a terrible idea.

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ROCK SALT POISONING IN PETS

A timely warning

Most pet owners have probably heard something about this already but we would remind everyone that now that the cold season is here, rock salt is going to be everywhere too.

Rock salt is a mixture of salt and grit commonly used to help de-ice roads and paths during winter. This mixture can cause some irritation on our pet's skin and it is poisonous to pets if ingested, even in small amounts.

Most intoxication cases happen after their walks, as pets will often lick their fur and their paws to clean themselves afterwards. Clinical signs of rock salt poisoning include thirst, vomiting, lethargy, kidney damage, pancreatitis and seizures.

You can also help alleviate any discomfort they might feel and prevent this type of poisoning by washing the areas that may have been in contact with the substance with a mild, pet-safe shampoo and warm water after going for walks. Don't forget to dry your pet's fur with a towel.

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Getting out of the doghouse.... and walking around Beauchief Hall!

Hello it's me, Al Sation back again, this time telling you about some of my favourite dog walks along the lanes and pathways around Bradway.

These easy walking routes give my human companion endless opportunities to look around the peaceful countryside and woodland. Whether you are a fellow dog, a dog walker or a casual rambler we have lots of walks around here to keep us interested and, being a bright chap, I enjoy a variety of routes and to have a good sniff.

No matter in what direction I decide to lead my owner, there are always landscapes to marvel at and for someone like him, with an insatiable appetite for local history, there are always buildings and features to wonder about.

Over the next few editions of the Bradway Bugle I shall describe some of my favourite walks, starting with a wander around Beauchief Hall, taking around an hour, this being just right for me! You may well have your own preferred local hikes, in which case please do write in, we can start a dog walk guide book!

Sometimes I meet up with a good doggie friend of mine, Puzzle, a very active Border Collie. We often start off our walk from the top of Beauchief Drive near the historical Bradway Lodge, a Grade II listed building dating back to the early 19th Century and once home to gardeners for Beauchief Hall. We walk downhill as the track weaves between solidly built stone walls flanking our route. At one time this was the private roadway for people travelling from Beauchief Hall to The Broadway (now Bradway Road), the main highway for travellers going across to the Peaks.

As Beauchief Drive continues and the gradient gradually flattens out, so the view changes and you can see the fairways of Abbeydale Golf Course to both sides. If you hear the call of 'Fore', its best to duck, just in case!

As you approach the gates of Beauchief Hall you have a couple of options. If your

dog is ready for a ball or stick chase, like Puzzle usually is, then you can call into Gulleys Wood Meadow on the right. Opposite this you could walk along an enchanting cobbled footpath and get a lovely view of the Hall and the current estate. We usually save this treat for later in our trek and so we follow the drive around to the right.

If possible pause for a second and have a little look at the beautifully tended lawns, fish ponds and a first view of Beauchief Hall. This building was built in 1671 by Edward Pegge, replacing an earlier wooden grange and has lots of history. It is said that some of the stone used to build it came from nearby Beauchief Abbey when that fell into disrepair because of some chap called Henry! Mind you there is an abandoned quarry around the back of the Hall which might have also supplied stone.

Continuing our walk we pass the new allotments and Beauchief Nature Park. These were created on the site of a former council nursery and are a very fitting way to regenerate the landscape. The road bends to the left now and you have the option of walking as far as Beauchief Abbey, but Puzzle and I take the footpath to the left where there is a sign announcing Ladies' Spring Wood. To the right of this path you can see Beauchief Golf Course and on the left hand side is a very well preserved 'ha ha wall'. This would at one time probably have served as the boundary of the formal gardens of the Hall, keeping grazing stock on the pastureland and out of the flower beds and vegetable plots.

At the end of this stretch of path you can take a couple of different routes and our favourite one is up a few steps to the left and taking a delightful route around the back of Beauchief Hall. If you have a good look then you can see some long abandoned stone steps where the people at Beauchief Hall could take a walk instead of a carriage ride directly to the chapel at Beauchief Abbey. In springtime there are masses of Bluebells and at any time of year you can usually see the herd of deer. They are pretty timid so they rarely let you get very close, however the other day we heard and saw two stags with magnificent pointy antlers having a

fight. Puzzle and I think they were just playing but we didn't hang around for very long with all that bellowing and clashing of heads and we left them to it!

This pathway continues through Ladies Spring Wood right around the back of the Hall. You have three opportunities to leave the woodland by getting on to a footpath to the left to get a lovely view of the main building and Pegge's Cottage, all are easy to find just up a few steps that have been built by volunteers from Beauchief Environment Group. I often see these people maintaining the paths on a Monday morning or clearing litter, they do a great job and always say hello to us.

Next we walk past a big lump of concrete hidden in the bushes on our right which apparently is a cold war bunker that is sealed off now but was in use right up to the 1980s. Around here I sometimes notice a very distracting smell of bacon sandwiches as we walk near to the Abbeydale Golf Courses clubhouse reminding me to get Puzzle to hurry up as by now I'm ready for my breakfast! The footpath eventually arrives at a lovely narrow hedge lined downhill section with a cobblestone surface.

At the end of this path we are back on Beauchief Drive and we turn right and walk uphill retracing our steps, giving me a good chance to sniff and see who else has been out that morning. The gradient starts to increase as we approach the top of the drive and I think back to when horses had to pull carts and carriages up there in the olden days. I bet they were ready for their breakfast after that, I know I am. Here we are back at Bradway Road. It's taken us just over an hour, largely due to Puzzle wanting to chase sticks and balls. Still, that was a good walk and very interesting! See you next time.



Al Sation

Wildlife decline

Countryside rangers from Australia, Germany and around the UK met to address a decline in wildlife around the world at the 50th anniversary conference of the Countryside Management Association in Castleton recently.

