

Bradway Bugle

In and around Bradway, Greenhill, Dore & Totley

Covid-19 into 2021

The start of a new year is traditionally a time for optimism and renewal, for identifying new opportunities and resolving to seize them. For many this year, such optimism will be in short supply. Unfortunately, it seems we will still be wearing masks, keeping our distance and washing our hands long into the year.

While we may be frustrated with these recent behavioural changes, if they help us protect vulnerable loved ones and allow us to see them, surely they are a sacrifice worth making. Although these steps may not offer total protection, space, physical barriers and good hygiene all help against infection spread.

While last year may well be the most frustrating you have had, not all is gloom and doom for the new year. The most obvious source of hope is the presence of a vaccine, although as I write this, there is doubt about how quickly the roll-out can happen. Once enough high priority patients are vaccinated, we can return to a degree of normal life, hopefully by Easter.

We can at last look forward to seeing theatres and stadiums reopening, live entertainment resuming, and a year's worth of postponed parties, weddings and other celebrations taking place.

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Hendersons by Peter Witham a member of Heeley Art Club. See page 15



The start of Bradway Road, the snow fringed gateway to Sheffield and the border crossing from Derbyshire into South Yorkshire. Picture by Chris Morgan

Census 2021

Households across Bradway will be asked to take part in Census 2021 this spring.

The census, run by the Office for National Statistics, is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every ten years since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

Understanding the needs of the nation helps everyone from central government to organisations, such as councils and health authorities, plan and fund public services across England and Wales. Census outputs inform where billions of pounds of public funding is spent on services like transport, education and health – on cycle routes, schools and dental surgeries.

Information from the census is also important in helping lots of other people and organisations do their work.

Charities and voluntary organisations often use it as evidence to get funding. It helps businesses to understand their customers and, for example, decide where to open new shops. Plus, those doing research, like university students and people looking into their family history, use census data. It provides important information on population diversity, allowing organisations to know whether they are meeting their responsibilities and triggering action

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Weather in Bradway 2020

It may seem somewhat irrelevant to describe the weather in 2020 when the year was dominated by the Covid pandemic and the frequent lockdowns. However, for those who had to work from home, the nature of our weather became more significant as our permitted exercise allowed us to explore the local area and what it has to offer.

Luckily the weather was particularly sunny and warm during our first lockdown in spring so such recreational activities were under very pleasant conditions. Let us look in more detail about how the year progressed.

The year began as another markedly westerly January that was largely mild and, at times, unsettled. As a result, Bradway maximum temperatures were a couple of degrees above average without us experiencing any marked warm spells.

Storm Brendan gave some strong winds on the 13th but didn't cause any significant local damage. By the 19th pressure built rapidly to reach 1047.6 millibars. In London, the highest figure was 1050.3 mb which was a record since their records began. If you have a barometer this would take the pointer onto Very Dry with an imperial value of about 31" of mercury.

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Editorial

As we move into a second year of Covid 19, I suppose it is inevitable that it haunts many of the articles in our roundup of news from local groups and voluntary organisations. Looking ahead we can only be positive and hope our government can rise to the ongoing challenge of new variants and the social economic impact of it all.

Looking back to 2020 it is interesting to see how the weather records compare to our memories of the year. It was certainly warm during the first lockdown and the year turned out second hottest since records began. Not that 2021 is following that trend.

In addition to our usual mix of articles we have features in this issue on the history of Beauchief Dam, on Ancient Monuments within the Peak Park and a look back to the 60s under Now and Then. We also have a bumper crop of letters. Maybe lockdown has provided more time to reflect and to write. Please keep them coming.

Elsewhere in our pages the environment and gardening receive plenty of coverage, reflecting an increased awareness and interest in nature, encouraged no doubt by both lockdown, restricted travel and working from home.

Finally, a note that as we go to print the government has confirmed that local elections in England will go ahead as planned in May. Doubts had been raised about whether it was possible to hold the ballots during the pandemic, but council, mayoral, and police and crime commissioner elections are now scheduled to take place. There will be some safety measures, with voters asked to bring their own pen or pencil to mark their ballots, and an extra £31m to make polling stations Covid-secure.

Stay safe.

