

# Bradway Bugle

*In and around Bradway, Greenhill, Dore & Totley*

## Changing Lives:

### 200 Years of People and Protest in Sheffield

The passing of the Representation of the People Act on 6 February 1918 was a major electoral reform which extended voting rights to 8.5 million women across the UK. The Act was the result of a long struggle for the suffrage movement and the beginnings of British democracy as we know it today.

To mark the 100th anniversary of this milestone in the development of our electoral system, a new exhibition 'Changing Lives: 200 Years of People and Protest in Sheffield' celebrates how people in our city have stood up for what they believe in over the past two centuries.

Having opened at Weston Park Museum on the anniversary of the Representation of the People Act, Changing Lives explores the city's remarkable history of protest and activism. From the Radical Press in the late 1700s right up to causes championed in the city today, the exhibition chronicles Sheffield's story of protest through the different approaches campaigners have employed in fighting for their cause.

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## Bank Closures

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group is closing hundreds of branches across the country including 197 NatWest banks. In our area, these are the Nat West branches which will close: Stocksbridge, Broomhall, Firth Park, Hillsborough, Millhouses and Woodseats. They will all close between May 21st and June 25th.

The only remaining branches in the city will be: Sheffield City Centre, 42 High Street; Hunter's Bar, 669 Ecclesall Road; Attercliffe Common, 145 Attercliffe Common, S9 2XB.

NatWest has a national agreement with the Post Office to provide customers with a range of banking services, including paying money in, taking money out and checking balances. Businesses customers can also get coinage.

The bank, still 72% owned by the taxpayer, is the third to announce branch closures and job cuts in recent weeks. An RBS spokesman said the decision came because a growing number of customers are now using online banking rather than high street branches.

Lloyds will be closing their Banner Cross and Broomhall branches.



*Twentywell Christmas: Five smiling faces from the girls at Love & Best Wishes. The event included the unique Bradway outdoor December dog show. Funds raised were donated to Sheffield Children's Hospital. More details on page 14.*

## Weather in Bradway 2017

The most notable feature of the weather of 2017 was the dominance of westerly winds across the British Isles. As a result there were few remarkable weather events and average temperatures for the year were slightly above the longer term average; something that has become the norm in these days of global warming.

In Sheffield at the Museum where weather observations have been taken since 1883, the average temperature for the year was 10.8°C which is 0.8°C above the average for the period 1981-2010. Inevitably this average figure hid some extremes with a mild winter, a warm spring and to a lesser extent autumn, with summer being disappointingly cool though not particularly wet.

Looking at the individual months and including figures observed in Bradway, January started with westerlies but with a strong influence of high pressure. As a result the month was dry with only 47%

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## Abseil for Cavendish!

Take on the Monsal Head Viaduct 100ft abseil for Cavendish Cancer Care with 'Bold Adventures'. Just £15 to take on the challenge, plus sponsorship.

Saturday 10th March, pick your time slot on registration! For more information contact Chloe on 0114 275 4070.

## Revised Transport Strategy

Sheffield City Region (SCR) launched a 12-week consultation on Mon 8 January 2018, which asks people who live or work in Sheffield City Region to give their views on the refreshed Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy. This sets out the transport priorities for our City Region up to 2040.

The Transport Strategy aims to improve the lives of residents by making it easier for large numbers of people, particularly those in low income areas, to get around quickly and easily, as well as making the best use of emerging technologies to improve air quality.

Details of the consultation will be on display at transport Interchanges and a number of community venues throughout the region.

The easiest way to take part is by going on the internet and visiting [sheffieldcityregion.org.uk/transport-strategy-consultation](http://sheffieldcityregion.org.uk/transport-strategy-consultation). Here you can view the draft and complete the on-line survey. Alternatively, you can take part via e-mail or in writing.

For further information please contact Sheffield City region via:- email at [TransportStrategy@sheffieldcityregion.org.uk](mailto:TransportStrategy@sheffieldcityregion.org.uk). Or by post at Transport Strategy Consultation, 11 Broad Street West, Sheffield, S1 2BQ.

Please take part in the consultation and let SCR know what you think of their Transport Strategy.

## Editorial

It seems we are in for another round of bank closures justified by the claim that a growing number of customers are now using online banking, rather than high street branches. Strange then that the Natwest branch at Millhouses is always busy, which makes one suspect it is more the case that the banks want us to move online to save them staff costs.

Yet there are a significant number of people who don't use the internet or don't trust online banking. Fine to suggest we use the post office instead, but they are also under threat. I also remember that not long ago it was the banks wanting to do away with cheques. Seems service and banking don't fit together.

A question mark still hangs over the future of the shop unit that was the Select Convenience store. Good news thought that Makinson's has found a new owner and maybe they will expand their range to include some grocery items. With the travel agents refurbished let's hope we can see a renaissance of the Twentywell shops this year.

Elsewhere in S17 the battle to save street trees continues. I mention it because it will be interesting to see if the people who elected our current council decide to look elsewhere for more communicative and enlightened councillors in future. No guessing on that.

Looking at the wide range of articles in this issue I hope we will have found something of interest for nearly everyone. Once again I repeat that a magazine is only as good as its readers. We need to hear what you want us to cover. And please tell our advertisers if you have seen their adverts in our pages. We depend completely on the revenue from advertising to continue.

*John Baker, Editor*

### **BRADWAY COMMUNITY HALL**

(Next to the Dore and Totley Golf Club)

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For information about the Hall's facilities and availability, or to make a booking

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## PUBLISHING DEADLINES

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

Please forward items for the May issue to the address on this page by **Friday 20 April**

## Abbeydale Park Bowling Club

The Club will be holding open mornings on Saturday 7th and Saturday 14th April 2018 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 and practice sessions organised.

Crown green bowling is an outdoor activity which provides an opportunity to meet people and forge new friendships. Members of the Bowling Club are automatically enrolled as members of Abbeydale Sports Club and can enjoy the facilities provided by the Pavilion.

Our Bowls Club is primarily a social bowling club with informal sessions running each day in the morning, afternoon and evening.

Playing groups are made up by members as they arrive. 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.

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.

Please come and join us at our Open Days, equipped with suitable footwear (flat with no heels), where you will be warmly welcomed. All other equipment can be provided. We have a selection of bowls from which you can choose to borrow for play.

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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## Sheffield Together 2018

The Sheffield Together event is now in its 5th 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 they want to raise even more, so that they can help even more people.

Cavendish Cancer Care is a local Sheffield charity dedicated to improving the quality of life for people living with cancer in South Yorkshire, North Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. They believe no one should face cancer alone, so provide emotional support through counselling and complementary therapies to the patient, their carer and their children. Their services are provided free of charge and they rely on the donations from supporters and help from volunteers to continue their work.

Cavendish Cancer Care is based on Wilkinson Street, Sheffield, S10 2GB and during the Christmas break has moved across the street into larger premises, in order to expand its' services.

This year the run will be taking place on Sunday 4th March from 11am - 2pm.

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!

Visit <http://cavcare.org.uk/> or telephone 0114 2784600

## Life's mysteries:

*Why do Pizzas come in square boxes, are made as circles and eaten as triangles ?*

## Editorial & Advertising

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## Looking for new activities

Age UK Sheffield is setting up a range of new initiatives targeted at older people in the Dore & Totley area. These are open to people from Bradway if interested.

**Sporting Memories.** Do you have a passion for sport you'd like to share? Join in celebrating a love of all sports based around the yearly sporting calendar. Share memories and memorabilia, enjoy a sport related quiz, get reduced price offers, free tickets to sporting events and even enjoy talks from prominent members of the sporting world. Most importantly enjoy good company and conversation in a relaxed and fun environment. This group is hosted at Totley Library/CRIC every second Thursday between 10am and 12pm.

**Green Oak Park Eco Clean Up.** Help to improve the park for all the residents to enjoy by getting involved in litter picking, Graffiti clean up, small community garden, rejuvenation of the bowling green or just providing ideas as to what you would like the park to be used for. A meeting will take place in March for all interested parties

**Vocal Generation.** A vocal group of different generations of singers coming together to create a unique sound and enjoy a once in a lifetime experience at the world renowned Yellow Arch Studio's, home of the Arctic Monkeys. A six month short term project resulting in the production of a recorded song at the studios. Available to anyone over 50 and

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under 21. A meeting will take place in March for all interested parties.

**Life Skills swap workshops.** Do you have a life skill you could share with others such as cooking cleaning, basic DIY, sewing and repair, care giving, IT and social media or garden maintenance. Come and learn something for yourself whilst helping others to learn something new in a relaxed and fun environment. Dates will be arranged for workshops which cater for a particular activity

**Target Fitness Classes.** Choose one or all three of our exercise classes to target Strength, Balance and Flexibility. Each session comes with free tea and coffee after each class. All classes are taught by a professional instructor.

Dates and times will be finalised if sufficient interest is shown. Please contact Joanna Glaves on 01142850450 or you can email her at joanna.glaves@ageuksheffield.org.uk. Alternatively all expression of interest sheets are held behind the desk at Totley Library/CRIC next to our board.

## Walking for health

Getting active can be difficult.

If you're struggling to walk as much as you'd like, our short group walks are an easy, sociable way to get your steps up and feel great. We are here to help.

We are England's largest network of health walk schemes, helping people across the country lead a more active lifestyle. Our group walks are led by friendly, specially trained volunteers who are on hand to provide encouragement and support, and make sure no one gets left behind.

Our walks are short and over easy terrain, and are open to everyone but are especially aimed at those who are least active.

If you have problems with your health, or if you've had them in the past, it can be hard to stay active. Walking could make all the difference. It's a low impact exercise, so it's easy for you to get involved - even if you're not feeling your best. In fact, walking could help you feel great again!

Joining one of our walks with a trained walk leader could help you feel more confident about taking those first steps to a more active lifestyle. And for people with certain health conditions, there's some helpful information too:

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In addition to the café, we also have a Health Improvement Team, funded by the People Keeping Well Partnership, that runs a variety of activities in the area. In particular we are looking to encourage residents from S8 and S17 to come along to our knit and natter group and Carers' group.

Knit and natter group happens in the Terminus Upper rooms, just above the café, 10am to 12pm every Monday. The atmosphere is quiet, calm and relaxing. Hot drinks and toast or crumpets are provided. Why not come along and give it a try? Whether you are a beginner or have been knitting for years you will be made very welcome. We have a supply of wool, patterns and knitting needles for those who need it or you can bring your own knitting or needlecraft project. Those who come along find pleasure in the company of others and feel their mood is lifted by getting out of the house and meeting people.

The Carers' group is for anyone who is a carer for a relative or friend or has been a carer in the past. All ages are welcome. This group is a lifeline for many carers who find themselves quite isolated and have little support. Carers can come to the group and meet others who are going through similar situations. They find comfort in the fact they are not alone and someone else understands what they are going through.

An activity is often provided alongside chatting and supporting each other. This can be something like book folding, mindfulness colouring books, or sewing. We also occasionally invite guest speakers to come along and do a presentation on a relevant topic. The group happens on the second Tuesday of every month in the café 10.30 to 12pm.

We also have many volunteer



**Changing faces** After some 40 years and three generations run by Dorothy, son Ian and his son Tom, serving the community of Bradway with their weekly greengroceries, plants, and flowers, Makinsons is changing hands.

Cheryl and Mark of Hartleys Fruit Cabin and Farm Shop in Dore village will be taking over the business. Along with family members Ian and Deborah Hartley, they will be reopening the shop after a refit in mid to late February.

Ian and Mark are themselves 6th generation greengrocers with roots tracing back to the 1840s in the trade. Cheryl and Mark opened Hartleys Fruit Cabin in Dore village in April 2014. More recently this has become a modern farm shop stocking in addition to fruit and vegetable, a wide range of groceries, bread, cakes, meat, cheese, nuts, herbs & spices and much more. So much so that they have been likened several times locally to Fortnum and Mason or nicknamed 'little Harrods'.

This is good news and means one of the key shops on the Twentywell parade has a sound future.

opportunities available. Maybe you have a bit of spare time and would like to gain confidence and meet new people?

You can find details of our activities on <https://www.terminusinitiative.org/> and Facebook page: <https://engb.facebook.com/TheTerminusInitiative/> You can also contact Pam or Joy for more information on: 0114 2378724

## Around Beauchief Abbey

Out and about this Spring around Beauchief Abbey.

Living in Bradway and Beauchief we are fortunate to be surrounded by the ancient woodlands and the glorious views towards the peak district. This spring try and get out and experience nature at its best, coming back to life after the winter months.

The name Beauchief comes from the Norman for 'beautiful headland' and looking at the surroundings of the Abbey you can understand why it was named Beauchief. Also during April and May

the Bluebells in Parkbank and Lady's Spring woods provide glorious carpets of scented colour.

Beauchief Abbey Congregation would like to say a big thank you to Beauchief Environment Group Volunteers (BEG) who do a great job undertaking practical conservation tasks and habitat management in the Beauchief and Bradway area. BEG also volunteer at the Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet.

Over recent weeks BEG's Monday group have spent several sessions clearing a new path on the Nature Park and planted some trees. Also over the last few months work has been completed on the stile on Bradway Road, clearing rubbish around Little Bank Wood (including returning 170 golf balls to the Driving Range), repairing dry stone walling around the Abbey, path maintenance and clearing brambles and other invasive species!

BEG's next Saturday working morning is 7th April for the annual Spring Clean Litter Pick. Meet at the Barns near the Abbey at 9.30am. All ages welcome, refreshments provided.

Sheffield Environment weeks start on 28th April – 10th June 2018. BEG's Environment Event this year will be a 2 hour early evening walk on 10th May 2018 at 6.30pm around the Nature Park and adjacent Bluebell woods. Meet at Beauchief Abbey, good footwear recommended, dogs on lead only please. There will be an opportunity to see inside the Abbey afterwards. For more information visit [beauchief-environmentgroup.co.uk](http://beauchief-environmentgroup.co.uk).

**Liz Jaques, Beauchief Abbey** (Beauchief Abbey is open every Sunday. For services and events at Lent & Easter see the advert on the facing page. [www.beauchiefabbey.org.uk](http://www.beauchiefabbey.org.uk)).



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only 2cm falling on the 13th. However, freezing fog on the 26th kept temperatures down to a maximum of only 1.2°C. Winds reached 37 knots (43 mph) on the 11th as our only major gale of the month. February continued with a generally dull and mild month but high pressure was less in evidence and it was generally unsettled.

Storm Dora brought winds of 43 knots (50 mph) to Bradway on the 23rd after a brief spell of easterlies which produced a little snow and cold temperatures. Despite its unsettled nature the month didn't live up to its name of "filldyke" and precipitation amounts were close to average.

Climatologically March is part of spring and it continued the fairly average temperatures of late winter. However things warmed up markedly towards the end of the month with 16.9°C on the 30th and only dropping to 11.1°C that night. This was the warmest March night since records began at the Museum (12.4°C on the 31st). This weather sequence continued into April though high pressure began to dominate resulting in a very dry month with only 17 mm falling

As temperatures cooled towards the end of the month, frosts occurred (-0.8°C on the 25th) and even a little snow and hail (white over at 4 pm on the 25th) which was not good news for gardeners and their frost sensitive plants.

Fortunately May continued the general warmth and turned out to be the warmest for 25 years at the Museum. On the 25th

26.3°C was recorded in Bradway and between the 22nd and 27th daytime temperatures were consistently above 20°C. The month started with 13 days without rain but a wet period in the middle of the month took the monthly total to an average level so the vegetation didn't start suffering from drought.

June starts the official summer and this proved to be another summer-like month after a cool and wet start. However things soon improved and between the 14th and 22nd temperatures were in the 20's reaching 29.2°C on the 19th. In contrast the 28th proved a damp squib with a maximum temperature of 11.9°C and rain all day totaling 30 mm.

Earlier in the month (5th/6th), a similar low pressure system had given winds of 27 knots (31 mph) (unusual for the time of year) and a two day total rainfall of 35 mm. Overall a good month for growing conditions.

And that was the summer! By July temperatures fell to more average values and rainfall was well above average. One day stood out with 26.4°C on the 6th and that was about it. This inclement weather continued into August which was another disappointing month with temperatures below average again (-1.0°C for maximum temperatures) and another washout on the 8th with 32.6 mm. Fortunately things improved towards the Bank Holiday ending to the month with no rain for the last nine days and temperatures getting into the 20's.