“Here in the Peak District I’ve learned that the meaning of nature protection should be in the service of the people,” said Frank Grütz, European representative of the International Rangers Federation. “I think the key is for people to become sensitive again to the nature around them and think: ‘If I do something for nature protection, I do it for my health, for my wellbeing. I’m not separate; I’m part of the whole thing.’”

The role of rangers has changed since the Peak District employed a single ‘warden’ after becoming the UK’s first national park in 1951. There are now eight rangers in the High Peak alone, enabling them to engage and educate people more about what the Peak District provides and the challenges it faces.

A challenge for Frank Grütz is the arrival of wolves in his wildlife reserves in south Germany, following successful reintroductions elsewhere in the country. Wolves would not be a good idea on Sheffield’s moors or in the Peak District, he said, due to the high levels of sheep farming and settlements. “But lynx would not be such a big problem in local forests if there are plenty of deer about.” There are no plans for wolves or lynx in this area, stressed Ted Talbot, National



German ranger Frank Grütz (in cap) walking up to Mam Tor with fellow rangers

Trust Countryside Manager for the Peak District.

Although the roles of local rangers have expanded since the 1950s, Ted said: “It hasn’t changed that a ranger’s job is to enable the public to enjoy the National Park while making sure farmers and local businesses can still live prosperously.”

Europe-wide issues for rangers included sheep farming, paragliding licenses, flood management and soil erosion. “I think we should ask what are the most valuable assets of our upland landscapes,” said Ted. “Is it farming and forestry or is it wildlife or recreation and all the benefits that brings for people’s health and wellbeing, or are these landscapes more valuable for storing

water and carbon? I think the balance has shifted dramatically due to the impacts of climate change and loss of wild places. People often say that farmers are the custodians of the countryside, but I think all of us need to be countryside custodians now.”

It’s a period of change for the British landscape, with Brexit affecting farm subsidies, and cuts to services carried out in the past by public servants. All of these things will impact on the green spaces residents and visitors to the Peak District know and love, so we’re saying if you use and value your countryside, why not learn about it and get involved? Just please don’t take it for granted.”

David Bocking



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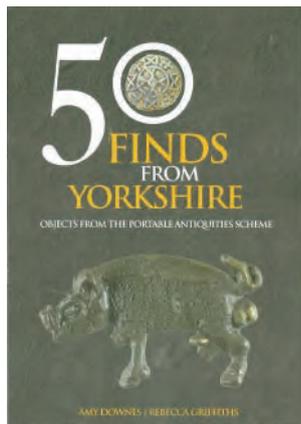
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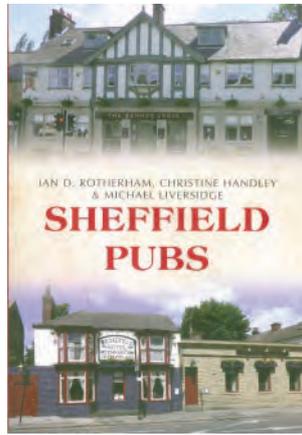
Sheffield has a rich diversity of pubs, although many more have fallen by the wayside in the last 20 years, while others have undergone the curse of modernisation. Still, given the numbers remaining, picking out some 50 Sheffield pubs cannot have been easy. Fortunately a new book *Sheffield Pubs* tackles this feat neatly, to create a manageably sized and interesting collection of some of the oldest and most popular. Authors Ian Rotherham, Christine Handley and Mick Liversidge have pooled their local knowledge and no doubt drinking experience, grouping the pubs into five areas.

For each pub there is comment and snippets of interest, with the benefit of some 100 colour photographs showing internal and external views. For example we learn that the name of The Fox House at Longshaw derives not from our furry friend but from a local farmer Mr Fox, who may have been an early landlord. If you enjoy a pint then this book will provide a refreshing excuse to explore Sheffield anew. Let's hope a second volume follows soon. Published by Amberley Books in paperback, 96 pages price £14.99 ISBN 9781445653792



As the largest county, Yorkshire has been at the heart of English history and has been shaped by Roman and Viking invaders, the conflict of the Wars of the Roses and the English Civil Wars. Objects found by the public, and recorded with the Portable Antiquities Scheme, have produced some of the most important discoveries from the region in recent times. These finds have helped to reshape our understanding of Yorkshire's history and the lives of the people who lived there. They range from Copper-alloy axe heads to hoards of silver buried by the Vikings, from unique Celtic fittings which show that people in Yorkshire had their own style to part of a lead toy hornbook.

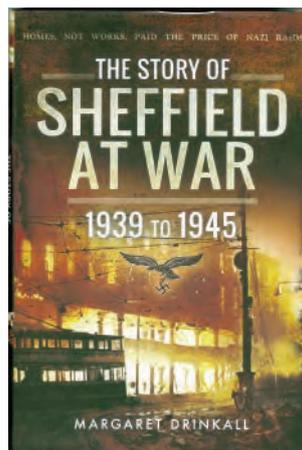
They also get us closer than ever to the ordinary people, with seals naming individuals and trader's tokens identifying occupations. There are also tantalising glimpses of the Roman cult of Mithras active in rural Yorkshire. Every object found is another thread in the rich tapestry that when woven together is the



history of Yorkshire. *50 finds from Yorkshire* highlights these amazing discoveries and explores how they help to reshape our understanding of one of the most significant areas of Britain. Published by Amberley Books in paperback, 96 pages price £14.99 ISBN 9781445661469

The Story of Sheffield at War 1939 to 1945 is a unique account of the impact that the war had on the city of Sheffield. Soon after the declaration of war, it was realised that the Germans would make the city one of their prime targets, due to the importance of the steel industry. Also, for the first eighteen months of the war Sheffield had the only drop hammer in the country, which was capable of producing Rolls Royce crankshafts for Spitfire and Hurricane aircraft. Using contemporary diaries, letters, police accounts and other archive material, this book reveals how, despite heavy bombing, the people of Sheffield refused to be intimidated.