John Baker, Editor

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Census 2021 will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

"The census provides a unique snapshot of our communities," Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at ONS, said. "It benefits everyone. Based on the information you give, it ensures millions of pounds are invested in emergency services, mental health care, school places, hospital beds, houses, roads, GP's and dentist's services.

"No-one should miss out. Everyone can complete online with a new search-as-you-type ability and paper forms for those who need them."

Census day will be on March 21, but households will soon receive letters with online codes explaining how they can take part. The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity.

And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information and advice on how to answer the questions, visit census.gov.uk.

Local Census Facts Dore & Totley Ward

How will Bradway have changed over the past 10 years? Looking back to the time of the last census...

There were 16,740 people living in Dore & Totley Ward, 195 of whom were aged over 90.

8,385 people were married and already 20 people were in a same sex civil partnership.

Of 7,334 households, 3,489 (48%) owned their homes outright.

1,197 people worked more than 49 hours a week and 944 of them were men. 362 people were providing more than 50 hours of unpaid care a week.

Dore and Totley's biggest industry was education (1,274 people), but the area only had 9 miners and 18 farmers.

It will be interesting to see the changes.

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Bradway Bowling Club

Well here we are again, another three months have passed and nothing seems to have changed. I just can't wait for all of us to get that needle in our arms and then hopefully in another three months we will be having a much happier article.

As a member of the Bradway Bowling Club I feel that it is very sad that we have not been able to see our friends for so long, but fortunately as a privately run club we are managing to survive so fingers crossed it shouldn't be that many more months before we will be able to get together again.

The club house and the green have been well maintained during lockdown so we are just ready and waiting. Therefore anyone who wants to get out and do something different when they are able keep us in mind, we are always happy to welcome new members. Hopefully we will be having bowls, snooker, darts, crib, dominoes, art group and many more functions up and running. Keep an eye on the notice board and the website for any news (bradwaybowling.org.uk)

Stay safe

Jean Morton

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Another positive to have come out of this is the incredible community response, with neighbours looking out for each other and informal support groups being formed. Locally, this response has been phenomenal with so many volunteers helping our community; hopefully it continues long into the coming years. Such social connections can have huge benefits for people's mental and physical health.

It has also been pleasing to see the reinvigoration of our local shopping network. At a time when local supplies have been so important and reassuring, our local butchers, grocers etc stepped up magnificently. My family and I were certainly grateful to be able to get our supplies efficiently and safely locally. Local pubs, restaurants and shops who offered take-aways deserve huge thanks for offering some culinary escape in the depths of lockdown.

The value of such shops locally has been highlighted last year, but even in normal times, they offer so much. As well as having somewhere to shop within walking distance, they provide a focal point for social interaction – and haven't we come to learn the priceless value of such meetings last year.

I'm sure I speak for all our local independent businesses in thanking you for your incredible support last year. I'm sure this is also the case in asking for your further support this year and over the next few years. We are already seeing the decimation of high streets, and this is a process that will be accelerated in the coming years.

In such difficult times, your support is essential if your local independent businesses are to survive. Unlike national chains of supermarkets and pharmacies, we cannot write off losses in a store against profits from other stores. We have all found internet shopping useful during the pandemic, and it will clearly play a larger part in our future lives.

However, it can never replace the truly personal service and advice you get from local independent businesses. This is

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especially important with healthcare. I know the slick marketing tricks of the national pharmacy chains and internet pharmacies promise convenience, but please remember that real healthcare is about so much more than just convenience.

Also consider if you would like to trust your and your family's health to companies who have been reprimanded for false and damaging advertising this year (these include internet pharmacies and some of the high street chains). We have had to bail so many patients out last year when they were let down by internet pharmacies.

Local residents and businesses have worked together so well last year for everyone's benefit – let's keep this going through what is bound to be another testing year.

*Tajinder Singh
Totley Pharmacy*

From your local MP

It's been just over a year since I was elected as your MP, and what a year it has been. I wanted to take this time to get in touch and update you on what I have been getting up to in Parliament, and across Hallam to represent the people of Bradway.

I know the past year has been really difficult and uncertain for many of my constituents. I have received messages from thousands of you, concerned about your businesses in Hallam; worried about loved ones in care homes; or struggling on the front line. I am continuing to do everything I can to hold the government

to account over their response to this crisis, and make sure my constituents get the support they need.