As the season changed, the weather didn't with a continuation of rather cool

and wet weather. Only one day reached 20°C (4th) and only 8 days were rainless with a monthly total of 75 mm - slightly above average. October maintained the reputation for weather variability with some warm days (19.4°C on the 14th) and nights (13.2°C on the 14th) but also some cold ones (2.1°C on the 30th after a maximum of only 8.6°C). The remains of Hurricane Ophelia gave us some strong winds on the 16th (30 knots, 34 mph) which intensified the leaf fall for the autumn season.

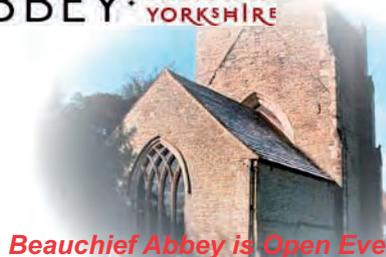
November was exceptionally dry with only about half the expected rainfall (49.4mm) and two very warm nights on the 21st and 22nd with minima of 10.4 and 11.9 on the 21st and 22nd respectively. However this was the end of the warmth as temperatures plummeted and we even had a few snow flurries. By the 30th, only 2.4°C was reached.

The year concluded with an average December as a result of both cold and warm periods. During the cold spells, some significant snowfalls occurred on several days but not amounting to any great depth to affect traffic flow too much, at least on the main roads. -3.7°C on the 12th was the lowest recorded in Bradway but lower temperatures in the Sheaf Valley would have been likely.

Overall a drier than average year with only 82% of average precipitation at the Museum but it fell on more days than average (198 days with rain). As some consolation sunshine totals were a little above average (105%).

Peter Smithson

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**May**

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15th April, 20th May

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29th March 7pm  
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30th March 2pm

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## Memories of Mary and Arnold of Hall Farm

Hall Farm at Tinker's Corner, one of the oldest properties in Bradway with some of the buildings dating back to at least the 17th century, was owned by successive generations of the Vickers family for more than 100 years. Charles Herbert Vickers, Mary's father, died in 1962 and when her mother Grace died in 1968 the farm passed to Mary. Arnold Ryals was Mary's boyfriend. They met when Arnold lived with his parents Ernest and Nellie Ryals at Mason Farm on Totley Lane.

Mary and Arnold were supposedly refused permission to marry due to some dispute between the two families many years earlier, but the pair of them nevertheless remained committed to one another all their lives, with Arnold eventually moving into Hall Farm with Mary after Grace died. Interestingly, Arnold's parents and Mary and her parents are buried side by side in Holmesfield churchyard.

My wife and I became neighbours of Mary and Arnold in 1966, and got to know them well. We also met Grace a number of times in the few months between our arrival and her death. We'd go and purchase eggs from the farm, and like her other male customers she'd call me "mister".

But 1966 wasn't my first encounter with Arnold. About 10 years earlier, in the mid-1950s when I was about 12 years old, my father bought a huge Humber Super Snipe motor car (reg. PUA 467). His driving skills left much to be desired, and the only driving licence he ever held was a provisional one. I don't suppose his insurance policy would have been valid

either, as he was never accompanied by a "qualified supervisor" nor did he use L-plates, regarding both as an affront to his ability!

We had many hair-raising experiences in the car before he realised the error of



*Bradway Hall Farm before rebuilding and the barns on the left being made into housing 1988 Picture Tony Smith*

his ways and got rid of it. One of these involved Arnold. We'd been out for a ride into Derbyshire one day, and were coming back past Tinker's Corner to get to Westwick Crescent where we lived. Arnold was driving the cows back to the farmyard at the time and was standing in the middle of the road to direct the cattle through the farm gate, obliging the traffic to give way. With dad failing to apply the hand break and not being very accomplished at holding the car on the clutch on the slight uphill gradient, the car moved slowly forwards and nudged Arnold in the backside! A few harsh words were

exchanged before we continued on our way!

Another brush with Arnold was to occur a few years later when I was a member of the Youth Club at St Peters Church. We had just set off on a hike into Derbyshire organised by another member, Chris Fawcett, who lived on Oxclose Avenue. Our route took us along Totley Lane. Now, this was well before the lower part of the Lane had been cleared by a group of local volunteers, and having reached the gate at the end of the initial stretch of the track, we proceeded through it and into the field beyond.

We'd not gone very far before Arnold appeared and ordered us off "his land". Chris insisted that we were following a public footpath and refused to budge. A stand-off ensued that resulted in the police being called to escort us back the way we'd come! All of this could have been avoided if Arnold had pointed out that the path to Totley actually diverted off to the right of the field gate, although in truth it was probably well-nigh impassable at that time.

Whether or not Arnold ever realised the minor and wholly innocent part I'd played in these two altercations I don't know, but if so it certainly had no effect on our future friendship.

On one occasion he mentioned that part of the floor in the cow shed could do with re-laying. As it happened, I was planning to install a new edging down the side of my drive at the time, so we came to an arrangement whereby he paid for a delivery of sufficient ready-mixed concrete to do both jobs, and I did the work. On another occasion, we used his tractor and dray to transport a heap of excavated material from a job I'd been doing at home across to Totley Lane where we used it to fill potholes!

My wife also used to help out at the farm from time to time, notably when Mary was out of action for several weeks after a serious fall. She became quite adept at controlling the animals, but hated

venturing into the hen house to collect the eggs because they invariably attacked her! Sometimes, when time allowed, she and Mary would go out together on coach



*Bradway Hall Farmhouse 1987 Picture Tony Smith*

trips to visit the gardens of stately homes.

Seeing Arnold bringing the cows back from the pastures along Totley Lane to the farmyard for milking was of course a daily occurrence, and a lovely reminder of how close we lived to the countryside.

I've mentioned that we frequently called in to buy eggs. In addition, we'd go across for a glass of sherry on Christmas morning, and latterly both Mary and Arnold and some of the other neighbours would come around to our house for a few hours on New Year's Eve. On such occasions, they'd meet our parents, but if Arnold recognised his abuser from 20-25 years earlier, he never mentioned it!

Arnold died in 1985 aged 71, and Mary just two years later aged 69. It's hard to believe this was over 30 years ago.

*Peter Stubbs*

*Ed. I am sure there are lots of cherished memories of Bradway and it's inhabitants from years gone by. Sadly unless these are written down they will eventually be lost for ever. So, please get writing!*



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## Looking back

### *The Plumage League*

England - the end of the 1800s. They were called aigrettes: ladies' hats decked out with bird feathers, particularly those of herons. The ladies loved them and they sold like hot cakes. They were the absolute height of fashion and a much-appreciated gift during the festive season. However, to obtain enough feathers to satisfy the growing demand it was necessary to kill ever more birds.

The result was a veritable massacre of herons, egrets and birds of paradise, in particular in Asia. In 1800, a single business in central London placed orders for 6,000 feathers of various birds of paradise, 40,000 hummingbird feathers and 360,000 feathers of various species from the East Indies.

The first protests were raised by ordinary people and by the scientific community, thanks to growing pro-animal feeling and to growing awareness of the disastrous repercussions of this fashion in ladies' hats on wildlife.

And so, in 1889, in Manchester, a lady named Emily Williamson founded the Plumage League, a small association with a gigantic task: to put an end to this fashion in hats and so end the massacre. In other words, to change a very widespread custom. Soon Williamson was joined by Eliza Phillips, who had herself founded the Fur and Feather League. It was from this union that the RSPB was born, a society that attracted ornithologists, scientists and English



*Classic ladies' hat with bird feathers*

aristocrats - among them the then Duke of Portland - as members.

A further 30 years of struggle, of failed initiatives and of frustrations were required. And yet, on 1 April 1921, Emily Williamson's objectives were met: the British parliament passed a law forbidding the importation of bird plumage, and the fashion for hats decked out with Aigrettes, finally, had had its day.

*Extract from the English magazine of LIPU-UK, fighting for the conservation of birds in Italy, through which many of our migrating birds fly. www.lipu-uk.org*

*continued from page 1 ...*

Changing Lives highlights both historical and contemporary examples of non-violent direct action and its impact on driving change. The tradition of trespass walks is explored through objects including the walking boots of GHB Ward, founder of the Sheffield Clarion Ramblers and activist for the right to roam.

Amongst the stories featured in the exhibition is that of Sheffield Women Against Pit Closures, a group formed soon after the Miners' Strike in 1984, whose Houghton Main pit camp brought public attention to further pit closures in the 1990s. The exhibition also includes local photographer Chris Saunders' powerful portraits of people involved in Sheffield's current tree protests.

The exhibition runs until 1 July 2018.

## Accounting for Cherrytree

The last edition featured an article about the Cherrytree home for young people on Mickley Lane, and in particular the need to appoint a new Honorary Treasurer. This generated some interest, but unfortunately due to a computer glitch the contact details of those who responded were lost.

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## Scouts in Bradway

The official designation of the local Scout Group is “297th Sheffield (Bradway)”. The Group was formed, as an offshoot of a Greenhill Group in 1970, and 297 remains the highest number in the city. (Since then, newly-formed Groups have been re-allocated a number from another one in Sheffield that had closed.)

Initially, there were only Cubs, who met in the Bradway School Annex, but as they reached Scout age these premises proved too small. The parents from that time banded together to raise funds to erect the current Scout Centre, opened in 1978 in the grounds of the (then) Sir Harold Jackson School – now Bradway Primary.

In Bradway, the Scout Movement has been continuously popular: from its beginnings with one Scout Troop and one Cub Pack, it grew to two Troops, two Packs and, once the Beaver Section was introduced, even two Beaver Colonies. Although now reduced to one of each of these Sections, young people still turn up in healthy numbers.

Unlike most clubs (e.g. golf clubs, gyms etc.) there is no joining fee when a boy or girl first comes to Scouts. However, each Scout Group is asked to pay an annual fee to HQ for every young person in that Group on January 31st each year, to cover third party insurance, training costs for Leaders, publications and other overheads. This annual return allows us to follow the trends in numbers of each Section. In Bradway, the most recent four years look like this:-

Section	2014	2015	2016	2017
Beavers	15	12	16	12
Cubs	20	29	24	26
Scouts	31	32	24	20
Leaders	10	10	11	9 (-2)

It is apparent from this that, while



Following Nick Taylor's retirement as a Bradway Scout Leader in July, his colleagues presented him with a photobook full of memories of his time with the Troop, plus a model flagpole sporting a flag in the colours of the Bradway neckerchief

youngsters continue to be attracted, the number of Leaders has fallen recently. This year, two Cub Leaders have given notice that they will retire at the AGM in the summer. Two of the Scout Leaders regularly work away from Sheffield and so they can only infrequently attend Friday Scout meetings. None of the other three Scout Leaders lives in the Bradway School catchment area. And the one Cub Leader who will remain after the AGM also lives outside the area.

Scouting throughout the UK is a trusted and popular activity with youngsters as well as with their parents/guardians. The Bradway Leadership team want to be able to keep their tradition of offering enjoyable events that also help children from the age of 6 upwards to develop into responsible citizens. To be able to do this in a way that embraces adventurous activities while also ensuring that safe practices are observed will require more adults, preferably from within Bradway, to volunteer.

Many people claim not to have the skills required of Scout Leadership. However, it can be argued that merely by being a parent any adult already has most of those skills: understanding children, “supervising” games, tying shoe-laces, story-telling, treating minor injuries, meal planning etc. The Scout Movement offers full training in any more advanced skills – and most of this can be carried out at a time and place to suit the trainee, much of it even on-line.

If even a few more Bradway adults step forward, they will be fully supported not just by the Leaders who are carrying on but also, in the background, by those who have stepped down.

We like to think that the parents of current Scouts are those most likely to want to be involved, but we also find that many other adults enjoyed outdoor activities during their own childhoods and would be willing to help today's youngsters in similar enjoyment. So if any Bugle reader feels able to give this a go, website [www.bradwayscouts.org.uk](http://www.bradwayscouts.org.uk) can give you an insight into some of the

activities involved.

Alternatively please either contact Russ Wilks (the Group Chairman) on 236 8920 or simply turn up for one of the Section meetings (Beavers on Monday from 18:15 to 19:15, Cubs on Thursday from 18:45 to 20:15, and Scouts on Friday from 19:30 to 21:30) and see how you may be able to help. It's also worth remembering that voluntary activity like this always looks good on a CV.

**Frank Richardson**

## Neighbourhood Watch

What would your worst nightmare be on returning home from work, a night out at the pub or even a short holiday away?

Well for a number of our residents in the last few months it was finding that some scumbag had broken into their property. What was taken obviously has a monetary and sentimental value but often the real damage is the feeling that your personal space has been desecrated. This often leaves the victims feeling unsafe and vulnerable in their own property, especially the elderly, single and even children.

When asked, we always advise residents to take simple precautions when leaving their property unattended. Ideally having a working alarm system is the best option with many of the newer types able to contact you or the Police should someone set off the alarm. Most of the newer Wireless alarms get rid of the need for lots of unsightly wiring between the sensors and the controllers. If you do have an alarm, test it at least twice a year or get a company in to do so for you.

If an alarm is not possible, simply placing a couple of table lamps, controlled by timers, in different rooms to give the impression that someone is at home, can deter the opportunist burglar. Having a radio on is another simple way to give the impression the property is occupied. If going away for few days or weeks ask a neighbour to keep a check on your property and reciprocate when you

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We have had remarkable success reducing burglaries with our lock checking activities, identifying and helping replace insecure types of Euro Locks. However one of the consequences appears to have been that some burglars are reverting to the old fashioned method of entry, breaking windows to gain access. Typically gaining entry via a window at the rear of the property where they cannot easily be seen by neighbours but running the risk of the noise attracting attention.

Have a look at your property and garden with a view as to how easy would it be for someone to get into your rear garden without being seen. Can they come across from a neighbour's garden? Do you have a field behind your house giving access to your garden? If you have a side entry, can the access be controlled by a good gate and bolts to prevent casual entry?

Most of these precautions will help make your property less attractive for the

burglars so why make your property the easy option. Nothing is guaranteed to stop your property being targeted but doing nothing is certainly not going to prevent it.

Although I hate to even think it possible, the offender(s) may even be local with knowledge of properties that are not occupied or protected by an alarm. Keep an eye out for anyone you do not know who might appear to have an interest in yours or neighbours property. If in doubt call the Police on 101

Take care and be safe

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"Latest on Select Convenience Store. It has been repossessed by James Convenience Retail Ltd and is now to let on 10 year lease from 8th May 2015 at £13,000 p.a. See the board outside and agents for more details.

Anyone who has a few minutes may search for the record of the departed gentleman, Bulent Altin from York, who has left a trail of debt from previously failed businesses. Unfortunately when he did a runner from Bradway he left James' with no option but to take a lengthy, time consuming and expensive legal route to regain access.

Bailiffs were required to regain possession and this has seriously delayed efforts to find a new tenant. It is to be hoped that the next tenant, no matter what their trade, has done their financial homework before embarking on any new venture."

*Chris Morgan*

## Baslow Chatsworth walk

On Wednesday 28th February at 10am Robin Greetham will lead a walk starting at the Wheatsheaf public house in Baslow. We will walk to the stables at Chatsworth House, where we will have coffee, then up the hill to the Hunting Tower and back through the park where we will visit the Jubilee Stone, then back to the Wheatsheaf where we will have lunch (optional)

The cost of the walk is £3 and the proceeds will go to the Holmesfield Church maintenance fund. If you would like to come just turn up on the day. The walk is approximately 5 miles long, with a few easy stiles. If you have any queries please phone Robin on 0124 641 2767.

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## Dark Peak Volunteers

Volunteering for the National Trust in the Dark Peak is not for the faint hearted, warned ranger Chris Lockyer.

“You need to be happy with whatever the elements throw at you,” he said, “whether it’s stifling hot in the summer, bitterly cold in the winter or soaking wet as it is now.”

A recent winter’s day’s tasks included removing an old marker post from the Snake summit for polishing and restoration, followed by the whole team of two rangers and four volunteers ripping out tufts of soft brush weed to divert melting snow from the Doctor’s Gate footpath back into nearby drains and culverts, all in a variety of snow, ice, sleet and freezing wind.

Then the heavy rain started, and the team moved onto a replacement finger post directing walkers to Alport Dale, and finally checking and replacing the stakes of dozens of new hawthorn trees planted in the North Nether Grain clough off Bleaklow in a flurry of hail.