It looks at the events that were happening in the city during the countdown to the war, such as the evacuation of the children not only to other safer districts, but to the Dominions, and the development of the Sheffield Home Guard. Also included is a description of the protection of the dams above Sheffield and how the Ladybower reservoir was used as a training ground for the 'Dambusters'. Finally, there are accounts not only of Sheffield men who were taken as prisoners of war, but how the police dealt with the German and Italian prisoners at Lodge Moor Camp.



Published by Pen & Sword in Hardback 204 pages price £19.99 ISBN: 9781473833616

When I saw the Bayeux Tapestry nearly 50 years ago it made a big impression on me, not for its sheer size, but for the realisation that history is written by the victor. That said 50 years later we are no nearer knowing who commissioned the work or why. Without that knowledge the Tapestry is capable of being interpreted in many ways and most scenes are ambiguous in some aspect of their meaning. Yet it remains an important source of information for historians and archaeologists alike. This new book, *An Archaeological Study of the Bayeux Tapestry*, provides a unique re-examination of this famous piece of work through the historical geography and archaeology of the tapestry.

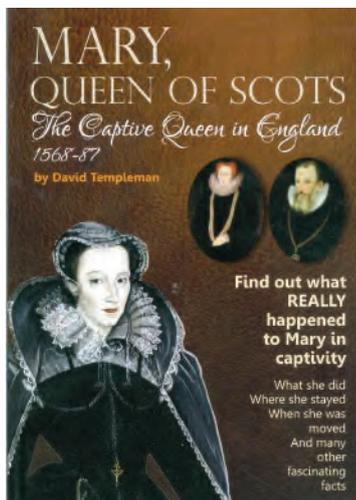
Author Trevor Rowley sets out to analyse the tapestry through the landscapes, buildings and structures shown, such as towns and castles, while comparing them to the landscapes, buildings, ruins and earthworks which can be seen today. By comparing illustrated extracts from the tapestry to historical and contemporary illustrations, maps and reconstructions Rowley is able to provide the reader with a unique visual setting against which they are able to place the events on the tapestry.

This approach allows a challenge to a number of generally accepted assumptions regarding the location of several scenes in the tapestry, most controversially suggesting that William may never have gone to Hastings at all. Finally, Rowley tackles the missing end of the tapestry, suggesting the places and events which would have been depicted on this portion of William's journey to Westminster. Published by Pen & Sword in hardback, 209 pages, price £25 ISBN: 9781781593806

The Anglo-Saxon Age The Birth of England. The discovery of the Staffordshire Hoard in 2009 has captured the imagination and stimulated renewed interest in the history and culture of the Anglo-Saxons. The discovery poses some interesting questions. Who owned the treasure and how did they acquire it? Was it made locally or did it originate elsewhere? Why was it buried in an obscure field in the Staffordshire countryside? To answer these questions, author Martin Wall takes us on a journey into a period that still remains mysterious, into regions and countries long forgotten, such as Mercia and Northumbria.

This is a story of the 'Dark Ages' and the people who lived in them, but darkness is in the eye of the beholder. This book challenges our notions of these times as barbaric and backward to reveal a civilization as complex, sophisticated and diverse as our own.

Published by Amberley Books in paperback, 272 pages price £9.99 ISBN: 9781445660349



Mary, Queen of Scots is one of the most romantic and tragic figures in British history. Hundreds of books have been written about her but Mary's nineteen years in captivity are seriously neglected by her biographers, to some it seems a complete mystery. Yet her captive years contained intrigue, passion, escape attempts, plots to put her on the throne of England and ultimately, tragedy.

It is a story that needs telling in all its most intricate detail so that the reader can form their own opinion as to whether Mary was rightfully detained in England by her cousin Queen, Elizabeth I.

It is a complex story with many twists and turns as we follow Mary through Cumbria, North and South Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, North

Nottinghamshire and finally to her execution in Northamptonshire.

This book looks into the mindsets of these two strong women and ascertains how they were manipulated to a large extent by the people around them, especially Elizabeth.

Mary's captive years lasted over a third of her lifetime and this book puts the detail back into its rightful place as an important part in her overall life story. **Mary, Queen of Scots: The Captive Queen in England 1568-87** Published in paperback, 286 pages price £9.99. Proceeds to Sheffield Manor Lodge. Available via their shop or in Bradway through delivery by the author David Templeman contact 01246 415497 or email: templeman3@tiscali.co.uk

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Rugby roundup

Women's Rugby hits the New Year on a high note, while men's sides wobble or fall.

Sheffield Ladies rugby union team reached the half way point in December, top of the league and unbeaten all season. So far chalking up an impressive ten wins from ten matches while managing to concede less than eight points and collecting the extra bonus points in most games, achieving some impressive statistics of; points for 464, points against 73, overall +391. That is 310 points more than any other team in their league.

If this form continues they will be promoted to the North Championship, firmly planting them as Sheffield's highest level senior rugby union side; and just one step away from the top flight Premiership where they would meet the likes of Bath, Wasps, Worcester and Saracens Ladies.

The futures looking bright for Sheffield Ladies rugby as they have started a development squad for new recruits and the Sheffield Swans girls rugby have joined them at Abbeydale Park. This forty strong group of girls bridges the gap from mini rugby to senior ladies, running three age groups U13's, U15's and U18's ensuring a future supply of women players.