At the time of writing I am campaigning for more funding for nurseries in Hallam; speaking out against the proposed cuts to support for small breweries; and campaigning for more support for children and young people with special educational needs who have been badly affected by this crisis. You can read more about other issues I have been raising on my website.

My office and I are also working hard to support constituents who get in touch with queries about the new lockdown guidelines or concerns about the support available. I have raised a number of these issues in Parliament, including support for students, the self-employed and wet-legal businesses. Whilst I can't hold my regular in-person surgeries, I am still holding weekly surgeries on Zoom.

Whilst addressing the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic has been my priority, I have also been working hard to push the government over action (or lack of) on the climate emergency. Whilst the pandemic has been front and centre in our minds, and rightly so, the climate and ecological emergency isn't going away. Its effects are increasingly being felt throughout the world - including at home here in Yorkshire. Action is urgently needed if we are going to curb the worst effects of this crisis.

As many of you will know, this year is the UN Climate Summit, COP26. Over the next 9 months I am going to be holding a series of (virtual!) Climate Assemblies with Hallam residents, covering key topics from green public transport and food production, to biodiversity and international justice. I hope each Climate Assembly will be an opportunity for Hallam residents to discuss what action we want to see come out of COP26, and decide what steps we want to take here in our community to implement a post-covid green recovery.

And we've already hit the ground running. During our first Climate Assembly earlier this month, we re-launched a campaign, with Sheffield Heeley MP Louise Haigh, to improve green transport in our constituencies, particularly along the Sheaf Valley

But green transport is only part of the picture, and over the next year I hope to support a number of campaigns in our constituency. I hope these Climate Assemblies will act as a springboard for action on the climate crisis, throughout our constituency and city. I welcome everyone in Bradway to join these conversations.

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

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Dear Sir,

I would like to thank you and your team for making sure that the Bradway Bugle keeps coming through our doors throughout this pandemic.

My husband and I have read a number of local free magazines and would vote the Bradway Bugle easily the best. We were first introduced to it when my husband had offices in Greenhill. At that time he placed an advertisement in the magazine. When he retired, we wanted to continue receiving a copy although not living in the circulation area so paid postage for it to be sent to our home.

Now we do live in Bradway we look forward to it appearing through our letterbox. It brightens our day! We find it interesting and informative. My working background was in Education so I am always interested in reading the article by the Bradway School Head.

Thankyou contributors for providing us with informative articles. 'Thumbs up' to you all

Christine Wilson

Dear Sir,

Having lived at the brow of Twentywell Lane since the early 1950's we have seen multiple repetitive vehicle accidents year on year. We used to have much heavier snowfall which restricted the effort of traffic up and down more severely. Recent years have seen lighter fall but a couple of inches still paralyses the road and we see the same sad bent car results.

Front wheel and four wheel drive have given drivers unused to such conditions false security so they 'give it a go'. The brakes go on and it's the same sledge as any other car. Fewer cars now have a 'proper' handbrake to try and regain control.

This year on 14 January was no different, the same drivers do not learn,



Two cars abandoned on Twentywell Lane due to the snow in mid January

and resulted in two cars crashing outside the proposed care home entrance, one car completely blocking the only pavement, and two cars abandoned. The police shut the road downhill for 24 hours. Pedestrians had to use the roadway with vehicles still coming up the hill.

This is the same road as our planning committee has seen fit to approve a 80 bed care home to which patient, staff and delivery access will all be affected. Icy conditions with more traffic and pedestrians mean more falls and more hospital A and E visits. The main stretch where cars tend to hit the fence is just where the proposed care home car park is planned - interesting!

Dr R E Atkinson

Dear Sir,

I've just read the article "TOADS a history" in the winter 2020 edition. The writer says that the Operatic and Dramatic sides had split by 1950.

I remember being taken, by my grandparents, to an operatic performance by TOADS of 'Carmen' at the Montgomery Theatre on Surrey Street. This must have been in the early sixties, maybe about 1962. As I recall, John Bonner was in the performance. John Bonner ran the newsagents which was at the very bottom of Totley Rise, roughly where the hairdressers is now, although there has been some redevelopment in that area.

I used to buy 'The Star' there, every evening on my way home from school. I'm sure the performance was still presented by TOADS at that time.

There was certainly much singing!