“I became a volunteer because I’m interested in the outdoors, and getting involved in conservation helps you appreciate the difference it makes,” said David Harson, during a tea break in an old barn just off the moors.

“Years ago some of these places were just black bogs, but now they’re greening over and we’re helping to spread that to the rest of the area. You can almost see the moors regenerating before your eyes.”

“To me we’re making sure these moors are still there for future generations,” said Joe Southall, volunteering full time during his university studies towards a career in countryside management.

Adam Brown volunteers one or two days a week to keep busy and get some exercise after retiring. “I call it extreme



National Trust Volunteers working on the Dark Peak: Above - volunteer rangers David Harson (left) and Adam Brown taking a marker post off the Snake summit for cleaning and restoration. Below - Volunteers setting up a new signpost to Alport Dale



gardening when we’re working out here, but I love it,” he said. “I tell people I’m a ranger in the Peak District with great pride.”

The National Trust has over 300 volunteers in the Peak District, working everything from a few days a month to full time, with expenses, clothing and equipment covered, but unpaid.

The volunteers are trained to help with many of the regeneration tasks in the Dark Peak, including the planting of native trees in the cloughs and valleys below the moors, and the long term initiative to keep peat, rain and CO2 on the moorland tops by restoring the wet uplands to the kind of environment last seen hundreds of years ago, before the industrial revolution.

Chris Lockyer said his team of two dozen volunteers have had a huge effect on the conservation and restoration work in the High Peak. “Our volunteers have a real love for the Peak District, combined with a willingness to get stuck in,” he said. “The work we’ve been doing would have taken a lot longer without our volunteers, they’ve had a massive part to play.”

The rain crashed down, and the cheerful volunteers set out for another afternoon of extreme gardening. More info: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/darkpeakwww](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/darkpeakwww). [nationaltrust.org.uk/volunteer](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/volunteer)

David Bocking

## TOADS update

Just an update on what is happening in the life of TOADS.

‘Lathered Up’ was our last play, in November 2017, and very enjoyable and successful it was too, with Monica Stagg directing. Even though the weather was a bit ‘iffy’, we had really good audiences, who enjoyed a giggle at the expense of their favourite soaps!

Our raffles, which we held at every performance, raised an amazing £266.88, which was donated to St Luke’s Hospice. We are grateful to our audience for supporting the raffles allowing us to donate the money raised to charity, and hopefully winning a nice prize into the bargain.

No sooner is one play over than we start planning the next one! We are now in the process of choosing our play for May 2018. Our director will be Alan Wade, who is very well known in amdrum and Dore G&S society, and has a wealth of experience, so we are in safe hands. You may remember that Alan directed his very own play, ‘That Week in August’ a year ago, which was a lovely play and a delight to appear in.

We await with bated breath his choice for our May 2018 play! Our Tuesday evening meetings will now be spent reading a selection of plays of Alan’s choice, and ultimately choosing the one he prefers. An exciting time for us wannabee actors – will we get a part or not?!

The dates for the next play are Wednesday 16th May to Saturday 19th May. We do hope you will be able to join us for what I hope will be a very enjoyable experience.

As usual, if you fancy having a go at treading the boards, or helping backstage, please contact me or any TOADS member. It will be lovely to see you.

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## Bradway Birds

### The Mandarin duck

Before 1992, our area had none of these ducks. Now you can find them on the Sheaf, below and in Millhouses Park, on Tyzack's Dam, and the Sheaf up to West View. Even the tiny Totley Brook and the humble Old Hay Brook have their populations. I've seen them by the Shepley Spitfire and in the garden of Totley Rise Methodist Church.

They are natives of Japan, eastern Siberia, north China and Korea. At home they migrate south to escape some pretty hostile winters, but our have become "stay at homes". The Asian birds were thought to be in big trouble until a remote region of China was recently found to contain 70,000 of them.

Mandarin males are small ducks but have a most dramatic appearance. They are yellow, orange, rich brown, chestnut and white. They have a striking chest, a ruff and vertical wing extensions resembling the sails of a yacht. In May and June you will see them disporting themselves on Tyzack's Dam. They swim, line up on tree branches, loaf on the mid-water wooden rails. Go and see them, they certainly won't hide away or flee.

Females raise the young and shepherd and teach the ducklings. They are camouflaged rather than flamboyant; grey-brown is the theme, with spotted flanks and a white ring round the eye.

Owners of wild fowl parks brought



*A pair of Mandarin Ducks in the snow. The male brightly coloured*

them into Britain in the 18th century, the males adding spice to ornamental settings. Introductions continued into the 1930s, some being released direct into the natural environment. Others of course, escaped from their park lands. Birds were concentrated in the south Midlands and south-east.

Then the birds started to flourish and to spread. Ours probably came from the Derwent and Wye Valleys over in The Peak District. Nationally they are now quite self sufficient and new introductions are now illegal. Local populations might still increase, but they are more likely to spread to the Porter of Endcliffe and Forge Dam. The Rivelin and Loxley are also probable targets.

So why are they doing so well 8,000 miles from their native area? They seem to be filling an ecological niche not used by British and European ducks, namely

ponds and slow streams with thick waterside vegetation. Trees with holes and branches reaching out over the water, and then dense shrubs and bushes at ground level are ideal. Even that rogue the rhododendron suits them. Much of the Sheaf catchment is just perfect.

Their diet is also unusually wide for a duck. They eat seeds, small water weeds, acorns and beech mast. They have carnivorous tastes too, eating insect and fish eggs, larvae, tiny young fish, adult insects and snails. Consequently a shortage of all their foods at once is very unlikely.

The only competitor is probably the moorhen. Coots are highly assertive, but tend to stick to open water. Moorhens prowl around in undergrowth, but being meek and mild are unlikely to resist Mandarins.

Moorhens nest on the ground or on rafts they build in shallow water. Mandarins nest in tree holes, unusual for a water bird but avoiding competition for breeding sites with other ducks and moorhens.

They have low wing loading, which means they can twist and swerve even through tangled branches to enter their nest hole. They also have long claws protruding beyond their webbed feet. As a result they are happy to roost on branches at night, something Moorhens, Coots and Mallards cannot do.

10 or so eggs are laid, and the fluffy young jump to the ground, keen and eager to maintain the local population.

*John Kirkman*

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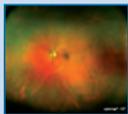
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## Global challenges

In November 2017 I was incredibly privileged to be invited to do some work in Kawasaki, Japan, and this article is an attempt to summarise the purpose of the visit as well as outlining what I learnt during the visit.

Most people in Sheffield are unaware that we have a 'sister city' or 'friendship city' in Kawasaki, Japan. In fact we are one of seven cities all over the world that are part of this group and which all have a link to the manufacturing of steel. The sister cities are as follows:

Rijeka (Republic of Croatia)  
Baltimore (United States of America)  
Shenyang (People's Republic of China)  
Wollongong (Australia)  
Sheffield (Britain)  
Bucheon (Republic of Korea)  
Kawasaki (Japan)

During the visit, representatives from the sister cities converged on the city of Kawasaki, Japan (which is adjacent to Tokyo) to take part in an education conference but also to visit educational establishments in the city. I went to see a primary school, a secondary school and a special school.

Despite the obvious differences, what was striking during the visit were the similarities in the challenges that we all face in education, be it internet safety, bullying, attendance at school or providing support for children with special needs. No education system is immune from these challenges and although we often look to Asian countries for the answer to our own problems, the message was clear: they have not got all the answers and there is no simple solution.

Educational strategy in this country has often seemed to be reactive rather than proactive, and lacking confidence in what we already have, taking ideas from elsewhere and expecting them to work, despite the cultural differences. The Chinese delegates warned against this approach and highlighted examples of where the UK has copied Chinese Maths strategies for example, without adapting

## Bradway Primary Term dates

19th- 23rd February: *Half Term*  
2nd – 13th April: *Easter holidays*

Have a look at our school website <http://www.bradwayprimary.co.uk/> which now has an archive section with pictures and historical information about Sir Harold Jackson/Bradway Primary School, plus lots more information about what's going on at our school.

them, when the Chinese themselves have concerns about their effectiveness.

The rise in the number of pupils with complex special needs in schools is a challenge all over the world. Recent improvements in medical science have meant that more children with complex medical and learning challenges are surviving childbirth and are now entering the school system. This, combined with a rise in children with autism and attention deficit disorders, is putting a great deal of pressure on the existing provision which is currently struggling to cope.

Although special needs provision in Sheffield is outstanding, continuing investment is needed if the schools are to manage this increase in the number and complexity of referrals. In Japan the facilities I saw were superb with more special schools being built to meet the increasing demand.

In the Primary school I visited I was impressed by the diverse and varied curriculum which catered for the needs of the whole child and which was not unduly focussed on just a few academic subjects, as it is in this country. Incredibly, the school even had a swimming pool located on the roof but I am not suggesting that this needs to be the norm for British schools, lovely as it would be!

Testing does not occur at Primary age and there is no Ofsted inspection, yet Japan has one of the highest performing education systems in the world. Teachers enjoy their jobs, despite very long hours,

and the Headteachers are trusted to lead with minimal interference from the government or the local education department. This was reflected in the other sister cities with our children appearing to be more tested, and our schools more scrutinised, than any other country which was represented.

I think that there are important lessons to be learnt for our own education system around the theme of teacher and pupil wellbeing since the unprecedented degree of pressure on schools is already risking an exodus of teachers from the profession and a generation of children with a narrowed curriculum, both at Primary and Secondary levels.

Unremitting pressure over a long period of time does nothing to motivate and inspire human beings and it can lead to passivity and a risk - averse culture; exactly what we don't need in our schools. If we are going to successfully prepare children for the future we need a system which recognises the importance of providing a diverse and stimulating curriculum and which places value on the development of vital qualities such as resilience and resourcefulness in our pupils, rather than just focussing on children's abilities to pass high stakes tests.

With yet another education secretary, Damian Hinds, now starting his job I hope that, as the fourth holder of this post in as many years, he can find the time, as good leaders should, to do a lot of listening and learning before he takes any action.

**Paul Stockley (Headmaster)**  
**Bradway Primary School**  
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**Appeal:** Although Bradway Primary School is committed to providing extra support for vulnerable pupils, we lack a dedicated area.

As part of our school's 50th anniversary celebrations we are hoping to create a nurture area, partly funded by ex-pupils and providing a lasting legacy.

Help us raise £2000 to help fund a nurture room at Bradway Primary School. Please donate on @justgiving and let others know. Thanks!

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## Mi Amigo Day

Sunday 25th February, Endcliffe Park and St. Augustine's Church, Brocco Bank.

Ten US airmen died when their B-17 bomber crashed in Endcliffe Park, so avoiding the surrounding residential areas, on 22nd February 1944.

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## News from Totley Library

Totley Library continues to thrive and develop as a vital hub in our community. We are enormously grateful to all our volunteers for all their hard work and enthusiasm. Remember, without our volunteers, our users and the support of our local community we would no longer have a library in Totley – so a very big thank you to you all!

We would also like to thank everyone in the local area who has signed up to our Library Lottery. As the number of people joining our monthly lottery has grown, so have our prizes – with the first prize now being over £120! The lottery makes a real difference to the library and this support helps us to keep the library open.

We were delighted that Totley Library was recently voted runner up in the Children's Library category of the 2017 South Yorkshire For Kids Awards. Thank you for everyone who voted for us!

As usual, we have a lot going on at the library over the next few months as detailed below:

**Building improvements.** Plans for building a small extension at the rear of the library are currently with the Council's Planning Department. We are seeking permission for our plan to build a disabled public toilet and a store room. Plans are currently available in the library or via the Council.

Sheffield City Council will also start work shortly on a number of fire safety improvements to the library, including a new fire alarm system, new fire doors and compartmentalisation and improved fire escape routes. The library will continue to operate as usual whilst this work is undertaken.

**Books, books, books!** Great news! - we have just been given a small grant from the Council to buy new books. Whilst we plan to buy a number of prize-winning books and best sellers, we are keen to make sure we find out what books our users and local people would like to see in the library. So, we have recently asked users for their views on what types of books they would like us to buy. We will also use some donated funds to buy more

new books for our Orange sticker scheme for both adults and children. Please let us know what you think and what new books you would like us to buy.

**Children's activities.** Our Story Time for Toddlers and pre-school children which is held weekly from 10am on a Wednesday morning continues to be popular. Each week has a different theme and children can come along with their parents or carers to enjoy a story and related activities.

During the school holidays, (other than August), Story Time at the library is extended with a welcome given to primary school aged children, aged 5-11 years. Children are invited to join activities during the holidays. Plans for half term and Easter Story Time sessions include the following:

**February Half Term: Wednesday 21st February** - we will be celebrating the Chinese New Year, this year is the Year of the Dog in the Chinese Calendar

**Easter Holidays: Wednesday 4th April** – a variety of Easter activities

**Wednesday 11th April** – our theme will be Insects and Minibeasts and we will be joined by members of the Gardening Team and also by some Friends of Gillfield Wood. Older children will be invited to join in with a project to build an Insect House which will be sited in the grounds to encourage more insects and mini-beasts to visit the library garden.

**Family History Events.** We are planning to hold two events in the library in April and May to help people interested in researching their family histories. Talks will be given by members of the Sheffield Family History Society to provide advice to help people interested in researching their family histories. Details will be available via the library or website in the near future.

**'It's Springtime' event** – *Saturday 24th March* 2-4pm – Totley All Saints Church will be holding an event to celebrate the arrival of Spring! It will be held in the library on Saturday afternoon, with stalls, refreshments and entertainment.

*Isabel Hemmings*

## Totley Library Community Cinema

### Children's films

*Thursday 22nd February 10.30am*

Kubo and the Two Strings

*Sunday 18th March 2pm*

Ferdinand

*Sunday 15th April 2pm* Sing

*Sunday 13th May 2pm*

Paddington 2

### Films for adults

*Friday 23rd March 7.30pm*

Victoria and Abdul

*Thursday 29th March 3pm*

My Cousin Rachel

*Friday 20th April 7.30pm*

My Cousin Rachel

*Thursday 26th April 3pm*

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## Bradway Action Group

### Old School Field

#### – Bradway Village Green

In the last issue I wrote optimistically that the new slide should soon be in the right place, new railings erected, the old equipment repaired and additional matting laid. We had hoped all this could have been achieved by Easter 2017, our first aim, then before the summer holidays, then autumn half-term, and finally by Christmas.

Ah well, most of that has now been done, but thanks to some very cold and wet weather the new matting is still to be laid and the old matting tidied up. It can't be laid on top of such a wet surface. Of course this is now the wrong time of year to be doing the job so our latest target is Easter 2018. Surely that can be easily met?

The only plus to this is that the council's parks and education departments, who share responsibility for the site, have agreed to pay more towards the new fencing than we'd been originally quoted. Our modest scheme seems to have fallen between them, where one is looking after day to day care and maintenance and the other arranging the installations.

BAG and our kind donor have provided the funds for the new slide extension area. Liaison between the two departments and their sub-contractors contributed to the incorrect siting of the slide.

We will not be handing over any money until the job is finally complete. It would have been brilliant if in this Bugle edition we were able to announce an opening ceremony, but after so long we dare not. Hopefully we'll get a modest event arranged around Easter.

Early in November we expected additional new trees to help soak up some of the excess water at the bottom of the field. Well I never, they came and are suitably soaked, as were the feet of the children from Bradway School who were able to witness the planting. Will they come back in 50 years' time to show their grandchildren the trees they helped to plant?

### Twentywell Shops Christmas Events

Late in November BBC Radio Sheffield arranged a declaration of war by the traders at Greenhill, challenging Bradway to have better decorations than



*A musical welcome at the Twentywell Christmas*

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them. Butcher Mick from Bradway gave an impromptu interview on our behalf. Greenhill are preparing to fight off competition from the new shops soon to open at Meadowhead so wanted to boost their trade. BAG got our lights up first together with three Christmas trees given by the National Trust from Longshaw. The competition was by then almost forgotten, but we think we won!

The events, including the unique Bradway outdoor December dog show,

were rather spoiled by some miserably cold and wet weather. Nevertheless the traders all got involved, the row enlivened by the enthusiasm of those at Love & Best Wishes and Tilly's. Sunday trading in December enlivened the row, with Thomas Cook's reopening after refurbishment adding a bright new facade to the dull days. Funds raised where donated to Sheffield Children's Hospital. BAG must thank those who donated the excellent prizes for the tombola.