The Swans have also recently announced their main shirt sponsor is Guy Salmon Land Rover which adds to their growing list of company supporters including GRI Group, Ecclesall Design & Build, and Digital Micrometers Ltd. Any girls interested in playing rugby with this very friendly bunch, can either just turn up at 6:30pm on Thursday evenings at Abbeydale Park or email info@sheffieldswans.co.uk

The men's rugby in our area is not fairing quite so well as the ladies, with Sheffield 1st XV slipping up on their run



Sheffield Swans show off their new kit - photo by Isabella Briggs.

up to Christmas by losing two games on the trot, dropping them off the top spot in Midlands 3, which they've held most of this season. However the way the results have gone up until December there is every chance they could join Sheffield Tigers in National 2 North next year.

That is supposing Sheffield Tigers can stay in that league. It continues to be a cold, hard season for the Tigers up at Dore Moor, they are in real trouble sitting in the relegation zone with only four wins from sixteen games, leaving them one place and just three points off the very bottom.

Richard Joel

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Feb 18th Tigers v Chester

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Peterborough Lions

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Feb 26th Sheffield Ladies v Carlisle

Mar 11th Tigers v

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**NOW and THEN; Back in the Day;
but what if that Day was Today?**

Sounding Boreds

We didn't call it 'The Annexe' when I attended the Norton Board School on Bradway Road. It was the early 60's; there was nothing to which it could be an annexe, except the school field. Even if we had used the name, I would doubtless have mixed it up in my own mind with Gannex, the type of mackintosh that fashionable Prime Minister's everywhere would be wearing before the decade was out. Harold Wilson wore his to marry the white heat of the technological revolution to his man of the people image (although come to think of it, if he wasn't 'of the people', wouldn't that have made him extra-terrestrial?).

No, to us, it was just 'Skool'. Not even 'The Skool'. Just a strange and wonderful and inviting place where we took our first faltering steps down the

road of synapse connectivity. We certainly had some strange ways of going about it, which puzzled me even then. The teachers commanded attention by dint of standing on a raised dais at the front of class, looking simultaneously at rest but fizzing with potential, not unlike those police vehicles you see parked on raised humps of tarmac at the side of motorways. Despite this, at allotted times in the week, we Tinies all solemnly turned our backs on them, settling into our chairs only when we faced the back wall. We did this so that we could face the radio, a squat brown tortoiseshell affair that was perched beyond the reach of small inquisitive fingers on one of the high window sills.

It was story time, something of a haven for me in the maelstrom of plastecine, drawing, sums and the deeply weird succession of letters known as the 'Alfabet'. It only gradually dawned on me as I listened to the reader's rich and orotund tones, that we really didn't have to gaze at the radio in order to enjoy the story and that it would not have been impolite to carry on doing something else.

On reflection, strange as it may seem, it was our first lesson in the difference between 'listening' and 'hearing'. The first takes a modicum of concentration, while the second is something that happens involuntarily without the need for intervening thought. Of course, modern management now indulges in communication 'upskilling' through 'active listening'. Back then, we just looked at where the noise was coming from like all other expectant animals; heads cocked on one side, a room full of Little Nippers modelling the HMV symbol.

Yet it worked. I can still hear across the years, in my mind at least, the slight but engaging speech impediment caused by the male storyteller's loose jowls (or possibly missing back teeth). The depth and warmth of tone, the matter-of-factness about the delivery and the slight slurring that suggested a particularly good lunch all added to that feeling of expansive ease that comes with a good post prandial tale.

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distraction and allowed the words to go straight in. Not so much the details of the stories themselves but the importance of the sound; the mesmeric quality of the human voice engaged in the purposeful activity of stirring young imagination.

This meta-lesson was reinforced by another habit of the school routine; that of the enforced 'sleep' after the midday meal, arms folded on the desk and head resting on your arms. All the while, inside you, the energy fairly pinged through nerve endings and muscles, begging to be released in another round of being a horse or a motorbike, a game of chase or simply running aimlessly around the playground.

But as we calmly vibrated for those five-minutes-that-seemed-like-hours, we learnt how our other senses could come to the fore simply by stopping long enough to let them through the noise and chatter; hearing the slurp of Mrs Gratrix's arms as they glooped their way through the opaque washing up water in the sink, the creaking of the floor in the hallway/anteroom/corridor that ran down the side of the two classrooms; the soft breathing of my companions, the patter of rain on the windows, the fluttering of my eyelashes brushing against my forearm.

I think of this now as I travel on the train, accompanied by the gentle susurrance of badly fitting ear pieces pouring digital solace into ears that seem endlessly thirsty for the comfort of action, of the act of hearing. I think of the

Not Born Yesterday

A war veteran who was almost scammed out of his entire life savings has added his support to a Sheffield City Council-led campaign to crack down on rogue traders and scammers. Called "Not Born Yesterday", the campaign highlights the collaboration between Sheffield's Trading Standards and Adult Safeguarding services and brings together a network of partners including South Yorkshire Police, Age UK Sheffield and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue.

Sarah Poulson, from Sheffield City Council, said: "Like so many others, he was targeted by people who told him they could cure his arthritis, or his back pain. Sadly the packages that arrived from China and India are completely

worthless and did no such thing".

The "Not Born Yesterday" campaign is delivered through organisations and community groups, using the help of family, friends and neighbours who are best placed to spot the signs of this type of financial abuse and provide an effective and confidential route to refer concerns. It is a sad fact that criminals prey on the most vulnerable. But once we are made aware of people being a victim of rogue traders or scams, we can use all the powers at our disposal to stop it happening again – and to bring these criminals to justice. Sheffield Trading Standards has identified more than 600 residents in Sheffield who are known to be targeted by scam mail. Anyone who has concerns that someone they know may be a victim of scammers or rogue traders should call 03454 040506.

way digital recording can be manipulated to 'remove' soundwaves that the human ear cannot detect, but the absence of which we still sense (think of the 'warmth' of vinyl and you'll get the idea). I think of a Bakelite radio, a voice dripping with Received Pronunciation and I think of really listening.