Richard Tetley

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Thank you for your continued support

**Rachael,
Bradway pet shop**

Dear Sir,

Your recent article on 'The History of the T.O.A.D.S.' brought back many happy memories.

As a child I lived in Millhouses where our family were involved with the 'M.A.D.S.' (Millhouses Amateur Dramatic Society) where I think my Dad was Stage Manager - as our furniture used to be moved down the road to the old Church Hall for productions! My job was selling sweets etc. from a tray hanging round my neck! This would have been in the mid/late 50's.

I thought you / TOADS may be interested to hear that a 'splinter' group left the MADS to start / join the TOADS they were Jim Biggin, Kath Walker (who both lived in Totley) and Dot Howe, all well respected actors - sadly no longer with us. As a family we kept in touch with them for years, Jim and his wife remained lifelong friends.

I find Bradway Bugle a very interesting read.

**Monica Frith
(nee Barnaby)**

Dear Sir,

Having been forced to curb my usual walking in the Peak Park because of lockdown, I have spent many an hour walking the local streets and footpaths. I have been very surprised at the lack of courtesy afforded to pedestrians by overgrown boundaries.

Property Owners should be reminded that the maintenance of their boundaries in the correct position is their responsibility. There are many instances of hedges, in particular, completely overgrowing pavements/gennels to the detriment of pedestrians.

Owners should maintain their boundaries in line vertically with the outside face of the wall. If they require the boundary to be thicker then they should allow such growth to be on the garden side and not the pavement side. One example is so overgrown by trees and hedge that a "no cycling" sign has been completely hidden.

I have nearly been knocked over by cyclists on three separate occasions; I would hasten to add that the cyclists were of very differing ages.

I would hate to be blind or partially sighted as not only may you be attacked by a hedge, tree or shrub, but then you have to try to negotiate your way round vehicles parked on the kerbs.

As a Bradway driver I have enormous sympathy for our local pedestrians and call upon our local property owners and divers alike, to give more thought to pavement users.

Many thanks

Name and address provided

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TOADS History update

Hello everyone!

I do hope you are all keeping safe and well during this current lock-down.

Obviously TOADS are not yet preparing for a future production any time soon, but rest assured we are still a functioning drama group. Our members stay in touch with each other, and Tuesday evenings, our usual rehearsal night, is the time for us all getting together via the wondrous technology that is ZOOM.

We were very interested to read Mr. Tetley's comments in his letter published in this issue regarding the date the Dramatic and Operatic sides of TOADS split.

John has trawled through all the old Minute books from previous AGM's and finds that the minute books from 1955/58 show reports from both the Drama and Operatic groups. There is then an unexplained gap in the books between 1958 and 1962.

The AGM minutes from November 1962 state that the Opera and Dramatic sections had drifted apart and TOADS as such had ceased to exist. Therefore it seems safe to assume that the split occurred sometime between 1958 and 1962.

Thank you, Mr. Tetley for your interest, and we hope you will continue to support TOADS when we are up and running

again.

We were also very happy to hear from Monica via her letter also to this issue of the Bugle. Thank you Monica for taking the trouble to share your memories of MADS with us. Her comment about the family furniture being used on stage resonates loudly with us! I remember both Dorothy and Kate regaling us with stories from MADS. Sadly, John and I never knew Jim Biggin.

Dorothy Howe was a very good and reliable actress, appearing in many plays. For many years Dorothy also did the stage make-up for every actor at every performance.

Those were the days when MORE was definitely the way to go, the days before the current sophisticated lighting system was installed, and before LESS was definitely the way forward.

Kath Walker was known as Kate Reynolds when we met her, many years ago. Kate was a fine actress and all-round power-house in TOADS, turning her hand to anything. She was also a very good friend to John and me, and we miss her to this day.

Thank you Monica for your letter, and hope you will continue to support TOADS when we are up and running again.

We wish all our supporters past, present, and hopefully future, a Very Happy New Year and vaccinations all round!

Anne Bettridge

New Year resolutions

What happened to your New Year Resolutions? You are not alone.

For the Victorians, the New Year was all about failure. The beginning of January was a time to take stock, to look back at the old year, for individuals to "review more or less carefully and impartially the history of the past year as it concerned themselves", and remember their "mistakes" and "regrets".