### **Vandalism on the Recreation Ground behind Sainsbury's**

Unfortunately the rec behind Sainsbury's is a favourite gathering place for young people, even in winter. It is alleged that they come from housing to the south-east of Bradway. It seems the Bowling Club and garage have both had trouble recently, allegedly from youths from the eastern side. Wherever, the week after Christmas they took tyres and pallets from behind the garage and created such a hot fire that it burned through the solid bench where they may have started sitting to keep warm. Both benches on the rec now need replacement. We understand the council and Beauchief Environment Group are looking after these.

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

**14th March – 7.15, Bradway School, Open Meeting.** Short talk about Greenhill Library to explain how well they are doing run by volunteers, followed by our usual Open Forum. Agenda to be on website and in the noticeboard on Twentywell Lane. To place items on the agenda please use the Contact form on our website.

**27th May – Bounds of Bradway Walk,** starting top of Twentywell Lane, 10.30 – 1.00, look out for more details  
11th July – Open Meeting\*

15th September – Bradway Fun Day

3rd October – Annual General Meeting\*

December – Bradway Traders Christmas Events (\* Provisional dates)

#### **Membership**

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 2017, particularly those who arranged to do so by standing order. Without your support we'd get a lot less done. With more support we may be able to do more.

It's now time to renew if you haven't already done so, or join, for 2018. We always welcome new members. Just go to the Membership page on our website.

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

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Website:



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You'll find links to all the local bus and train timetables.

There are also pictures of Bradway Old and New

We're trying to keep up with technology - go to the site using this QR code on your smartphone.

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### Whirlow Farm Fun

Wednesday 21st February 11am – 3pm  
A chance to meet the farm animals and our team will be on hand to give talks and answer questions you may have. Our animal handling barn will be open too, with a chance to meet our rabbits and guinea pigs. Adults £3.50, Children (under 14) £3 (under 2's are free!)

Thursday 22nd February Half-Term Playscheme Join the team at Whirlow for a day of new experiences. Activities include: Pony riding and grooming, Exercising Frankie, our Shetland pony, Tack cleaning and mucking out, Pony quizzes and games, Feeding rabbits, goats and guinea-pigs, Collecting eggs from the chickens. 1 day - £38 per child, Check availability on (0114) 2360096

### Cheers

I do not cheer. If the Queen, in her Coronation Coach and wearing her Regalia were to pass my house, I would watch her go by and be suitably impressed; a nod of the head would indicate my respect.

But I would not cheer loudly, Londoners having the monopoly in such matters.

The selfless effort of politicians to better our lives commands my admiration but I cannot think of a single one whose appearance would cause me to cheer enthusiastically. I can understand the exhilaration and despair afforded by sporting occasions: how happy I am that a race has been won, a century reached or a goal has been scored but in no case would I rise to my feet and cheer myself hoarse.

I am pleased to add my portion of applause at the conclusion of a concert, a play, an opera or the ballet but I do not cheer. I paid for my ticket and bought an overpriced programme, what more do they want?

I understand it was the custom to cheer at public executions but we are now excused that duty.

I do not cheer at weddings. It is not seemly so to do and the outcome is often so very uncertain. I do not cheer at funerals, out of respect for the dead, even though I sometimes think it justified.

Do I need to cheer up?

Robert Smith

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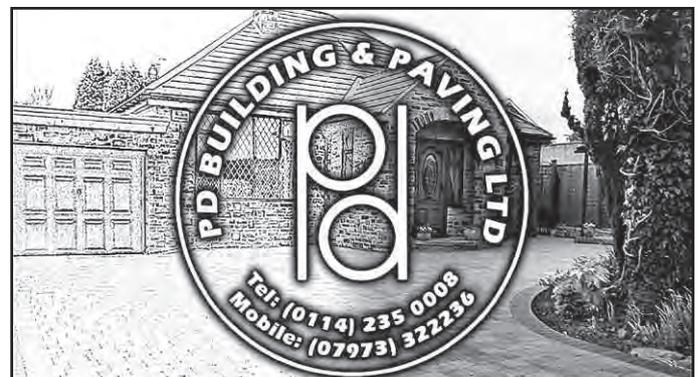
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## A Smart Move by the Bodger

After bumbling along at my own pace for more years than I care to remember, 2017 came as a bit of a shock to the system.

First, there was a new computer to contend with. Truth to tell, there wasn't really much wrong with the old one, apart perhaps from it getting a bit congested and slow (rather like me, come to think of it), but about half way through the year my old operating system was pensioned off by Microsoft. With support withdrawn, I reluctantly concluded that it was time for a change.

Getting to grips with the new "Windows 10" was a real nightmare. Nothing was where it used to be. Photographs I'd scanned in years ago with some obscure software could no longer be opened. Emails got moved chronologically and lumped together in so-called "threads". The formatting of documents took on a mind of its own. It took ages for me to get used to it, and even now I've really only scratched the surface.

Then, in November, my children thoughtfully and most generously clubbed together to buy me a new camera for my birthday. This was well received and very timely as my old camera had been accidentally damaged earlier in the year and although still just about serviceable, it was on its last legs. But, needless to say, the new one contains many new and different features, and with the instruction booklet having to be downloaded from the internet and running to hundreds of pages, albeit mostly in obscure foreign languages, I am still far from competent at using it.

The next challenge came at Christmas. Stumped, as usual, for something to buy Mrs B, I eventually hit on the idea of getting a new television set. This was not as unreasonable as it sounds, for she spends much more time watching the TV than I do! She'd been complaining for ages that the existing one wasn't big enough for her to read the small print at the bottom of the screen, so other than the option of buying her a new pair of glasses which would have been somewhat cheaper, it seemed a perfect solution.

But it seems TV technology has moved on considerably in recent years, and nowadays they're nearly all of the "smart" variety. This means they can be connected wirelessly to the internet giving access to literally hundreds of programmes, films, etc. In most cases, you don't even need an aerial! Not wishing to spend a lot of money on a model she wasn't happy with, I thought it best that we made the choice together, even though this meant losing the element of surprise. What was surprising, however, was that I managed to get it assembled and installed without the help of the grandchildren, although to date we haven't used the "smart" features! It seems I need to learn something about "streams", the only ones I've

*Forthcoming talk for the Greenhill Village History Society. The right hand colour photograph is from Google Earth showing Norton Roundabout in the foreground with the Chesterfield road heading off right.*



*This black & white photo on the left is by courtesy of Andrew Bradbury. Exact date not known but certainly post war. It features in a talk 'The Aerodrome on our Doorstep' for Greenhill History Society.*

experienced thus far being those I fall into when I'm walking across the moors!

Finally, I was well and truly catapulted into the 21<sup>st</sup> century when our generous family presented Mrs B and myself with a "tablet" for Christmas. Hitherto, the only tablets I knew about were the ones I take with a glass of water every morning! Even my mobile phone is an ancient Nokia that does nothing more sophisticated than making phone calls and transmitting text messages.

The reason for this amazingly magnanimous gesture was that, for the first time ever, they had arranged to go away for Christmas and wanted to keep in touch. As with all our other new devices, there are many features of the tablet that remain a mystery to us, but by referring to their thoughtfully produced "idiots' guide", it was wonderful to be able connect with the family on Christmas morning and share photos!

Sadly, it looks as though 2018 is going to continue in the same vein. As my daughter pointed out, a tablet is for life, not just Christmas. And by the time you read this, we'll have had a "smart" meter fitted. I can see I'm going to have to start wearing a tie again!

*The Bradway Bodger*

## Greenhill Village History Society

The site of the new St James Retail Park has an interesting history. We all remember Norton College and some remember that Rowlinson Technical School was previously on this plot of land but how many remember Coal Aston Aerodrome and the adjacent No.2 (Northern) Aircraft Repair Depot, RFC Greenhill, which extended to where the Jordanthorpe housing estate is now

situated. Part of Sheffield's aerial defence during WW1.

This development was on a boggy area of land, known as Greenhill Moor. At one time there was a proposal that this area could be developed into a site for Sheffield Airport.

The research of these establishments was the focus of last year's Lottery funded project, led by UKEconet – 'Norton's Flying Legacy'. Two participants in the project have developed a slideshow, with commentary, entitled 'The Aerodrome on our Doorstep'

On Tuesday 10th April, 7pm at Greenhill Community Library, Greenhill Village History Society present 'The Aerodrome on our Doorstep', with an accompanying display. Tickets are £4 for non-members – payable on the door, but please book your ticket in advance at the Library Reception to avoid disappointment.

Recently, Norton History Society were generous in providing a copy of their 'Norton Biographies' to Greenhill Village History Society. These are records of servicemen from the area who gave their lives during WW1, with a request that maybe Greenhill residents could provide more information and possibly photographs regarding their family background.

These records will be available to view at the above meeting, where Society members will be able to talk with you and record your contact details.

Greenhill Village History Society is a proactive group, which meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm in Greenhill Community Library. For further details, please see our soon to be updated page on the Greenhill community Library website: <http://greenhill-library.org> or you can contact me on 0114 2377928.

*Lesley Fox*



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## Millennials leading the way in saving for retirement

Recent data suggests that younger generations are on track to save more than their parents and grandparents, despite their earnings on average being considerably lower. Part of the reason for this is time: simply put, young people have more years ahead of them than older generations until they retire, meaning that any money they put away now has more time to grow.

But it's also become apparent that many younger workers are also managing to put away a significant amount each month – in some cases up to 15% of their income – by making some considerable sacrifices. Some of these are undoubtedly luxuries, such as eating out and going on holiday, but the savings are substantial: restaurants on average charge a markup of 300%, making eating at home a great way to cut costs. The rise of the 'staycation' – saving money by holidaying at home and exploring free or cheap activities to enjoy – also helps younger people to find more money to put towards their savings instead.

However, some of the costs that millennials are willing to cut in order to save are at the opposite end of the scale. More young people are choosing not to continue in education to help them save. The financial benefits of this are twofold: not only does this remove the expense of continuing on to college

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or university, but it also allows a young person to begin working full time earlier in their life, which in turn allows them to start saving sooner. It's a sacrifice some would not be willing to make but is nonetheless an attractive option for others,

especially as more opportunities to earn qualifications through full time work become available.

Housing and car ownership are also areas where considerable savings can be made. Perhaps the most personal sacrifice some millennials are making is to limit the number of children they have in order to find more money to save.

It will always be a matter of individual choice as to what people decide to spend or not spend their money on but the data highlights that the decisions made now have a significant impact for the future.

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## NOW and THEN: Where Space/Time is always at a premium Making Faces

One of the little noted (but possibly greatest) boons of internet based clothing shopping is the chance to miss out on the 'visit to the changing room'. Once optimistically referred to as the 'Fitting Room' (although the 'Not Quite Fitting Room' might have been a more accurate nomenclature even in their heyday), the sad decline of the space allocated for customers to try on clothing requires a feat of memory that many are not willing to attempt. This column stands for nothing if not economy of effort and is thus more than happy to take on the burden of recall.

Long the playthings of ergonomists, specifically those who specialise in budget airline seating, commuter railway carriages and Japanese-style capsule hotels, changing rooms were clearly regarded by clothiers as a necessary evil.

In addition to continual shrinkage, spurious and unnecessary items such as wall hooks, chairs, full length doors and even mirrors were nudged into history by retail efficiency, real estate values and, perhaps counter intuitively, the birth of the 'managed customer experience'.

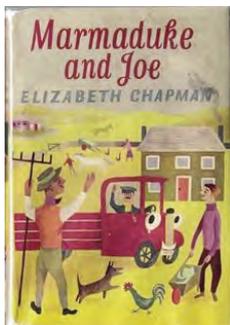
While the Changing Room lingers here and there, our new found ability to order the wrong size in private, having engaged in a round of hopelessly overconfident body image projections and real-life trips to the Post Office with returns, obscures another, bigger loss ; the chance to dip our toes in Infinity without leaving the back of the shop.

Traditionally, by placing two mirrors facing each other on opposite sides of the stall, while in the process of trying on new clothes, one could become fascinated by the disappearing vertiginous perspectives of infinitely regressing reflections. It mattered little that these simply revealed a grimacing figure both fore and aft, wrestling with stiff fastenings or unfamiliar tailoring; to the impressionable and the imaginative, whatever faces we pulled, the reflections were expressions of the future and the past.

And what, pray,

*Red Lorry, Well Read Lorry:  
Marmaduke pulled the faces while Joe  
was just along for the ride*

of the adventures of Mr. Benn, who used the changing room at the back of the Festive Road Costume Shop as a launch pad for mind warping time travel in a children's television series of the 1970's? Though the eponymous hero remained deadpan throughout his journeys, he proved so popular that the series was



*Greenhill Opening Brochure. The Jerusalem we built: the sunny uplands of post-war aspirations never looked more inviting than the butterfly roof that floats gently over the Greenhill Library*

broadcast in various forms for over 35 years. Creator David McKee was obviously plugging in to the mysterious transformational quality of changing rooms and not only passed it on to a whole new (by now middle aged) generation, but their children as well.

Luckily, costumiers and clothing stores were never the only places that one could enjoy a dizzying brush with parallel universes. Wisdom may, or may not, come with Age, but the opportunities for impromptu time-travel certainly do. For me, such an experience is usually brought on by the physical presence of well stocked bookshelves. Thus, on a recent visit to Greenhill Library, I was struck by much the same sort of 'infinity portal' experience but without a change of trousers, as it were.

One of the tricks of the space/time continuum is that the more you occupy one extremity, the more you are aware of its opposite. So it was that when I stood beside a bookcase in the far corner of the library, a Space that I had not been in for some half a century, Time came and browsed the shelves right beside me. For the briefest of moments, looking out across the road to Greenhill School, I suddenly sensed a paper chain of cut-out figures, each with my changing face on, all holding hands and linking the 56 year old to the 6 year old.

I may not have been in the original queue at the official opening of the library in the arctic blast of February 1963 - that there was a queue at all in such conditions is something of a testament. Even so, I must have been one of the first children to grace its doors as soon after school time as possible. The Library's wonderful butterfly roof, designed to look like an open book, would have been lost on me; the magical lure of the place was not.

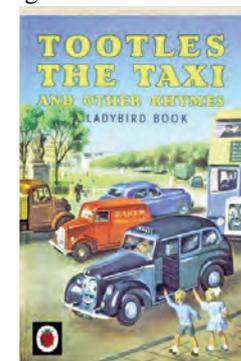
Certainly, I have some vivid memories of my Mother's plaintive tones at the front desk as we reviewed our bibliographic haul, trying to persuade me to take a different set of titles rather than have Joyce B Clegg's 'Tootles the Taxi' and Elizabeth Chapman's 'Marmaduke and Joe' stamped with yet another return date for the umpteenth time. Surely I wanted to read about other things, she

reasoned like the sensible grown-up that she was.

Yet I would have none of it. Little did she know that I was being introduced to the heady delights of facial pareidolia, not something one gives up easily. Nowadays, this ability to spot possible faces in inanimate objects is the subject of funded research programs; back

then, thanks to illustrators such as the incomparable John Kenney, such imaginative, almost pagan, vehicular animism was positively encouraged. When Kenney took over as illustrator of the Thomas the Tank Engine series, he alone managed to combine engineering accuracy with astonishingly economic renditions of complex tanked facial expressions.

Researchers are currently divided as to whether spotting such faces in the everyday objects rather than on CBeebies indicates a neurotic mind or one that is merely playful. Such research seems to ignore the fact that Japanese car



designers in the early part of the 21st century were well aware of the potential facial properties of their grilles and headlamps, knowingly engineering their smaller cars into a series of cute and smiley bubbles of fun.

*Tootles the Taxi. Face-making Pacemaker: Illustrator John Edwards set the tone for a generation of Japanese car designers 40 years before his time*

Instead, the research seems driven more by alarm at the high number of news items concerning tubers that resemble Mother Theresa and/or Elvis. While such material and the internet memes they engender might indeed be a troubling indication of the bottomless human ability to be distracted by anything remotely inconsequential, it is more likely an indication of our need as well as our capacity to recognise faces.

So strong and vital is this desire that it develops in babyhood before speech and rarely leaves us. We may not always be able to put a name to a face, but the fact that it is a face at all never seems to escape us. Artificial intelligence systems can be taught a certain proficiency in recognising faces, but they have no innate need to be recognised themselves.