Noise pollution is a relative proposition; as weeds can be loosely described as plants that have grown 'in the wrong place', so pollution is something in the wrong contextual environment. Yet unless the sound is very loud, our environment is what we make it, what we

choose to concentrate upon as we fill every moment. We hear decibels and noise, but we listen to music and people.

As you read this piece, perhaps like me, you are listening to a voice in your head reading the words aloud. I hope it's a voice you enjoy hearing, even if only internally. I hope it's one that makes you want to carry on listening to everything closely throughout the day, sorting the mental wheat from the aural chaff. It's surprising what you can hear when you put your mind to it.

I learnt that in Skool.

Chris Sheldon

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Has anything happened recently down at the station? Putting it bluntly, not a lot that you'd notice!

We received confirmation that the Inquiry Inspector's report into the Hope Valley Capacity Scheme was received by the Department for Transport on the 15th November, 6 months after the inquiry had concluded in May. The DfT tell us they allow 6 months to consider a report, and that could be more or less depending on the number of other reports they have to consider and any further enquiries that may need to be made.

Work was due to start about May 2017 for completion about September 2019, ready for new services to commence in December 2019. With the best will in the world we can't see those targets being met, and feel it would be reasonable to anticipate a delay of at least 6 months, and more probably a year. It's possible that legal challenges could be made to the findings which could delay things even further.

For our part we're trying to get Network Rail, Northern, Sheffield City Council, SYPT, and other parties together to ensure we get the best possible station built once work starts. Old fashioned heated waiting rooms and toilets don't seem to feature in modern designs, and any hope we might have of incorporating a refreshment facility will be hard to achieve, but we'll be trying.

On the subject of more cover, we may be making limited progress. Paul Barnfield, Area Manager East for Northern, visited the station on 20th January and spent two and a half hours with us. He could see that need very clearly and we discussed the possibility of adding a sympathetic canopy to the existing station building. We hope to get some help from them towards designing



such a feature, but it still remains to be seen who would take aboard the actual implementation and financing of any work. The building belongs to Network Rail, and is leased to the Rajdhani Restaurant. Rajdhani say they have no objection to a canopy but might have if it were to be enclosed.

Regular users of the station will attest that the ticket vending machine is unreliable. We like to pick up internet ordered tickets prior to making a journey. Far too often we arrive at the station to find the machine out of order. Attempts to get Northern to do something about it haven't got anywhere. It was brilliant! When Paul arrived at the station the machine was out of order and in the 15 minutes we were beside the machine three people came to collect tickets and couldn't. Better still, his assistant took all those 15 minutes on the phone before he got through to someone to report it. 2 hours later he'd not heard back as to what was wrong and what was being done to fix it.

We made the point that users shouldn't be the ones telling Northern their machine was out of order. We suggested that modern central monitoring systems should have picked up that the machine had issued no tickets for far longer than it should, and an investigation made. Some faults can be fixed remotely. Northern have outsourced responsibility for managing ticket machines, station facilities and their call centre to Carillion. In their turn Carillion outsource the actual maintenance of machines to a specialist firm. It seems to take far too long to get up and down the chain to resolve a problem.

We pointed out that the help point on the platform did little to inspire confidence when called to report a fault. There is no clear sign anywhere near the

ticket machine to advise what to do when it doesn't work. If possible call 0800 200 60 60 and select option 3. Report the fault and request a fault reference number. If you're on Facebook post the detail on the FoDaTS page so we can all see the latest position. As Chair of FODaTS they have my email address and if I report it I'll get an email to confirm it, and another when it should have been cleared – or passed to that outsourced firm! We're told a new machine may need to be installed to get reliable service.

Two people are now being stationed on the platform for about 3 hours each weekday morning to back up the machine. Passengers have expressed concern that only one has a ticket machine, and that the poor souls have no protection in bad weather and nowhere to take a comfort break. We've asked Northern about that without response. Once again they're outsourced personnel, without Northern uniforms at present.

We hope to get three planters to go on the platform by the spring. They may not be elaborate, but we'll look at that again when the platform has been extended and rebuilt if and when the long awaited redevelopment comes to pass.

Statistics have been compiled over 5 weeks and prove what we all know. Monday – Thursday all car parking spaces are used. On Fridays they may not be, but there are still many cars of station users parked on surrounding roads. The survey also confirmed that disabled parking was very lightly used, with never more than 3 of the 7 places in use at any one time. On many days no spaces were used at all. Whether this will make any difference to our request to narrow the 7 large bays to make 10 standard bays, and replace two of the disabled bays with large bays, remains to be seen. It's a legal requirement at present and applications for variance are difficult, but an effective 5 extra spaces would not come amiss.

Whilst on parking it should be mentioned that there is a potential fine of £50 for anyone not parking in marked bays, parking in a disabled bay without a permit, or using the car park when not having a valid ticket for a train. Some users are going too far by parking on the planted areas. One recently parked on the verge, directly below the sign saying NO PARKING! This may result in enforcement action in future as the car park is monitored by CCTV.

FoDaTS now has its own poster beside the waiting shelter. The frame is the oldest on the station and we had to evict a large colony of hibernating ladybirds before taking possession. Updates on progress should appear there from time to time.

Passenger statistics are now available showing estimated numbers increasing rapidly. 106,000 in 2011/12, 123,000 in 2012/13, 138,000 in 2013/14, 146,000 in 2014/15 and 156,000 in 2015/16. We feel these are underestimates because until very recently many have been unable to pay because the conductor or ticket machine couldn't cope. We predict an

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increase towards 250k by 2025 on current growth trends, reinforced by better revenue collection and more trains when the improvements are completed. This surely points to the need for better facilities on the station.

FoDaTS is slowly gaining new members. We have people with a wide range of useful talents. A retired British Rail freight manager. A founding member of the Great Western Society with their centre at Didcot. A former British Railways timetable for this area. The manager of a company that designs and builds kiosks and shelters for railway stations. At least one person who'd like to provide early morning refreshments on the station. And many more.