This introspective look at one's recent past - in true Scrooge-like fashion - was accompanied by "resolutions of amendment and promises of avoiding habits and customs that have been injurious".

Yet despite all these good intentions, such high-minded notions were usually fleeting and doomed to failure, something that was recognised at the time.

Indeed, an editorial in the Worcester Journal of 6 January 1883 stated, "It unfortunately happens that New Year's Day resolutions are often of the most transitory kind, and they pass away almost with the mists of the morning on which they are formed."

The editorial offers the idea it would be better not to make any resolutions "for there is nothing so destructive of self-respect as the abandonment of purposes for self-discipline which had been deliberately formed and openly avowed".

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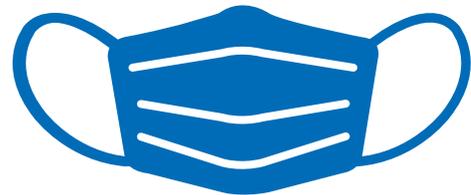
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Inevitably this kept us dry so that the month had well below average precipitation with only storm Brendan contributing much rain. As a result, there was no lying snow observed and only a couple of snow showers towards the end of the month when maximum temperatures dropped below the monthly average. Air frost only occurred on one night during the anticyclonic spell but daytime maximum temperatures were above our average on 25 days, heralding an early spring.

But what a difference in February. It will be remembered (if at all) as a very windy and wet month with a few sleet or snow showers and very little frost. Two named storms, Ciara and Dennis, on the 11th and 15th respectively, caused damage in some areas of the UK, but it was the wetness that was most noticeable. It turned out to be the wettest February on record at Sheffield City Museum (since 1883 when records commenced) beating the previous record by about 40 mm. Only three days in Bradway didn't have any rain falling. Only eight days failed to reach average temperatures for February though because of the strong winds there weren't any particularly warm days either.

March returned to more normal weather conditions as the impact of the pandemic started to become apparent. There was a particularly warm spell towards the end of the month reaching 16.1C on the 25th and, being less westerly, there were more days with air frost (seven) than in January and February put together.

High pressure gradually became dominant towards the later days of the month so that the second half only received 3.4mm and soils, and footpaths, started to dry out and make our exercise hour more pleasant during lockdown. Coupled with this, sunshine became a feature with the 22nd to the 26th each having at least 10 hours of bright sunshine.

And then began our two months of a delightful spring with little rain, lots of

National Park stamps

The post office released a set of stamps in January commemorating the 70th anniversary of the opening of the first of the UK's 15 National Parks.

The pictures range from gigantic sea cliffs to rolling chalk hills, razor-sharp mountains to marshy wetlands, capturing the natural beauty of the UK's National Parks in a collectible Mint Stamp Set.

The images were selected in collaboration with the National Parks.



sunshine and warmer than average temperature – all whilst we coped with lockdown. Meanwhile Nature was able to take advantage of the reduction in people wandering around as well as the good, warm weather. April turned out 3.0C and May was 2.1C above average compared with the long-term Museum value. In Bradway we recorded above 20C on two successive days in early April (10th and 11th) though we did have one night of air frost in both months which wouldn't be appreciated by the local gardeners especially in low lying areas.

The May figure was the joint lowest May temperature recorded at the Museum. Remarkably 22 days in April and 25 in May were rainless only recording a total of 28 mm over the two months – about 20% of average. The month was the driest May on record at

the Museum. Inevitably with the rainless conditions, sunshine totals were high, both months averaging about 8 hours per day.

After the spectacular spring, summer was something of an anti-climax. June was average in most respects though the cool start was compensated for by a hot spell from the 23rd to the 26th with a maximum of 28.8C. Rainfall was experienced throughout the month so that green became the dominant colour again in the woods and fields. July was somewhat similar though cooler on average being 1.6C below the monthly average at the Museum. Once again the cool early period was counterbalanced by a maximum of 32.3C on the 31st which was the second hottest day on record in Sheffield.

Whilst July had average rainfall, August was very wet receiving almost double our average. This was mainly the result of a wet second half of the month with three days recording over 20 mm of rain after an almost rainless first half of the month.