So wherever you are, from the changing

room to the street, 'putting a good face on it' can have a whole new meaning. In facial terms, for good or ill, our stories are written there and shared in whole or part with others. Seen in this light, to look at faces in old photographs is to leaf backwards to an earlier chapter of a well loved novel; the faces of children become early drafts of manuscripts looking to those around them for help with completion. It's a trick of the light of sorts, but it isn't just done with mirrors. The past and the future have one habitation; our faces.

*Chris Sheldon*



*Greenhill Library 1963. Ladies who launch: The opening day of Greenhill Library finds the librarians demonstrating the comfort of Ercol modernist furniture and the efficacy of gas fired heating while snow still clings to the roofs across the road.*

## A Ghost Story

Peter Machin's wonderful, illustrated talk "Lost Sheffield" at Greenhill Library on 19th January was not only an opportunity for me to re-visit many scenes of my own childhood, but also a reminder of an incident my father allegedly experienced when he was a boy.

I noticed that one of Peter Machin's photographs had the name of the photographer at the bottom, one Arthur Hayball. Evidently Mr Hayball was something of a pioneer in the field of photography, with some of his early pictures dating back to about 1850.

Now, it so happens that the Hayball family were former residents of the house

my great grandfather occupied for a time on Upper Hanover Street (now sadly demolished). The Hayballs were there from the early 1850s to the mid-1860s, and after Mr Hayball died in 1887 his widow Hannah moved back there, remaining until her own death in 1895.

The incident involving my father supposedly occurred in about 1920. He had been staying at his grandfather's house for a couple of days whilst his parents were away and had been briefly left on his own whilst his grandfather popped out to the shops. He was sitting at the dining table, drawing with some crayons when he became aware of

someone standing behind him.

Turning, he saw a woman in Victorian clothing watching him drawing. Meeting his gaze, she evidently smiled and was gone. My father mentioned the incident to his grandfather on his return, but was told he must have imagined it as there had been no-one else in the house at the time and the doors were firmly locked.

Years later, my father came across an old photograph of the Hayball family posing on the steps of the house in Upper Hanover Street (see the "Picture Sheffield" website, ref y00523) and he allegedly recognised the woman in the picture as being the one who appeared before him when he was a child!

Was she really the ghost of Mrs Hayball? Who knows! Admittedly, my father had a fairly close affinity with spirits for most of his life, but I doubt this association began when he was but 7 years of age! However, it was interesting to learn that Mrs Hayball died just a few months after her daughter Clara got married, and that Clara and her husband continued living in the house on Upper Hanover Street for a few years afterwards.

Perhaps the ghostly Mrs Hayball imagined it was her grandson she was seeing drawing at the dining table.

*Peter Stubbs*

*Ed. Do any of our readers have their own ghost story to tell ?*



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## Greenhill Library

The latest from your local community library

### The Yellow Sticker System grows up!

Since Greenhill Library loaned out our first donated "yellow sticker" book in January 2016 we have added over 4,000 books to the catalogue, and the spreadsheet we had been using to keep track of it all was showing its limitations. So over Christmas we upgraded to a web-based and more capable library management system called Koha.

As well as bringing operational benefits to the library itself, it means that you, gentle reader, can now go on-line and search our yellow sticker catalogue. Just browse to [greenhill.salcirc.org](http://greenhill.salcirc.org) — there you can search by title or author, though you can't (yet) renew or reserve books on line. Watch this space!

### Building work

We're also pleased to report that in December we finally got our roof fixed, so we should remain dry for a few more years. This was an expensive maintenance job that had been a concern to the trustees, so getting it done by the council is a real step forward and we are grateful to them.

More recently, with funding we've received through 'Awards for All', we've embarked on a series of meetings with architects and key library volunteers to draw up plans to extend and adapt the building to provide additional community spaces.

Balancing off the demands on the building for community use and for library operations is going to need some care, but it's exciting to be starting down the path.

### What else is in the pipeline?

## John Watterson presents "An evening without Jake Thackray" at Greenhill library on 16 March



John Watterson on guitar honouring Jack Thackray

Well, for a start, our spring Farmer's and Artisan Market is on 8 April. Now an established favourite, if you haven't been to one yet, come and see what you're missing. And taking a small leap of faith, the Friends of Greenhill Library are going ahead with an Open Gardens event on Saturday 2 June. We have about a dozen gardens already lined up but would very much like to see a few more on the list.

So if you live within a 10 – 15 minute walk of the library and would be willing to participate, please drop us a line at [gardens@greenhill-library.org](mailto:gardens@greenhill-library.org) or leave your details at the library and we'll get back to you. Your garden doesn't need to be a botanical showpiece — more important is your willingness to chat to the visitors. Participants are free to sell refreshments, etc. to raise money for a charity of their choice. So why not give it a go? It's a great way to support the library and meet others in your community.

### Evening program

We've also just finalised our evening program for the next four months, starting with a presentation on "What have the Vikings done for us?" with Julia Dagg on 16 Feb. Of more local interest, there's a talk about the Portland Works by Anna de Lange (their historian) on 20 April, and one tantalisingly called "The Aerodrome on your Doorstep" from the Greenhill Village History Society, on 10 April.

Having personally been a fan of the extraordinary singer/songwriter Jake Thackray (those of you of a certain age may remember him from Braden's Week or That's Life) we're delighted to welcome John Watterson to the library on 16 March for an evening of "Fake Thackray". The evening offers a mix of Jake's best-known songs with some you've likely never heard before, with John's style and sound the closest you're ever going to get to authentic Thackray.

There's more that I haven't space for here, especially our cinema program, so as always, keep an eye on our web site and Facebook page for the full story.

**Chris Brown**

[www.greenhill-library.org](http://www.greenhill-library.org)

Online you can find out about our events, how to volunteer or become a friend of the library. You can also recommend new books for the library.

## The Time Travellers Travelogue

Quite sensibly your local history and archaeology group focusses its winter activities on indoors pursuits and in November we were treated to an illustrated talk on 'Sheffield in days gone by' given David Templeman, an Elizabethan historian. David told us about some of the buildings in the 17th and 18th centuries as they moved from timber based to brick and stone.

We also heard about the quite unique method of refuse clearance in Sheffield's streets as the sluice gates of Barkers Pool were opened, allowing huge volumes of water to flow downhill, carrying months of rubbish with it!

Our mid-winter social event just before Christmas was well supported and as entertaining as ever. The highlight of the evening being a slide show reminding us about all the wonderful events of the year as Dorne and her secret agents caught us out with their cameras. With photographs being taken so easily by mobile phones, we just cannot escape being captured.

We have been planning our activities for 2108 and you may be pleased and interested to read that we hope to spend lots more time back in the fields of Whirlow Hall Farm. As well as carrying out more field walking and geophysical surveying we are lining up another exciting excavation.

There are lots of features that our earlier exploration has identified and providing we get permission from Sheffield City Council then we look forward to more spade and trowel work. The Time Travellers are members of an archaeological heritage group that plan to carry out lots of activities at Whirlow Hall farm and one of these is to construct a replica Iron Age Roundhouse there.

This will be an extremely interesting project to be involved in and of course, once completed it should be a remarkable and useful resource for the farm to use and show off to visitors.

Future events coming up include a talk by Lyndsey Haynes on the ancient medicine practiced by the Brigantes, prior to the Roman invasion. David Clark will tell us about Celtic Art and the use of carved heads in March. Our AGM in April will see a welcome return of David Templeman who this time will tell us about the meaning of some old Sheffield street names.

Later on in the spring, when the weather hopefully warms up a bit we'll be taking trips to Elsecar Heritage Centre, a return to Wincobank Hill and also arranging some archaeological walks over the nearby prehistoric moorland.

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

**Glynn Burgin**  
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## Local pubs and beer

The Old Mother Redcap at the time of writing remained closed with Samuel Smiths Brewery still advertising for a live in management couple to run the pub. There appears to be a number of similar management vacancies across their pub estate. You can find them at <https://www.leisurejobs.com/minisites/sa-muel-smiths-brewery>.

Meanwhile the Castle Inn continues to fly the flag as the only pub left open in Bradway, this is a more food orientated venue offering good quality freshly cooked meals and friendly table service, however the Castle retains a small tap room offering a comfortable bar facility for those just wanting a drink and real ale continues to be available.

The other local pub offering an alternative for Bradway folk is the Shepley Spitfire on Mickley Lane offering a range of beers, sport on TV, pool table and quiz night. Food is also available here although it is a more 'value' food operation as part of a pub chain run by Greene King Brewery.

The closure of the Three Tuns in Dronfield has been a bit of a blow for the Drone Valley Community Brewery as that pub was their best customer, always showcasing a full range of their beers. A number of other pubs in the area offer a Drone Valley beer, however to supplement that a pop up pub has been run once a month at Gosforth Lodge in Cliffe Park. Visit the Drone Valley Brewery Facebook page to see such

events advertised.

Drone Valley is just one of four breweries in the S18 area, which seems to be becoming something of a craft beer hotspot – there is also Hopjacker Brewery based at the Dronfield Arms pub, Barlow Brewery based on a farm in Barlow and Collyfobble Brewery, also in Barlow. Meanwhile on the Yorkshire side of the county boundary in our area we have Mitchells at Meadowhead and Abbeydale Brewery on Aizelewood Road – who have expanded beyond their traditional range of real ales with some interesting experimental brews such as a smokey stout brewed with Pork Scratchings! Incidentally talking of Hopjacker, it may be worth noting by some that all their beers are Vegan as they do not add finings to the beer to help it pour clear.

The Three Valleys Beer Festival will be taking place in the Dronfield area again this year with a number of pubs, clubs and breweries offering an enhanced range of beers – with some on outside bars - along with food and entertainment.

A free bus service will link all the venues at frequent intervals also calling at Dronfield station and Halfway tram terminus. A feeder bus will run from Bradway to Dronfield at around 11:45am to make it easier to get there from Bradway. Keep an eye on the 3 Valleys Facebook page for news on this event and in due course all the information will also become available at [www.3valleys.org.uk](http://www.3valleys.org.uk).

Sheffield Beer Week returns in March,

celebrating the extensive and diverse beer scene in the city. Expect meet the brewer events in bars, beer and food pairings in restaurants, tutored beer tastings in specialist beer shops and more. The week will be launched on Saturday 10th March by a new event called 'Indie Beer Feast' at the old Abbeydale Picture House featuring brewery bars hosted by some of the more celebrated breweries in our region along with street food traders. Admission tickets can be booked in advance online and include a commemorative glass.

Cheers,

*Andy Cullen*

## Figures of speech

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected, frequently humorous. Winston Churchill loved them.

1. Where there's a will,  
I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you.  
But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound,  
some people appear bright until you  
hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you,  
we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only  
learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right  
- only who is left.
9. I didn't say it was your fault,  
I said I was blaming you.



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## Run commuters

Sheffield's running boom is leading more and more workers to leave the car and bus behind and commute in their trainers instead from Dore, Totley, Chapelton and beyond.

Local runners say the Outdoor City is ideal for 'run commuting' or 'rummting,' because they can choose commuter routes through parks, off-road trails or even along riversides.

Matt Barton sometimes fits in an extra long run early in the morning to the city centre.

"This is such a fantastic city, and to see the sun rising while everyone else is asleep makes you feel king or queen of your own little part of Sheffield," he said.

Keen runners like Matt say they can fit in their training during the journey to work and get home to see their families instead of pounding the streets in the evening.

If you're a runner, why wouldn't you rummute, said Amy Earnshaw. "It's so easy. You've done some exercise and all you've done is come to work."

Laurie Harvey reckons there's no cheaper way to travel into the city centre. "You just need footwear and a bit of gear you might have anyway."

Members of the booming Steel City Striders running club said they're seeing more runners commuting anything from 3 to over 50 miles a week, and said run commuting makes them alert when they get to work and de-stressed when they get



*Rummuters (running commuters) in Sheffield: Laurie Harvey (front) and fellow rummuters in the city centre home.*

And once you've put on your shoes and stepped out the door, rummting is simple, they say, as long as you plan ahead by dropping off your work gear on a cycle or bus journey earlier in the week, for example.

"Attitudes are changing as more and more people embrace the idea" said Jeni Harvey. "Running is cheap and practical. You set off and know nothing can get in your way, not a traffic jam or a broken down tram. You're in charge."

For more local running info see: [www.theoutdoorcity.co.uk/run/](http://www.theoutdoorcity.co.uk/run/)

### Tips for Runners

Plan Ahead - cycle or take the bus with your gear once or twice a week, and change at work on running days. Keep shoes, coat, shirts, make up and washing gear at work.

Plan Your Routes - check footpaths and parks, but think about streetlights too in winter.

Run Home - if there are no washing facilities at work, try running home.

Training - you can fit in training like intervals or speed sessions or even clock up Strava segments en route.

### Ideas for Employers

Set Up Lockers - for clothes, make up, washing kit and footwear.

Provide Showers and Drying Facilities - showers or other facilities to freshen up and somewhere to dry kit on rainy days.

Be Supportive - don't shake your head at muddy colleagues! What about getting vouchers from a running shop instead, or invite a trainer in to help people start?

**David Boeking**

## Public transport

New bus and tram timetables came into force in Sheffield from 28th January, there were changes to the 24/25 service, however they are quite minor tweaks to journey times where punctuality has become an issue due to road traffic congestion. New timetables are on [www.travelsouthyorkshire.com](http://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com)

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was introduced on Stagecoach services last year, this has now also been introduced by First, although only initially for single and day tickets. Another feature of First's new ticket machines is all weekly tickets – including child tickets – are now loaded onto smart cards rather than paper tickets. Day tickets continue to be printed on paper but now include a bar code to scan when you board, as do the m-tickets used on the smart phone app.

The price of tickets in the South Yorkshire Travelmaster range, which are valid on all operators, were increased in the new year. For example the Citywide ticket valid on all buses and trams in Sheffield is now £4.80 for a day ticket and £16.80 for a weekly ticket whilst the child equivalent – Getabout – is now £2.50 for a day ticket and £8 for a weekly ticket. For more information on the choice of tickets and prices visit [www.sytravelmaster.com](http://www.sytravelmaster.com). There have been no changes to the prices of operator specific tickets such as the Stagecoach Dayrider or Megarider and the weekend group travel special offer on Stagecoach buses of five travel all day for a fiver continues to be available and good value.

Did you know young adults aged 18-25 can get cheaper travel in South Yorkshire? Simply apply online at [www.travelsouthyorkshire.com](http://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com) for a personalised Travelmaster smart card then use it to buy weekly or monthly passes from the self service vending machines located at Arundel Gate Interchange and selected bus stations. The choice of discount tickets are either

South Yorkshire Connect which is valid on all buses and trams in South Yorkshire or Travelmaster youth which also includes train travel in South Yorkshire.

*Andy Cullen*

## Something different

Established in 2011 Ringinglow Archery has become a unique venue for archers of all ages. Run by brothers Damian and Mark Stenton Ringinglow Archery offers a relaxed and friendly atmosphere for both new and established archers to enjoy the sport of archery. With regular practice sessions throughout the year as well as a series of fun shoots and competitions Ringinglow Archery provides something for all, no matter what your goals may be.

Set on the edge of the Peak District at Ringinglow the centre has covered and heated shooting areas on their outdoor range, with far reaching views to enjoy on a Summers day, as well as an indoor range for the dark winter nights.

Archery is something that everyone can enjoy, it is a sport that is both rewarding and challenging and for juniors it helps to not only improve strength and fitness but also patience and focus.

In addition to archery Ringinglow Archery also offers various other target sport activities from air rifle shooting to axe throwing for something a bit different! So why not try something new in 2018 by either taking up archery as a regular sport or experiencing any of their other experiences as a group or alone.

## Best-loved walks

The Peak District's iconic Mam Tor has been named as one of the country's favourite places to explore. It was voted number 10 in Britain's 100 Favourite Walks, recently screened on ITV.

Five other local routes were also highlighted, with Kinder Scout at number 21, Dovedale to Milldale (26), Stanage Edge (35), The Roaches (53) and the Nine Ladies stone circle (96).

Peak District National Park chief executive Sarah Fowler said: "We're thrilled that Britain's original National Park had such a strong showing in this popular national countdown, including a place in the top ten with the stunning Mam Tor".