If only we could knock heads together and get things done. Trans Pennine Express could fill the 4 gaps of two hours in our service by stopping their trains. It all seems so simple to us, but there are reasons why not. We'll keep plugging away.

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 to post constructive comments, please!

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Wildlife report

Bumblebees and butterflies have seen their numbers plummet after another year of unsettled weather, according to a National Trust study.

The 10th annual wildlife report from the trust said mild winters and bad weather in summer created bad conditions for small plants. But whilst insects suffered, grass growth rose, meaning a good year for livestock farmers.

Nature and wildlife specialist for the Trust, Matthew Oates, said: "2016 comes on top of an unsettled decade, with many species struggling in the face of climate change and more intensive farming practices. "When you do get good weather during the brighter months of the year, it's almost inevitably short-lived and finished with something nasty".

Specific sites have now seen a big change in their wildlife, especially due to the surge in grass growth. Observations at Lytes Cary, in Somerset, showed the number of bumblebees had fallen by 85% on the previous year as wildflowers that attract the bees in field margins were outgrown by grass. But the grass growth meant good hay and silage harvests for tenant farmers on Trust sites and improvements on other sites.

At Purbeck, in Dorset, meadow butterflies also saw a drop in numbers, with volunteers recording a fall in sightings of marbled white numbers by 73% and 23% fewer common blue butterflies.

Other areas saw mixed results for their wildlife.

Grey seals were one species not suffering due to the weather. At Blakeney Point, on the north Norfolk coast, the grey seal population went from 100 pups being born in 2004, to 2,342 born by January this year. The Farne Islands also saw 1,879 pups born in 2016, which was up on last year.

There was also a larger apple crop, especially in the south west, because of the warm autumn and rain late in the season. The extended growing season also saw better conditions for damsons, acorns and hazelnuts.

However, there were falls in the number of field voles, which could lead to problems for barn owls and kestrels who feed on them. And whilst slugs have benefited from the mild and wet weather, gardeners have had to suffer the effects on their plants.

Nature expert Matthew Oates adds: 'In the ten years we've been reviewing wildlife at our places we've noticed pulses of unsettled weather become the norm. We last enjoyed a good summer in 2006. 'Mild winters and periodically wet summers have seen common wasp numbers apparently slump in many parts of the country, along with common 'meadowland' insects like the common blue butterfly. 'This could have a knock on effect on the invertebrates, birds and bats that eat them. And what affects insects today could well affect us tomorrow.'

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Peak District Weirs

Alex Swann would be happier standing in a river with a fishing rod rather than a pick axe, but this year he and his colleagues have swapped tools to help increase wild fish on the River Dove. "When you see a tattoo on a fish you've caught it's a disappointment, because you've tricked a farmed fish that's fat and stupid," said Alex.

Hence the pick axes. Alex and fellow anglers set about two weirs in Dovedale this year in the early stages of a project to return many parts of the river to its natural, free running state as it was before wealthy Victorians began adding farmed fish to the Dove, after anglers had depleted the numbers of wild trout. From 1880 to the 1940s 177 weirs were installed on the Dove, to recreate the 'stew ponds' favoured by trout farmers.

The 'Letting the Dove Flow' project is checking all the River Dove's weirs and from now on aims to select at least six a year to remove, along with naturalising stretches of the river by adding trees and branches into the flow and reducing some built features on the bank.

Naturalising rivers is good for birds, fish, insects and visitors said Tim Jacklin. "It's kind of returning the river to how it was before the Victorians interfered with it."

The partnership project on the Dove includes fishing clubs, farmers, Natural England, the National Trust (who own Dovedale), the Peak District National Park and the Trent Rivers Trust. The project will retain historical weirs, and other Peak District rivers like the Derwent feature many old industrial weirs which cannot be removed, although adding trees and wood and fish passes can still help improve the rivers for wildlife.

The weir builders of 100 years ago



Weir removal on Peak District rivers: Alex Swann doing some final work on one of the breached weirs as Tim Jacklin tries a spot of fishing in the Dove

didn't realise they'd be reducing wildlife and wild fish for future generations. "To me, the weirs are like lots of kids going a bit mad when they try to dam a river," said Julie Wozniczka of the Trent Rivers Trust. "But the old pictures show that a lot of the weirs were actually built on existing waterfalls, so what we're doing now is restoring those waterfalls."

A natural trout river has many habitats, with variations in flow and depth caused naturally by rocks, trees and branches, with clearer water and a gravelly river bed where insect food for fish and birds can thrive.



Theia Swann (6) looking at fish and larvae with Julie Wozniczka of the Trent Rivers Trust

Carve yourself a skill

Crafty courses are back by popular demand and now available to book for folk looking for a creative new year's resolution.

Branch out and try your hand at one of the many nature based crafts at the Ecclesall Woodland Discovery Centre. From Woodland Coppicing to writing with fire (pyrography), professional experts are offering a new range of classes from February.

New activities in 2017 include bowl and kuksa carving, a leather axe and knife making course, and blacksmithing.

For information about the courses, prices, and to book a place <http://www.ecclesallwoodcraftcourses.co.uk/>

Culling badgers

Between 2012 and 2014, the tax payer spent £16.8 million on the culling of 2,476 badgers. This is nearly four times more expensive than Defra anticipated and is a cost per dead badger of £6,800. Of this figure, more than £4.9 million was spent on policing costs – equivalent to the annual salary costs of more than 120 police officers over a two-year period.

5,000 badgers have been vaccinated in Wales in four years – and all for the price of two weeks of badger culling in England. It costs £293 per badger vaccinated in the Wildlife Trusts' vaccination programmes. That's a difference of £6,482 per badger culled and badger vaccinated.