As autumn set in with September, average weather conditions prevailed until mid-month when a mini-heat wave gave a maximum of 26.0C on the 15th with three successive days above 20C. Overall, the month was quite dry being less than half average with no substantial falls but sunshine was well above average. In October the autumnal storms really got going and cooler weather prevailed. The warmest day was only 14.9C on the 30th and another three substantial daily falls of over 20 mm usually associated with deep low pressure systems and strong winds. The month was the dullist October in nearly 40 years.

Then as we went into another lockdown, November turned out to be somewhat warmer than average, mainly by day with 16C maxima on the first two days and with less than half average rainfall and no substantial falls. The 23 days of recordable rainfall only produced 42 mm.

For our final month with further restrictions on movement, the weather hardly proved tempting to enjoy the great outdoors. Deep depressions were a feature of December with storm Bella taking pressure down to 969.3 mb on the 27th, a total reversal from the extreme high recorded in January. Temperatures were close to average with a mild spell in mid-month and a cold end when snow showers were seen and night frosts.

However the main feature was the rainfall amounting to 132 mm, about 50% above average and only six days without rain. As a result, coupled with the increase in use, the local footpaths became a mudbath and kept the BAG environmental group busy as far as they were able to within lockdown restrictions.

Overall a rather unspectacular year for weather events, apart from the delightful spring, but it was dominated by the Covid pandemic which so altered our lifestyles.

Peter Smithson

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ST Luke's Hospice is calling for more volunteers to help get the charity's award-winning chain of shops open again once the current COVID-19 lockdown comes to an end. The organisation has a chain of 13 shops throughout Sheffield - along with a successful online retail operation and a Donation Centre - all of which depend on the support of volunteers to remain in operation.

Before the pandemic took hold, the shops were raising almost £3 million towards the annual £10 million cost of running St Luke's and the aim is to get the operation running at full strength again as quickly as possible once lockdown restrictions start to ease. To successfully achieve that, St Luke's needs to recruit additional volunteers.

"With safety being our priority, the decision has been taken not to ask our volunteers over the age of 70 to return to their volunteering roles for the time being," said Head of Retail Marie Egerton. "In making this difficult decision, we have responded to Government guidelines in considering our duty of care to staff, volunteers and members of the public and their safety. But that does mean that we have a greater need than ever for people to join us as retail volunteers."

Shops in particular need of immediate volunteer support include Abbeydale, Broomhill, Crystal Peaks, Ecclesall

Road, Gleadless and Nether Edge. The charity is also looking for volunteers to assist in its Donation Centre after lockdown, helping to sort donations ready to be sent to the shops.

"If you are looking for new opportunities, a chance to be part of a fantastic team, develop new skills and support a great cause, then please do get in touch as we have so many different roles available and there really is a volunteer role for everyone," said Marie. "Our shops provide a vital fundraising stream, so any time you can give will have a massive impact and help us to build towards a more secure and successful future."

To find out more about becoming a St Luke's retail volunteer email: volunteer@hospicesheffield.co.uk or call 0114 2357548.

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That was longest week that was

What a week it was, the week that began on Monday 4th January 2021: the longest week I've ever experienced in education.

It started normally enough, albeit with the media storm clouds gathering that day, and the news becoming more worrying. At the end of that Monday, which was the first of the spring term, we had a staff meeting in the school hall, as we sometimes do, with staff attending via Zoom and some there in person.

Socially distanced and wearing masks, it was, as always, a surreal sight to see everyone dotted about the hall, like birds on a corn field, a sight that I still haven't got used to, even after months of this pandemic.

In my notes to myself, when I prepared for the meeting, I had jotted down the words 'expect the unexpected' and 'if we suddenly had to close, would there be anything you would regret having not done beforehand?' Those words reflected the anxious tone coming from media outlets that day, with politicians and other public figures calling for a firmer response to the rapidly rising number of Covid cases nationally. We thought we would have at least a few days' notice before we had to close: how wrong we were.

When Boris Johnson came on the news in the evening of that same day, and announced that all schools were to be closed immediately, it was a shock and, given the very late notice, there was little that we could do to reorganise ourselves before the morning.

After a brief Senior Leadership meeting, on Zoom of course, we decided to open the school on the following day to give parents a chance to make arrangements for child care. We said that they could send their child to school if

Bradway Primary School Dates for your diary

Easter holiday:
Friday 2nd April
- Friday 16th April 2021

they were critical workers (many other schools closed on the Tuesday in order to arrange their response to lockdown).