"It was also great to see Kinder Scout feature strongly as this was the scene of the Mass Trespass in 1932, which earned people the right to roam the moors and ultimately led to the creation of our National Parks".

"The inclusion of the rugged and breathtaking Stanage Edge and the secluded valley of Dovedale within the top 50 really showcased the variety of landscape and walking opportunities the Peak District has to offer".

"The programme also highlighted how vital it is that we continue to look after these most sought after routes, and it was particularly fitting that Mam Tor made it into the top ten. The Great Ridge walk – between Mam Tor and Lose Hill - is one of the routes featured in this year's Mend our Mountains campaign led by the British Mountaineering Council."

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## Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Christmas is over for another year and a Happy New Year to you all. Another successful Christmas concert has come and gone with effusive feedback which delights us all. Thank you for your support and if you missed it – bad luck - it was a dilly. I don't know how Peter Waring, our concert accompanist, does it. We throw all sorts of music at him and he just magically performs faultlessly. I think he must be our Sorcerer! We would be lost without him.

We now move on to our annual shows with floor rehearsals underway as of mid-January and the music well under our belts, it promises to be another treat. As I said in previous editions, we are performing two operettas together this time. The first being *The Sorcerer*, a short two act bit of magical nonsense when John Wellington Wells, a “dealer in magic and spells”, indiscriminately distributes a love philtre (potion) amongst the townsfolk resulting in some very strange pairings. This may not be as well known as some of the other G&S operettas but don't let that put you off. The music is a delight as usual with lovely songs such as when the vicar, Dr Daly reminisces about his youth when a curate, and later when he encourages everyone to drink the “tea”. The fun and frolics that ensue are great for both cast and audience with the most unlikely “couples” getting together.

The second, one of my favourites, is *Trial-by-Jury*, a 35 minute romp poking fun at the judiciary when, in a breach-of-promise of marriage case, the judge ends up as the only successful party. I guarantee that you'll come out singing “And a good judge too”. This is the first G & S operetta I took part in. It was 1952 (I think!) when my brother was Angelina, the plaintiff (it was an all boys school)



*Peter Waring, the Dore G&S accompanist at the piano, with the cast in the background.*

and I was a jurymen.

The shows will be performed from Wednesday April 11th to Saturday April 14th at The Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street, Sheffield. Tickets (£15 and £7.50) are available now by telephoning 07598 054708 or by booking via our Facebook page (Dore G&S). Treat yourselves to a good night out for less than the price of a pub meal and be magically entertained. Until then I hope that the winter is not too severe. We look forward to seeing you at the theatre.

*Derek Habberjam*

## Does your pet drink too much?

The medical term for drinking too much is polydipsia. Whilst serious medical problems are rare, if your dog or cat is drinking more than usual we'll need to check that there isn't a more serious underlying medical condition.

How much water should your pet drink? The amount an animal drinks will vary and can often be closely related to the kind of food being fed. Animals fed a dry diet will need more water than those being fed tinned or sachet food. As a guide we would normally expect dogs and cats to drink somewhere between 20 and 70 mls per kg body weight per day. Anything over 100 mls is abnormal.

The best way to measure your pet's water intake is to fill the water bowl with a known amount of water in the morning, and measure what is left after 24 hours. Repeat this over several days to work out the average. You can then divide the volume of water drunk by your pet's body weight.

What causes polydipsia? Increased drinking can occur for several reasons;

- Kidney failure – if the ability of the kidneys to concentrate urine is compromised this will allow larger volumes of dilute urine to be excreted, which in turn will make an animal want to drink more. The causes of kidney

failure can be temporary or permanent. This damage can also occur suddenly (acute) or slowly (chronic).

- Kidney infection – this needs investigating and treating urgently to prevent further complications. It can also be painful and cause a fever.

- High blood calcium – this can occur with certain cancers. If a high calcium level is found we will normally look for other triggers.

- Liver failure – when the liver stops working there can be a multitude of problems that develop. Alterations in the blood levels of urea, cortisol and potassium all affect water intake.

- Diabetes mellitus – not just a problem in humans but now also a significant issue in dogs and cats. Animals that are overweight, eat the wrong diet and don't exercise enough will be most at risk.

- Pyometra – this is the name we use for a womb infection, a problem that we normally see in middle aged or older unneutered female dogs. Apart from drinking too much you may also see other signs such as a loss of appetite.

- Overactive adrenal glands – we normally refer to this as hyperadrenocorticotrophism or Cushing's disease. We are lucky that there are some very good treatments available to manage this disease.

- Over active thyroid glands – also known as hyperthyroidism, this is most common in middle age and older cats.

Is excessive drinking an urgent problem? It could be, so if you are in any doubt call us and make an appointment to see one of our vets.

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How do we investigate excessive drinking?

We would normally start our investigations with blood and urine tests which can readily identify some of the common causes, such as kidney failure. We may then go on to arrange an ultrasound scan to examine the liver, kidneys and adrenal glands.

How do we help? The treatment for polydipsia in dogs and cats depends on the underlying cause. It's reassuring to know that in most cases we can usually find some way to help with the problem. The outcome is generally better if the condition is diagnosed early. Whatever you do don't delay and let us take a look.

If you have any further questions about polydipsia in dogs and cats you should speak to one of our vets.

## On the Beat

Neighbourhood policing team update.

Firstly can I take this opportunity to wish all Bugle readers a Happy New Year. Now we are into 2018 I would like to cover topics that are currently relevant to SYP and I believe all residents.

SYP Alerts is a new alerts system that anyone can sign-up to, free of charge, where residents receive messages from the police about local policing issues that matter to them. This system is ideal

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The spectre of "Bogus callers" seems to be on the increase in our area. A number of recent incidents have shown that fraudsters working under the charity banner are attempting to trick residents to donating money to what seem like worthwhile causes.

Although giving to charity is a laudable decision residents should be aware that all callers are not always what they seem. I would advise that residents, before engaging in any charitable donations to door step callers, ascertain who they are dealing with. Any reputable charity organisation will provide all their workers with an up to date identity card which residents should always ask to see. Non production of such a card would suggest that all is not well when dealing with such individuals.

On no account should any unidentified person be allowed into your home. Any residents having concerns should immediately contact the police who will despatch officers to identify who these individuals are whether legal or not.

Until my next article stay safe and crime free.

*PCSO Ken Blake*

## Sheffield Castle

Archaeologists at the University of Sheffield have recently undertaken the most in-depth study to date of the Castle archives in the vaults of Sheffield museum. Some fantastic new information, drawings, plans and artefacts from the forgotten castle have now been seen and assessed.

Built in Sheffield in the late 11th or early 12th century, the castle played an important role in English history. Mary Queen of Scots, who was regarded by many as the rightful Queen of England, was held prisoner there for more than 10 years, between 1570 and 1584, before she was executed in 1587.

It was home to some of the great families of the time, the Furnivals, Nevils, Shrewsburys and Howards, and Cardinal Wolsey (Archbishop of York, Lord Chancellor and chief adviser to Henry VIII), is likely to have stayed there in 1530.

The castle was a Royalist stronghold during the English Civil War until it fell to Parliamentary forces on 11 August 1644. Its strength and importance were such that Parliament felt the need to eliminate the threat it posed, and, in 1646, ordered its demolition.

Earlier excavations on the site of the castle, particularly those carried out in the 1920s and 1950s, remain largely unpublished. University researchers together with local archaeological specialists have for the first time studied

in detail the finds from those excavations – and are gaining important new insights into life in Sheffield, and in the castle, in the middle ages.

The University of Sheffield-led research team now believes that the creation of the castle was accompanied by the development of a planned town, whose streets still form the core of Sheffield city centre.

The earliest finds from the 20th-century excavations date from the 11th or 12th centuries, and consist of pottery from kilns in Lincolnshire. By the later middle ages some of the castle's pottery was made in kilns in Sheffield itself, though some came from the Low Countries.

Some of the finds bring us very close to the people of Sheffield – a cobbler dumped waste leather and old shoes into the castle's moat where they survived to provide us with unique insights into Sheffield fashions in footwear from the 15th to the 17th century.

Sheffield is known for steel production and its rich industrial heritage, but its roots lie in the middle ages. If it wasn't for its demolition following the Civil War, Sheffield's skyline might still be dominated by its castle. Hopefully the new excavations due to commence this Spring, will put Sheffield Castle firmly back on the map.

Academics from the University are now working closely with the Council and the Friends of Sheffield Castle – a voluntary group who work to protect and promote the castle site - to regenerate the area.

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## Take a break

### *A Dream Come True*

#### *... the Northern Lights*

When people talk about bucket lists or wish lists, they often include the chance to view the spectacular Northern Lights in person and like anyone else, this was certainly a part of mine.

So, with fingers crossed, I was deliriously excited to be heading to Norway with Hurtigruten ... 2017 has sure been a year of firsts!

With Social Media playing a bigger and bigger part in the World, the team at Adeona Travel Broomhill encourage us to share ... and that I did when I entered a travel competition on Twitter to promote the regional departures available with Hurtigruten and their fabulous voyages.

It was such a surprise when I was one of 12 lucky agents chosen to take a 5-day adventure from Tromsø to Bergen on board the MS Kong Harald ... undoubtedly a dream come true.

My journey started at Manchester Airport with half the lucky winners, meeting the others in Oslo, before our final leg to Tromsø. This is where things got exciting as the forecast that night was a GO, GO, GO for Northern Lights ... eek! As we ate a delicious dinner late that evening before the MS Kong Harald arrived into port, the call came that the 'lights' were dancing outside.

A couple of us grabbed our tripods and D-SLR cameras and heading out into the cold to view this stunning phenomenon! Having never photographed such an elusive natural event before, it was a little hit and miss getting my settings right, but oh so worth the effect as I captured this spectacular show of the Aurora Borealis ... bucket list, check! Everything else would be a bonus!

As we sailed out of port we all couldn't believe our luck, what a start to our Hurtigruten voyage, wow, wow, wow!

Life onboard MS Kong Harald was just as I imagined, with a modern, Arctic-inspired flare. Out on deck, you could soak in the scenery from the sun deck or

one of two Jacuzzis or even snuggle up in the cosy bar on the top deck with full floor to ceiling panoramic windows to take in the fabulous vistas in the Panorama Lounge ... this was the life!

Cabins may be small, but perfectly formed and the beds extremely comfortable as we settled in for our first



*The spectacular Northern Lights - Aurora Borealis*

night on board, still on a high from our earlier encounter!

We were sure not to oversleep, as with morning came stunning vistas as we headed south. Even from the dining room at breakfast your eye was drawn to the fabulous views through the many



*The Atlantic Road zig-zags and leaps across small islands on low bridges built directly above and along the edge of the North Atlantic Ocean*

windows. This working ship, as with all of Hurtigruten's Norwegian fleet, the MS Kong Harald skipped in and out of quaint picturesque ports enabling you to hop on and off if the whim took you or merely photograph the spectacular scenery as

you soaked up the ambience from on-board.

As we continued to sail south through Vesterålen, the weather was slightly against us and rather than enter the narrow and bewitching Trollfjord, the captain manoeuvred us to see the opening between the vast mountain walls. From here with waterproofs pulled tight and cameras in gloved hands we embraced the inclement weather then stared in awe at the magnificent towering entrance to the fjord complete with cascading waterfall, snapping a few pics before legging it back inside to the warmth. Even in bad weather the scenery was magical.

By the next day it was time to cross the Arctic Circle and take part in the southward initiation of a spoonful of cod liver oil. Today albeit cold we were able to line up on deck in the sunshine and enjoy the fabulous scenery before gulping down our cod liver oil ... sadly, not to everyone's taste! Ha-ha!

With many excursions along our journey, our time was jam packed with interesting facts & mini adventures. With sightseeing in beautiful communities and exploring the hidden rooms at Trondheim's Nidaros Cathedral, to learning about iconic stockfish racks with a guided walk around the thriving fishing community of Svolvær, or visiting the magnificent marble mine in Bergtatt.

One of the highlights, excluding the Northern Lights was definitely the excursion along the Atlantic Road. Taking us from Kristiansund to Molde the road zig-zags and leaps across small islands on low bridges built directly above and along the edge of the North Atlantic Ocean. Voted Norway's 'Engineering Feat of the Century' it is also known to be one of the World's most beautiful drives and even on a wet blustery day it's beauty still shone through.

All too soon we arrived into a wet Bergen and it was time to head to the airport for our journey home.

This adventure certainly opened my eyes to the stunning beauty of the Norwegian Fjords and coastline and the amazing voyage on board our fabulous

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## Iolanthe is restored to life

*Iolanthe, a young girl, torn apart from her newly-wed husband and condemned to die is magically restored to life and reunited with her husband and friends, years after they thought her lost forever - at least that's the way the story goes in Gilbert & Sullivan's Iolanthe.*

But in a strange case of art imitating life Vintage G&S are bringing this well loved opera back to life in their forthcoming production in March.

Sheffield soprano Elizabeth Birkby, who first sang the title role in *Iolanthe* as a 17 year old in Sheffield Youth Opera's production in 1967, is to recreate her role, reuniting with old friends, all of whom thought their G&S days were long over.

Vintage G&S was born after a chance meeting between former South Yorkshire Opera friends. Their reminiscences, nostalgia and shared love of G&S lead to a wish to perform a G&S opera together again just for fun. Though under no illusions that any of them were in the first flush of youth, the name Vintage G&S

seemed appropriate; it would denote the "certain age" of the group, as well as their years of considerable experience and expertise.

All the principals have been recruited from the ranks of experienced G&S performers from Sheffield, Rotherham, Huddersfield, Derby - and even Godmanchester. Caroline Dyson, who has vast experience playing almost all the G&S leading mezzos, played Iolanthe for SYO in 1990, but will sing the role of the Fairy Queen for the first time in this production.

Nigel Rothery, a well known operatic bass and seasoned G&S performer around the region, will recreate his role as Private Willis from the same SYO production and Mary McCready, Chesterfield G&S's lead soprano for many years, will sing Phyllis, one of the few roles which had previously eluded her.

Morris Fisher, a former SYO principal and well known Derby baritone and conductor is to play Strepson, a role which he has played many times before. Indeed it was after one of these productions that his stage mother, Iolanthe, subsequently became his wife! Marion Fisher is now delighted to be joining her husband on stage again as one of the "vintage" fairies.

But perhaps the most interesting casting is that of "the singing vicar". Simon Copley, who preaches by day and sings by night, has enjoyed considerable G&S success in Wales and around Yorkshire

and is very pleased to recreate one of his earlier successes as the Lord Chancellor. Though he still awaits the chance to perform in *Ruddigore*, he will take a step closer to performing a role in every G&S opera when he sings the Notary in *The Sorcerer* and the Judge in *Trial by Jury* for Dore G&S in April.

With fellow G&S performers, Geoff Fenwick, Jonathan Parsons, Vivien Carrack, Sheila Rothman and Penny Walker, filling the other roles, this will be a strong cast. They will be ably supported by an experienced chorus drawn from G & S societies such as Dore, Birley Carr and the former City Comic. All of them are thrilled to be given the opportunity to relive their youth as part of such a special vintage cast.

*Iolanthe* will be performed on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th March at 7.30 pm in King Egbert's School, Dore and all proceeds will be donated to Cavendish Cancer Care. It will be conducted by John Wade, founder of the John Wade singers and directed by SYO's Jan Ashford, with Jonathan Lazell as accompanist.

This is a celebration of the sparkle and vitality of G&S as once we knew, with new life breathed into it by a cast and chorus intent on bringing you truly a night to remember.

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## Ash Dieback

There are now signs of ash dieback all over the White Peak, said National Trust Ranger Luke Barley, unsurprisingly, he added, because the spores that cause the disease are carried by the wind.

“We felt it was inevitable, because the White Peak is an ash landscape. Now we need to manage it and mitigate for it.”

The rapid spread of ash dieback throughout Europe since its first outbreak in 1992 has led to predictions of an ‘ash armageddon’ with most of Britain’s 100 million plus ash trees dead or dying within a few years. The disease originated in the far east, where native ash species have co-evolved with the *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus* fungus which causes ash dieback, and can survive its attacks, whereas European ash trees seemed to have little defence.

Agencies like the National Trust, Natural England, The Forestry Commission and the Peak District National Park Authority are working together to monitor the spread of the disease in steep limestone valleys like Dovedale, Lathkill Dale, Monsal Dale and Monks Dale.