Financial efficiency is not the only benefit of vaccinating badgers over culling them. There is evidence to suggest that vaccination of adult badgers reduces the likelihood of infection in cubs. Also, unlike the disruption of culling and its associated increased risk of TB infection of cattle, there is no significant perturbation following badger vaccination programmes."

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Points to Ponder:

Life is sexually transmitted.

Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

In the 60's, people took drugs to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take antidepressants to make it normal.

...and, as someone recently said to me: Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last that long.

Come Bowling at Millhouses

Spring is a time eagerly awaited by the members of Millhouses Park Bowling Club, the start of the new bowling season begins in April. Bowls from the previous season have been carefully stored, and like the many plants and wildlife, their hibernation will soon end. Bowls will be carefully polished in the hope they will speed the greens even better than they did the previous season.

Millhouses Park is carefully maintained by a dedicated team of council employees together with Friends of Millhouses Park, and is home to two splendid bowling greens. The Bowling greens are set in a beautiful location, nestling in the Sheaf Valley with the river flowing alongside and framed by the steep green banks of Hutcliffe Wood. The occasional glimpse of an inter-city rumbling along the tracks only enhances the peace and tranquillity of the setting.

At this time of year the parks are at their best. New buds are on the trees, flowers begin to blossom and the freshly cut bowling greens give off their distinctive aroma.

This season Millhouses Park Bowling Club is aiming to encourage more people to be aware of the game and to come and have a go. To that end an Open day is being held on Sunday 23rd April 10.30am to 3.30pm. Bowling is suitable for all ages. Currently children from eight years old to veterans in their

nineties still enjoy the sport.

Bowling is a skilful sport and at the open day you will be introduced to the game by trained coaches. There will also be an opportunity to take part in some family-friendly fun games.

All the equipment will be provided, but please bring FLAT SHOES to wear on the green. Should you be interested in pursuing the sport a number of follow up sessions will be available. Free of charge.

MPBC (Millhouses Park Bowling Club) was formed over 90 years ago. In the 1960s it incorporated Abbeydale Bowling Club which used to meet at the Beauchief Hotel. More recently we were delighted to welcome members of Greenoak Bowling club who joined us following the closure of their green in Totley.

Many readers will know local personalities who are members of MPBC. These include Robert Jackson, Sports Presenter at Radio Sheffield in the 80s and 90s and inventor of "Praise or Grumble". Robert has played bowls for over 50 years and is also the Club President.

In fact you never know who you might meet on the bowling greens of Millhouses Park. Not long ago Jessica Ennis-Hill (Now Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill) made her bowling debut here while being filmed as a mystery guest on the BBC Question of Sport programme.

Bowling is a great way to enjoy the outdoors. It provides you with gentle exercise, lots of fresh air and a chance to

make new friends. So if giving it a go is beginning to make you feel *green* with envy, why not *roll* up to our open day on Sunday 23rd April 10.30am to 3.30pm. Please remember FLAT SHOES.

*Remember there is no age limit and the sessions are free.

** The greens can be accessed by turning right upon entry to the park via the Dobcroft Road entrance.

***In the event of postponement due to bad weather or for further information telephone Peter England 235 1496 or email peter.england@blueyonder.co.uk

Looking forward to seeing you around the greens

John Collier

Fundraising ride

A former cancer sufferer and his twin sons from Dronfield recently cycled 2155 miles through 7 countries and across some of Europe's toughest terrain - raising £670 for the NGS Macmillan Unit Appeal in Chesterfield.

Stephen Travers, 57, completed his cancer treatment 6 years ago but decided to get active in order to help Macmillan's Chesterfield Appeal, and the ward which saved his life. Son Joe undertook the testing journey on behalf of Teenage Cancer trust in memory of his friend who had passed away a year earlier - he raised £705. Sam was raising money and awareness for the mental health charity Mind and raised £1185.

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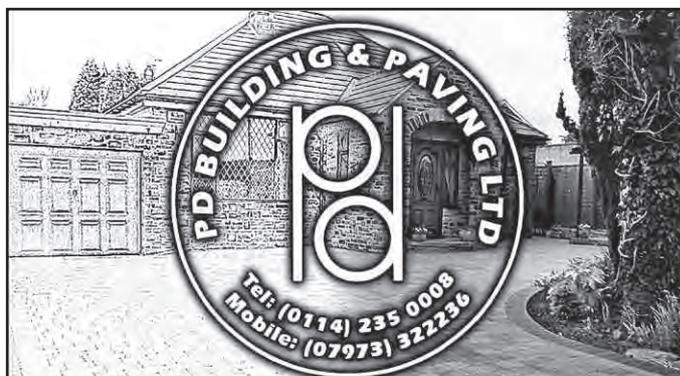
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Mar 4th. Annual Quiz Night

Mar 5th. March Ramble

Mar 18th. Victorian Afternoon Tea

Apr 2nd. April Ramble

Apr 26th. Annual General Meeting

May 7th. May Ramble

Badminton 8.30pm Bradway Scout

Centre Thursdays. John Child 237 6577

Walks: Peter Smithson 236 9876

Social Secretary Jean Hunter 236 4922.

Totley History Group

Feb 22nd. From Spital Street Slum to Stainless Steel and Beyond: The Life and Work of Harry Brearley. Talk by Robin Fielder,

Mar 22nd. Open meeting sharing memories of local shops.

Meetings 7.30pm at Totley Library.

www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

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.

Mar 7th. A.G.M. Followed by talk entitled 'Colorado and Canyonlands of the USA, presented by Michael Feather. Club Members only.

April 4th. Trust me I'm your Plague Doctor - Talk by David Bell

May 2nd. Some interesting local personalities - Talk by Ann Beedham

More information from Stuart Sawyer. Tel. 236 9830

Totley (M) Townswomen's Guild

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

Feb 21st. Railway rambles - the Hope Valley Line. Talk by Stephen Gay

Mar 21st. AGM

Apr 18th. Sheffield Castle. Talk by Loyd Powell

May 16th. Curiosities of the Peak District. Talk by Ellen Outram

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.

Dore Gibert & Sullivan Society

April 5th to 8th. The Mikado at 7:30pm and Saturday at 2:30pm, The Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street Sheffield S1 2LG. Tickets £13 adults, £6 children, ring Judith on 0114 250 7155.

Totley Probus Club

We are a social club for retired and semiretired gentlemen and meet at Totley Rise Methodist Church for 2 hours each second and fourth Wednesday each month. We have guest speakers who give talks on a variety of subjects and also have occasional lunches and days out.

Feb 22nd - "That's A good Idea" - Lets Patent it. Speaker Michael Thacker

Mar 8th - It Isn't like That Anymore. Speaker Dr. Murray Wilson

Mar 22nd - Pox, Puss, & Privies in Victorian Sheffield. Speaker Mrs. Suzanne Bingham

Apr 12th - Chasing Million Eyres. Speaker Mrs. Jackie Depelle

Apr 26th - Robert Mosley & Portland Works. Speaker Mrs. Anna DeLange

May 10th - The World Water Speed Record. Speake. Nigel Macknight

May 24th - Prehistoric England. Speaker Pat McLaughlin

If you are interested in joining why not visit us when you would be made most welcome. For further information telephone John Appleton 0114 236 6106.

John Wade Singers

May 20th. Musical Kaleidoscope, 7.30pm at Millhouses Methodist Church Millhouses Lane, S7 2HA. Conductor Jonathan Lazell. Accompanist Kristin Markay. Tickets £9. Concessions £7. Children free. Proceeds to Whirlow Hall Farm. Information - Jenny Parker 236 0798 or Helen Hancock 235 1433

Friends of the Botanical Gardens

Apr 30th. Spring Plant Sale Gardens Greenhouse 11am - 3pm

June 25th. Special Plant Sale Gardens Greenhouse 2 - 4pm

Volunteers working days continue on Wednesdays throughout the year

Sheffield Bach Choir

Mar 4th. Mendelssohn - Elijah 7.30 Harrogate Grammar School Chamber Choir, National Festival Orchestra with conductor Dr Simon Lindley. Sheffield Cathedral, Church Street.

Apr. 8th. Come sing Messiah! in honour

of the work's 275th anniversary with Sellers All-Star Brass Director: Phillip McCann. Conductor Dr Simon Lindley at Sheffield Cathedral, Church Street 7pm. Tickets in advance (see below) or at the Cathedral on the night

Tickets from the Bach Choir Website or email to www.sheffieldbachchoir.org.uk

Friends of Sheffield Manor Lodge:

Mar 11th. The Origins of the Tudor Rose. Talk by Dr Jonathan Foyle

May 13th. The Staffordshire Hoard. Talk by Dr Kevin Leahy FSA MCIfA

July 15th. The Politics of Henry VIII. Talk by Dr David Starkey

All events are held at 2.30pm in the Annexe Room at the Central United Reformed Church, 60 Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB. Tickets are £8 for Members and £10 for non-Members (except for the David Starkey talk).

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Friends of Gillfield Wood

Feb 19th. Practical Conservation Morning with Sheffield Ranger Services.

Mar 19th. Practical Conservation Morning with Sheffield Ranger Services.

Mar 20th. Wildlife of a City Garden. Talk by Penny Philcox. 7pm at Totley Library.

Apr 24th. AGM followed by an update by Prof. Ian Rotherham and co-workers on progress being made on the Phase 2 surveys.

Apr 30th. Practical Conservation Morning with Sheffield Ranger Services.

May 1st. Water Voles of Derbyshire, an illustrated talk by Christine Gregory

For Practical Conservation sessions meet 10am at the bus terminus, Baslow Road, Totley. Please check website at www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com - for any late changes.

Friends of Bishops House

Feb 18. Music by Owl Light Trio. Doors 7:30 for 8pm start. Tickets £7

Feb 24th. Music by Howlaround 7.30pm Tickets £5

Apr 26th. Archaeology in Orkney. Talk by Ken Dash 7.30pm

May 8th. The Romans at Whirlow and the forgotten frontier. Talk by Clive Waddington. 7.30pm.

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Totley Rise Methodist Church

Community Activities

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Tuesday Coffee Morning

Held in the Coffee Lounge from 10am to 12 noon.

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Pushchair Club

For Mums, Dads, Grandparents and carers to come and chat while the children (0-5 years) play. It runs every Thursday 1.30pm – 3pm in the Totley Rise Methodist Church Centre. Contact Rachel on 07912 352543 or Ann on 0114 236 2409 for more information.

Messy Church

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If you are interested then contact Graham Jepson on 0114 268 6258 or at g.jepson267@btinternet.com

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The Flying Gardeners

The Flying Gardeners are returning to Beauchief Gardens on Wednesday 29 March, from 10 am to 12 noon.

We shall be weeding, pruning and litter-picking, under the supervision of a council ranger who provides all tools and equipment.

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The new service is run by national youth homelessness charity Depaul UK in partnership with Sheffield City Council. The Depaul Group was formed in 1989 by Cardinal Basil Hulme in response to the growing number of homeless people on the streets of London. The charity also provides the hugely successful Nightstop South Yorkshire service in Sheffield, through which local volunteers to provide emergency accommodation for young people in their own homes.

Though Supported Lodgings in a new service for Sheffield, it runs successfully in many other locations around the UK, including nearby in York.

Nightstop Manager Amy Smith said: "The young people using Supported Lodgings don't just need a roof over their heads, they also need a stable and secure home environment in which they are supported to mature and develop.

It's a chance for members of the local community to make a tangible difference in the life of a young person facing homelessness."

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