“Some places in Europe have seen more than 90% of the ash trees infected, and if that happened in our ash-dominated woodlands, they could stop functioning as woodland ecosystems with all that implies for other woodland species,” said Luke Barley.

Ash is a ‘pioneer’ species, whose seedlings grow quickly in cleared and open ground, so the predominance of ash in the White Peak’s woodlands is a result of many hundreds of years of woodland clearances for farming, quarrying and mining.

But there are still some secluded ravine woodlands that evaded human interference, like Matlock Wood in Matlock Bath, which include trees like



*National Trust ranger Luke Barley and Countryside manager Ted Talbot looking at ash trees in the Dove Valley*

wych elm, yew and lime as well as ash, and Joe Alsop from Natural England said restoring species that would have grown around the White Peak in the past would be good for biodiversity.

“Matlock Wood gives us a snapshot of where we could be, and maybe shows how many ravine woodlands would have looked in the past,” he said.

As well as a monitoring programme in 100 small patches of the Peak District to check the progress of ash and other species, conservationists will be actively cutting down some trees to give space to older ash which could be more tolerant, and to allow other native trees to gain a foothold. Luke and colleagues are also looking for funding to plant species that would have grown in the ravines long ago, like hazel, rock whitebeam, lime and wych elm.

There are now some encouraging signs that Britain’s ash trees may be more tolerant than continental European variants, and maybe an ‘ash armageddon’ can be averted here.

But the White Peak’s ash-dominated ravine woodlands will soon face a new challenge, from the Asian emerald ash borer beetle (whose larvae burrow into ash trees and kill them) which arrived a few years ago in Moscow.

“It is a call to action,” said Luke Barley. “We can’t stop ash dieback, all we can do is try and manage these woodlands so what’s important about them continues.”

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/whitepeak>

*David Bocking*

## The Wildlife Garden

If, like me, you have some knowledge about soil, you will still have been fascinated if you watched the TV programme “Deep Down and Dirty” on BBC4 recently. It explained how soil is formed (it is an extremely slow process) and how it became able to support plant-life. It provides the nutrients plants need and the organisms that have developed in it recycle the plants when they die back.

These organisms include fungi and their mycelia and a huge variety of microscopic organisms, insects and three species of worms which each play a different role in the breakdown of plants. Some organisms break down leaves and others wood. They maintain a healthy balance of nutrients and also the texture and moisture-retaining properties of the soil. They also predate on each other, but soil has more life in it than all the life above it.

The first plants to develop were lichens and, before there was any human activity, trees, shrubs and flowers developed along with insects and other wildlife all of which depend on the plant life directly or indirectly.

However, this balanced state is easily damaged and, while early farmers would have had some effect, over the last ten centuries or so, land has been cleared or drained, trees have been cut down and intensive farming (with its use of chemicals and loss of hedgerows) have done much damage to the soil and caused huge loss of wildlife habitats.

Then invaders and travellers brought in exotic plants which can be more impressive than our natives, but can be very invasive and difficult to remove, displacing our native flora. We also plant lots of cultivated plants which can have the same effect and do not support our wildlife in an ecologically natural way.

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killing precious wildlife, the use of chemicals on farmland and in gardens is killing life in the soil. Like plastic, chemicals are everywhere. Most plants bought from local shops, garden centres and DIY stores will be grown in compost to which chemicals have been added.

I have been browsing through some old issues. In the early 1990s, "Maggie Pie" wrote articles about this problem. That was over twenty-five years ago and the situation is now worse - we need to learn lessons and start acting much more quickly; a very good reason to go organic both in the garden and in the kitchen. Most people are put off going organic because of the cost, but the "true costs" and the long-term costs of not going organic don't bear thinking about. Start with little steps so that it just gradually becomes a way of life.

Maggie Pie also explained that bees and other pollinators have evolved with the scent and form of our native flowers, while the scent and form of introduced flowers is not always so attractive to them or the nectar and pollen as accessible. She also pointed out that evolution (of flowers) is not for man's pleasure, but to attract butterflies and moths.

My brother who lives in Australia has sent me an article from a newspaper. It is headed "Swap a weed for a native". Like here, people have introduced exotic plants and some are very invasive. At least they are referred to as weeds, whilst here most people refer to our wildflowers

as weeds. The writer points out that these changes threaten the very survival of our ecosystems and that "weeds" out-compete native flora for sunlight, nutrients and space. Ironically, over the page is their regular advice for gardeners article advising which foreign or cultivated plant looks most wonderful or lasts longest!! Similarly, the RHS, garden centres, flower shows and most garden programmes and magazines show no real concern for the state of the soil or the loss of native flowers and wildlife.

The Australian article also gives jobs gardeners should be doing each month. I had always failed to achieve those, but don't have to now, as native plants are very resilient and are mostly easily transplanted if necessary or if you choose to do so.

In my experience, people who involve themselves in organic and sustainable gardening, farming or conservation efforts, whilst frustrated with the lack of concern generally for the state of the environment, get much satisfaction from what they do either on their own or with like-minded people, and make many friends.

We need to act now to try and save our ecosystems or it will be too late and our children and grandchildren will not thank us for the legacy we leave for them to deal with. During a recent programme with Judy Dench, "My Passion for Trees", one expert said that the best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago! Failing that, do it today!!

Just to finish, E B White, author of "Charlotte's Web", said "I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man, if he spent less time proving that he can outwit nature and more time tasting her sweetness and respecting her sincerity."

Marian Tiddy

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Since the last edition of The Bugle we've had confirmation from the Office of Road and Rail that passenger numbers are growing. That will come as no surprise to anyone using the station, living nearby, or just driving along Abbeydale Road South at commuting times. However it's out of sight, out of mind to those in the echelons of power who make decisions. They don't seem to appreciate the significance. We're not even sure many in Sheffield, let alone South Yorkshire, appreciate our little station.

The fact is that in the last year numbers grew by 5.8%. They've doubled since research was being conducted for the much delayed Hope Valley Capacity Scheme. They've trebled since the first public reference we've found to the redoubling of the tracks and platform in 2005, and quadrupled in the last 20 years.

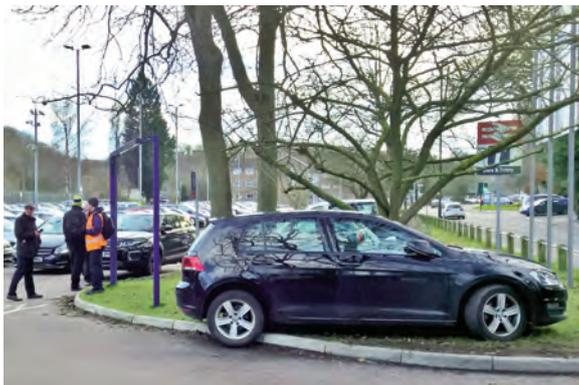
Suffice to say that although numbers at Sheffield have increased enormously in the last 20 years, they haven't by these rates, and only by 1.1% in the last year. As more discover the merits of our little station the growth at Dore & Totley will continue despite its major shortcomings.

**Improved Northern services** from May. In the last issue it was noted that we'd made input into Northern's consultation regarding May timetable changes. Our very knowledgeable team's views were taken into account and by the time you read this we should have had official confirmation of those changes. We've seen a leaked copy and believe it to be accurate.

There will be more trains stopping. On weekdays there'll be more towards Sheffield than towards Manchester, probably 26 against 18. We asked for a train about 7.30 into Sheffield. It will be later than hoped at 7.57, but better for the Hope Valley. There remains a big gap between 8.28 and 9.58 but otherwise it will be at least hourly.

We asked for a later train out of Sheffield at night, so hope the 23.34 gets used. Unfortunately, although hourly

trains will leave Sheffield it won't be possible for all to stop here. That will leave 3 gaps of 2 hours or more. They'll have to skip many stations to keep to time due to slow freight train movements in the Hope Valley.



*Parking on newly emerging daffodils by the entrance*

Saturday services are unchanged but if we've read it right there'll be major improvements to Sunday evening services from Manchester. We'll continue to give constructive feedback and hope more can be done in the next round of changes in December, especially if the new services get used.

**TransPennine Express** are also adding more stops. The first stop of the 6.15 towards Manchester Airport on 11th December was boarded by 16 people –

Sunday evening trains from Manchester Airport - but none towards Manchester.

**Northern's concept plan for a canopy** to be added to the old station. This is still NOT a done deal or a final design. The plan is displayed on a noticeboard by the station entrance. It won't come quickly, so in the meantime we'll have to get under the tree or cram into the shelter. We've submitted our constructive views to Northern based on feedback from local residents and users and await a considered response.

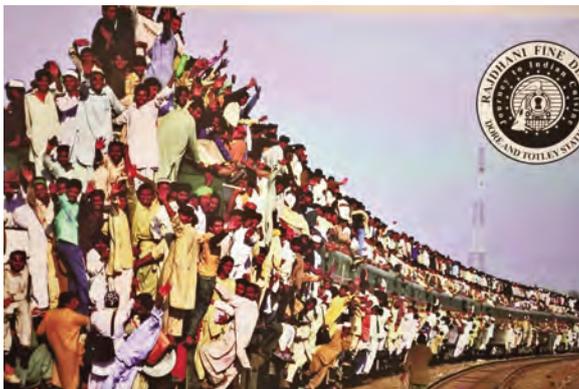
**Hope Valley Capacity Scheme** to redouble the tracks and add second platform. Despair may be the word here. TransPennine are now operating 6 carriage trains and our platform only takes 4. They use selective door opening (SDO), so don't get in the last 2 coaches for Dore & Totley! We can't squeeze many more stops in with only one platform and even with a canopy we need more cover.

We got our MP to ask a written question and he got this evasive response from Paul Maynard then the Rail Minister "As part of the Great North Rail Project, the Hope Valley and Dore capacity schemes will increase track capacity to allow a more frequent service, accommodating three fast trains an hour between Sheffield and Manchester. This scheme is currently subject to a Transport and Works Act Order application, to which the Department is currently considering."

We know that. Tell us something we don't know, like why is it taking so long? They've had the public inquiry inspector's report since 15th November 2016. At least he's confirmed the project still exists.

Derbyshire Dales MP Sir Patrick McLoughlin then followed up on the case and received an answer from Transport Minister Chris Grayling saying much the same but he'd "seek to see things along".

Assuming they ever do make a decision Network Rail will have to update their plans, sort out the money, put the work out to tender and arrange possession periods to work on the tracks. Realistically work can't start this year, and probably not before late



*A reminder how lucky we are with our rail services compared to some other countries. This picture is on the wall of the Rajdhani restaurant at the station*

followed by another 16 on the 6.25 for Liverpool. The 21.19 from Manchester will be stopping here at 22.03 from 21st May. It seems they'll be stopping several

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2019 at the very earliest, making completion by 2020 unlikely. 2021, 3 years late, is the best we should expect.

Friends of Dore & Totley Station - FoDaTS - has a very active Facebook presence. If you use the rail service, are concerned about the environment around the station, or just have an interest in trains past present or future, please look in and join our Facebook group. Our very well informed members include passengers, enthusiasts, local residents and traders, past and present railwaymen from all parts of the industry – and a few who tend the planters on the station.

**Car parking!!** Suffice to say for now that the volunteers who planted bulbs around the station car park are distinctly unimpressed that some car drivers are parking in obstructing positions, like on newly emerging daffodils.

We have confirmed with station operators Northern and car park owners SYPTE that there are no current plans to introduce charges at Dore & Totley. A recent site visit (pictured) by representatives of SYPTE, Sheffield City Region and Network Rail viewed the car park issue and eventually a solution will be found. It's all down to money, and environmental concerns!

If you're not a Facebook user, you can join us by sending an email with your contact details to our Secretary; nj-barnes@outlook.com Website at www.fodats.net

*Chris Morgan, Chairman*

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First train 1pm – last train 5pm

**March - Sunday 25th**

**April - Sunday 8th & 22nd**

**May - Sunday 13th**

Unlike last year, we will not be open on Bank Holiday Mondays.

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### Transport 17

Thank you so much for all your support at the Christmas Fayre. We raised over £800 which has helped to boost the coffers quite substantially. Every one seemed to enjoy themselves. The Strictly Christmas Stall was a real hit and the demand on the cake stall was very good. Sue Petre brought her Forever Living products too.

People particularly enjoyed winning a 'prize every time' on our Bottle Bonanza Stall and we had a big selection of lovely prizes for the Raffle! Huge thanks go to the local businesses and individuals for their continued support.

Of course no Transport 17 Christmas Fayre would be complete without the Cross Scythes excellent mince pies. We are so grateful for everything they do for us.

Our next Coffee Morning will be at The Cross Scythes on 10th March, where the new mini bus provided by the Department for Transport will be officially launched at 12.15pm. It has been in use for several months and has been very popular with our service users.

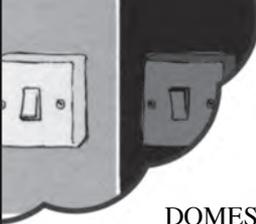
This time at the Coffee Morning, instead of our usual selection of stalls we have 3 ladies showcasing their products - Deb Leonard with Tropic Cosmetics, Lynn Munro's knitted items and Catherine Maughan with Flamingo Paperie which used to be Phoenix Cards. We will be doing a Chocolate Bonanza Lucky Dip stall and Guess the Weight of the Cake. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

We have lost some of our volunteers due to natural causes and could really do with some more. If there is anyone who can give us a few hours a week on a regular basis to escort and/or train to be a driver they would be more than welcome. Please contact John or Mike in the office on 236 2962, Monday to Friday between 9am and 12 noon. Thank you.

We have had several donations recently (totalling £3,620) from: Totley Open Gardens, Stella Jockel, Derbyshire Masonic Lodges, Dore Village Society, J Cotterill and Totley All Saints Church as well as a donation in memory of Sheila Biggins.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best of everything for 2018.

*Felicity Revill*



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## Book Shelf

I am a relative newcomer to Sheffield having only lived here some 35 years, so it is with a little hesitation that I accepted the challenge of a new book *11 Places in Sheffield that you shouldn't miss* by Michael Glover. Some things I knew, some I thought I did and for many it proved a leaning exercise. Starting at Abbeydale Hamlet and finishing with Wyming Brook I found myself reading about Bobby's Lock-up, The Sheffield Simplex and T.H. Goode.

Lots of new and unfamiliar places and faces, with some familiar ones in-between. This is both a book to test and improve your knowledge of Sheffield and nearby, or for a visitor, or for a friend or relative who is yet to appreciate our city. So test yourself. Where did the Artic Monkeys cut their first album? Can you find the Sewer Gas Destructor Lamp and what is Jenkin Road famous for?

Published in paperback by Emons Publishers, 220 pages price £11.99 ISBN 9783740800222

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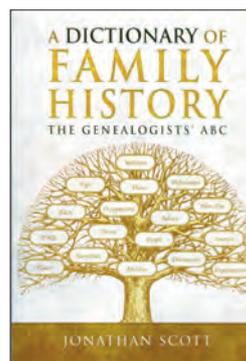
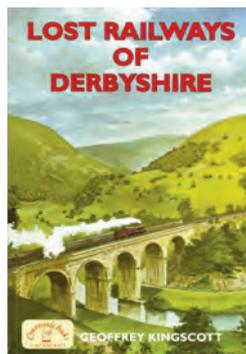
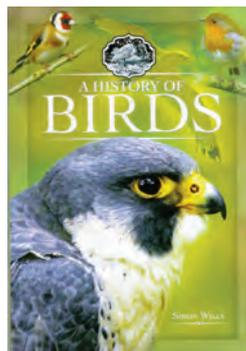
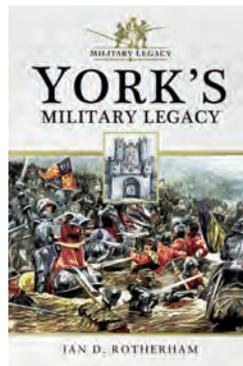
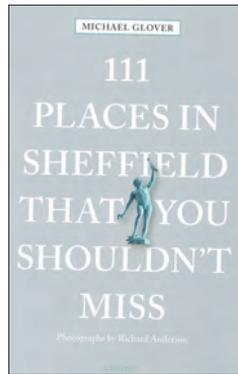
If you read about any period of our history, chances are that somewhere in the story there will be a reference to York. Here the Romans built a great, northern, fortified city and military settlement from which they could control northern England. Later the Vikings renamed the city Jorvic, and made it their capital. Once subsumed into Anglo-Saxon Northumbria, York continued its strategic and military significance through late Saxon times, during the Norman Conquest, and into medieval England. Indeed, two of the most far-reaching battles in English history were fought at nearby Fulford and Stamford Bridge. York's military significance grew again during the Wars of the Roses, with the Battle of Towton in 1461, which probably saw the highest death toll of any battle on English soil.

A new book *York's military legacy* by Ian Rotherham traces this history through to the religious disputes of the late Tudors, and the Civil War between the Stuart Kings and Parliamentary Commonwealth. Throughout its strategic location made it a prize for any side. The two world wars saw more action and the book reviews the city's military legacy right up to the present day. It also contains a map and guide to the town walls and other defences.

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In a new book *A History of Birds*, Wildlife photographer and history journalist Simon Wills explores the intriguing and at times bizarre stories behind our relationship with birds. Based on careful research the author tells the history of familiar birds from ancient times to the present day. From Herons being the Egyptian bird-god, to Pigeon racing today. Whole careers have been created around birds – from falconers to



ostrich farmers – and birds have had great symbolic importance too. Discover, for example, why Raleigh bicycles carry a heron logo and why church lecterns are in the shape of an eagle. Find out why robins feature on Christmas cards, and how Mozart was persuaded to keep a pet starling. What bird did Florence Nightingale carry around in her pocket? How did the blue tit get its name?

If you are interested in birds, wildlife in general or just history, this beautifully illustrated book will fascinate you with the facts it contains

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Back in 1840 three local railway companies amalgamated to form the Midland Railway and a golden age had begun. Sadly the railway age was not to last. As motorised transport became more accessible, lines began to close, first to passengers and then to freight. Further closures took place as a result of the Beeching report in 1963. Today, preservation societies have taken over several of these old lines, and many more disused railway lines have been converted to greenways for the walker, the cyclist and the horse-rider.

*Lost railways of Derbyshire* by Geoffrey Kingscott, brings to life the county's railways and describes the reasons for their construction and for their subsequent closure. Modern photographs accompany those from earlier times. These, together with specially drawn maps and grid references, will help the enthusiast to explore many of the old lines and stations that have survived.

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Part encyclopaedia, part dictionary, part almanac Jonathan Scotts *Dictionary of Family History* is practical, easy to use, entertaining and genuinely informative. It is the kind of book you can dip into or use as a starting point for deeper study, and it is the essential companion for experienced family historians and for anyone who is approaching this fascinating subject for the first time.

Thousands of A to Z entries are full of intriguing facts. There are definitions, timelines and terminologies, details of archives and websites as well as advice on research methods and explanations of genealogical peculiarities and puzzles that would test the knowledge of even veteran researchers.

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## Reducing prescribing

NHS England is launching a public consultation on reducing prescribing of over-the-counter medicines for 33 minor, short-term health concerns. The aim of this consultation is to provide you with information about the proposed national guidance and to seek your views about the proposals. The consultation ends March 14th 2018 - To take part in the consultation online, please go to: <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/over-the-counter-items-not-routinely-prescribed/>

## Why it is important to make a will?

It is important for you to make a will whether or not you consider you have many possessions or much money. It is important to make a will because:-

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Unmarried partners and partners who have not registered a civil partnership cannot inherit from each other unless there is a will, so the death of one partner may create serious financial problems for the remaining partner.

If you have children, you will need to



*In our autumn issue Hazel & Graham Hill wrote asking if anyone had seen their white headed Blackbird. This might be a candidate recently pictured in a garden on Ox Close Avenue.*

make a will so that arrangements for the children can be made if either one or both parents die.

It may be possible to reduce the amount of tax payable on the inheritance if advice is taken in advance and a will is made.

If your circumstances have changed, it is important that you make a will to ensure that your money and possessions are distributed according to your wishes. For example, if you have separated and your ex-partner now lives with someone else, you may want to change your will. If you are married or enter into a registered civil partnership, this will make any previous will you have made invalid.

If you are in any doubt as to whether or

not you should make a will, you should consult a solicitor or a Citizens Advice Bureau who can give you lists of solicitors. Also many charities have will making services.

## Looking back ....

*Stan Jones recalls - May 1998*

When Stan Jones first came to Bradway 66 years ago he was 9 years old. It was a quiet village in those days, with the kids able to play safely on the main road, accompanied by the chickens that wandered freely. He lived in the cottages next to Bradway School, which were demolished in the 1960s.

Stan attended Greenhill County School which closed a year ago and is now used as a doctor's practice. He played football for the school (see picture) and would be interested in meeting any of his old school chums that might still have contacts within the area.

Stan's first job was at the Twentywell Brick Company on Twentywell Lane, where he started at the age of 14. The company itself closed in 1939.

Stan recalls that Fox Lane used to be known as Flowerday's Lane and that during the war period Bradway Road was often referred to as Main Road. He also remembers Prospect Road being known as Outram's Lane, with Outram Farm standing complete with duck pond and ducks where the Old Mother Redcap is today.

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## More local events

### Bradway Agewell Leisure Club

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*Mar 6th.* A.G.M – Members only

*April 3rd.* Scenic Britain by train – Talk by Stephen Gay

*May 1st.* Velocipedes; a look at the history of the humble bicycle. – Talk by Rosemary Beney

More information from Stuart Sawyer. Tel. 236 9830

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### Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

The Sorcerer and Trial-by-Jury.

Venue: The Montgomery Theatre

When: Wednesday 11th April 2018 to Saturday 14th April 2018

Tickets: £15 adults and £7.50 children telephone 07598 054708 or via Dore G&S Facebook page.

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### Bradway Community Association

*Feb 24th* Cheese and No Wine evening

*Mar 4th* Ramble

*Mar 17th* A Celebration of Spring

*Apr 1st* Ramble

*Apr 25th* AGM

*May 6th* Ramble

*May TBA* Annual Quiz Night

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

Walks: Peter Smithson 236 9876

Social Secretary Jean Hunter 236 4922.

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### Friends of Bishop's House

*Feb 26th* The Anti-Slavery Movement in Sheffield. Talk by Suzanne Bingham: at Bishop's House, Norton Lees Lane 7.30pm.



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### Totley (M) Townswomen's Guild

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

*Feb 20th* Tree tops. Sick Children's Trust Talk by Cassandra

*Mar 20th* AGM

*Apr 17th* The Clarion Ramblers Talk by Ann Beedham

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

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

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### Totley History Group

*Feb 28th* Open Meetings. Everyone is welcome to share photographs, memorabilia and recollections of our local Sports, Social and Community Groups and activities.

*Mar 28th* Illustrated talk by Stephen Gay called Off The Track in Derbyshire when we shall find out what hides out of sight alongside the Dore and Chinley railway line.

Meetings 7.30 pm in Totley Library.

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### Sheffield Photographic Society

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*Feb 20th* 8 for 10. This popular evening gives us the chance to see the work of 8 of our members who will each show pictures for 10 minutes. (PD)

*Feb 27th* Phone Boxes and Other Projects Geoff Hicks LRPS from Clay Cross Photographic Society (P D AV)

*Mar 6th* Members' Print Comp - Round 4 Judged by Rob Hockney from North Cheshire Photographic Society. (P)

*Mar 3rd* Members' Evening. Gareth Morgan & Mike Newman show their work.

*Mar 20th* The AV Show.

AV Group Audio Visual presentations.

*Mar 27th* Award winning landscape photographer Mark Littlejohn. He specialises in moody/atmospheric shots. (P)

*Apr 10th* An Evening with the YPU President

*Apr 17th* Dare To Be Different

Professional photographer Doug Chinnery suggests ways to refresh our photography. (P D)

*Apr 24th* Presidents, Past Present and Elect show a selection of prints not selected for the annual exhibition. (P)

Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at St Peter's Church, Reney Avenue, Greenhill. 7.50 pm Prompt Start - Visitors £4. Visitors and Prospective members - Anyone with an interest in photography is welcome to attend up to four meetings without becoming a member of the Society, at a charge of £4 per meeting. If Society membership is subsequently taken out, the subscription will be reduced by the amount already paid.

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### Friends of Gillfield Wood

*Feb 17th* Revealing Gillfield Wood. Join us for a 2 mile walk as we share

what we have discovered through the Heritage Lottery Funded Phase 2 Survey of 2017. We will visit the standing stones in the brook and consider what the hedgerows might tell us about the older Ghost Wood on the periphery of the present wood.

Meet at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane at 10am. Wellingtons or strong boots recommended, plus winter clothing.

*Feb 18th* Practical conservation morning.

*Feb 26th* Recording Your Patch. Talk by Paul Richards (Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust) on the work of Nature Counts. Meet at Totley Library, Baslow Road for 7:30pm.

*Mar 10th* Surveying Spring Fungi. Steve Clements will lead an exploratory stroll from the west end of the wood toward the Totley Hall Lane entrance. Good footwear essential. Meet: Bus Terminus, Baslow Road at 10am

*Mar 18th* Practical conservation morning.

*Apr 12th* Art Day

*Apr 23rd:* AGM + Talk "Flies Undone" by Derek Whiteley (Sorby) Meet: Totley Library, Baslow Road from 7:30pm

*Apr 28th* Bird Walk 2 Welcome to Chris Measure's second Bird Walk of the year. Meet 8am at the Scout Hut, Aldam Road

*Apr 29th* Practical conservation morning.

For Practical conservation mornings Meet at the Baslow Road bus terminus for 10am.

[www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com/](http://www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com/)

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### Totley Probus Club

*Feb 28th* A Place By A River. Speaker Mike Ogden

*Mar 14th* A Look at Scunthorpe Iron & Steel. Speaker Bryan Longbone

*Mar 28th* Through Kirton Tunnel - Sheffield to Cleethorpes. Speaker Stephen Gay

*Apr 11th* So, You Think You're British Do You? Speaker John Taylor

*Apr 25th* Lady Arbella Stuart – The Queen that Never Was. Speaker David Templeman

*May 9th* May The Romans. Speaker Pat McLaughlin

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

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

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### Sheffield Environment Weeks

28 April - 10 June. Visit [www.sheffieldenvironment.org/events](http://www.sheffieldenvironment.org/events)

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In return, players get full use of the SWFC player's facilities and changing rooms, receive a SWFC kit, and a meal after the game for themselves and a guest in the 1867 suite as well as a souvenir team photograph and player's medal.

"This really would make the perfect gift for a real Owls fan," said St Luke's Corporate Fundraising Manager Jack Kidder. It's a truly unique opportunity to step out onto the famous Wednesday pitch and be part of a memorable sporting occasion."

John Pearson, Events Manager at the Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme, said: "Last year's Charity Cup was a great success and we're really looking forward to this year's match. It's a great opportunity for people to support two great local charities in St Luke's and the Community Programme, whilst also getting to play on Hillsborough's hallowed turf."

To find out more, receive a registration form and secure a shirt number players need to simply email [football@hospicesheffield.co.uk](mailto:football@hospicesheffield.co.uk)

**John Highfield**



Raising funds for St Luke's (left to right) Joost Van Aken, John Pearson and Jordan Rhodes

## Sheffield Folk Train

On the fourth Tuesday of each month we gather on platform 7 (but please check the departure board) at Sheffield Station, to catch the 19:14 train to Manchester which calls at Dore (19:20) and all stations along the Hope Valley, with music from the band throughout the journey.

We reach Edale at 19:47, where we 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 22:04. More details at: [www.folktrain.org.uk](http://www.folktrain.org.uk)

**27 February 2018. Jig for a Kiss**

Their first appearance on the Folk Train will indicate to us that they are an eight-piece folk band with whistle, recorder, flute, clarinet, sax, harmonica, melodeon, mandolin, bouzouki, guitar, bass, percussion – and voices. They play their own arrangements of music old and new from the Britain Isles, Europe, & beyond.

**27 March 2018. Skiffle Show**

This is the second appearance on the Folk train of DH Lawrence & The Vaudeville Skiffle Show. They are said to be "like a breath of fresh air in a crowded musical marketplace, with their subtle mix of traditional British Folk Music and Bluegrass, and an emphasis on witty Americana flavoured lyrics." It is also said of them that they are a bunch of classically trained washboard & kazoo players.

## Recipe Corner

### Chicken and pepper stew

Deseed 6-8 peppers, red, yellow or orange, not green.

Chop the peppers into large chunks and place in a large non stick saucepan with 8 chicken thighs, keeping the skin on and the bone in. Do not add water or oil.

Cook very gently on a low heat, watching it for the first 10 minutes and stirring to prevent sticking and burning.

Then the peppers suddenly release their juices and you can leave it. Put the lid on and cook over a low-medium heat for 30 minutes, or until the pan is half-full of sweet, oily, autumn coloured stock.

Season and serve with rice, couscous or potatoes.

*Fiona and Stephen*

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## Sheffield Photographic Society Annual Exhibition

The Annual Exhibition is the Society's showcase for the best recent work of its members and is a display of prints only Exhibition.

It will be held at the Sheffield Cathedral from Friday 9th March to Sunday 18th March 2018, and be officially opened by Professor Vanessa Toulmin, Director of City and Cultural Engagement, Sheffield University.

Entry is free, and visitors are asked to be respectful of any services or other activity taking place in the Cathedral.

Member's work will feature in the following classifications :-

1. Open which includes Pictorial, Altered Reality, Portrait, Photojournalism and Monochrome sections.

2. Beginners.

3. Junior.

4. Photo Essay.

5. Record.

6. Natural History with Nature and Wildlife sections.

7. Sheffield its Life and Environs.

8. Small Prints.

Entries will have been judged by Bob Dennis CPAGB APAGB AFIAP BEP4 of Bebbington Photographic Society.

The photographs on this page are just two of the winning photographs from the 2017 Annual Exhibition. They show the name of the winner, the subject and the class.



### Dore Art group

Dore Art group is holding its Annual Art Exhibition at Dore Old School on Friday April 27th from 2pm to 6pm and Saturday April 28th from 9.30am to 5pm. Admission is Free.

Come and enjoy a wide range of art works including framed and unframed pictures, cards and notelets. There will be a tea room serving refreshments including home-made cakes.

We have a few spaces left in our Tues afternoon group. Contact Gerry Doherty if you are interested: 01142 368418

*Jim Charlton - Through the Gate - Action Photojournalism*

### Earth Hour 2018

Earth Hour is a global movement, which brings millions together across the world to call for greater action on climate change. Each year, hundreds of millions of people around the world switch off their lights and organise events – at home, in their community or in their towns or cities – to show they care about the future of our planet.

Climate change is happening right now so we must act to protect our amazing planet. Join in and show you support action on climate change.

Some wildlife will be in serious trouble because of climate change – their habitats may change more than they can live with. Snow leopards, puffins, rhinos, elephants and polar bears are just some of the animals we love that will be severely affected by the pressure we're putting on our planet.

Now is a crucial time to take action, yet one third of us feel powerless about environmental issues. It might feel impossible that we can make a difference, but the opposite is true. So turn off your lights and get involved in Earth Hour. Come and be part of the world's biggest movement for climate action.

Last year nearly 9 million people across the UK took part to send a clear message of support for climate action. From the Sydney Opera House and the Eiffel Tower to Buckingham Palace and Edinburgh Castle, cities, towns and communities across the world switched out their lights and came together for an hour, to join a global show of support for action on climate.

This year join us this year at 8.30pm on Saturday 24 March 2018. Sign up, switch off your lights and show you want action on climate change.

If you want to find out how you can help take action on climate change, email the team at [earthhour@wwf.org.uk](mailto:earthhour@wwf.org.uk)



*Mark Tomlinson - European Eagle Owl (Bubo Bubo) - Nature*

### Planning Applications

One of the most common reasons for contacting a local Councillor is for help or advice with planning applications. The City Council receives around 5,000 applications a year and in 2017 only 6% were refused.

When that happens the applicant can appeal but in roughly 80% of cases the Council's decisions are upheld.

Across Bradway, Dore, Totley & Whirlow there were 258 planning applications in 2017, most of which were

simple extensions to family homes.

There were a few complex cases that generated a lot of public comments and requests for help from Councillors. It is our job to advise local residents how the planning process works and how they can make their views known. We also submit our own comments to the planning department when appropriate.

If you need any help or advice with a planning issue please feel free to contact us or visit one of our monthly surgeries.

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