On the Tuesday we were expecting a fairly small number of pupils to turn up, as with the first lockdown, and so had organised ourselves into mixed age teaching groups. However, on the day, we were very surprised to see lots of children coming into school; over a hundred of them, meaning that we were, and still are now, about 25 percent full across the school.

So, for the remainder of this 'longest week', we were busy trying to whittle down the number of children attending, communicating with parents and trying to establish if anyone with a child in school was able to home educate. When we spoke to parents, the question we asked was that, even if parents were eligible for a school place, could they manage without actually using it?

However, we had little success reducing the numbers, as it seems that this lockdown is impacting on families very differently compared to the first one, not just at Bradway, but nationally. This can partly be explained by the fact that most employers were telling staff to work at home or furloughing them in March 2020, whereas at present, employees are often being required, or at least strongly encouraged, to go in to work. Also, this time round, in January 2021, the definition of a 'critical worker' is vague and very broad and, to add to the pressure on numbers, the government have also been adding other categories of eligible children.

Of course, the school absolutely understands how difficult the situation is for the whole community and we are pleased, and proud, to be doing what we can to support families who desperately need their child to be in school. However, in order to support the national lockdown, we will continue to do all that we can to keep the numbers in school as low as possible.

Readers might be wondering what impact another lockdown will have on our children and how it might be different for them to the first one. Of course, this largely remains to be seen but, so far, it appears that more children are focussing on their home learning this time round, since our online offer is much more developed than it was in March 2020. Teachers are working full time, at home when possible, setting work and providing feedback and teaching assistants are in school supporting learning as usual, albeit on a rota basis.

With either assemblies or class sessions each day on 'Zoom', children will regularly be able to interact with the

teacher, and with each other, in a way that was not possible during the first lockdown. Sadly, despite our best efforts, some children will miss out on at least part of their education, and it would be inaccurate for me to claim that online learning is just as good as face-to-face teaching; it isn't.

However, buoyed by the feedback and support of our wonderful parent community, we believe that we are doing as well as we possibly can for our children at this incredibly difficult moment in time. Here are just two of the many lovely comments we have received:

'we think you are all superhumans and are so grateful for all the encouragement and support that you offer to all of us, especially in such difficult times.'

'I just wanted to write and thank you for the way in which the home-schooling has been set up at Bradway. We really like the use of Seesaw as it enables us to work on our own timetable, replaying or revisiting resources at our own pace, and around the needs and resources of the whole family.'

'We've been particularly pleased with the feedback given through recorded audio and video messages as this helps with motivation and a sense of still being part of a school community. We're glad that there is such a sense of trust and working together as a team in this difficult situation.'

We will of course be constantly revising and improving the online curriculum, but, in the meantime, it means a great deal to us to know that many children are managing so well with their home learning.

The 'longest week' may now be over, but the pattern of our lives continues to be uncertain and so much more complex, our need for each other's support concomitantly greater.

I will end this article with an empowering quote from the great Stoic Philosopher, Marcus Aurelius, which gives me comfort and strength at difficult times: *'You have power over your mind - not outside events. Realise this, and you will find strength.'*

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Greenhill Library

Going into Hibernation

It's been a rough old 3 months since I last put pen to paper for The Bugle. The library has continued to offer a limited service, dropping back to providing just "click and collect" during those periods when lockdown rules prohibited our opening to the public, and re-opening again when we could.

Then on 15 Jan we reluctantly decided to shut up altogether for the time being. We take our responsibility to the community very seriously and hate being unable to open our doors, but with the safety of our volunteers and users in mind, it just seemed like the only responsible thing to do. We are extremely grateful to those valiant volunteers who have kept us running. Several people have asked "when will you re-open?", but the only answer right now is "as soon as possible".

In the meantime, we've started running some Friday morning sessions (via Zoom), rather pretentiously called "Coffee Plus". The "coffee" part is up to the participants of course, and the "plus" part reflects that each session strives to offer a little "something extra", although the main aim is just to provide an opportunity for conversation. For example, this week we have Nik Perring (writer in residence for Sheffield Libraries) on the call, and our local MP Louise Haigh will be joining us at a later date.



Santa taking a welcome break on the memorial bench for Patrick Coghlan

Many of our regular clientele live on their own and really value the opportunity to socialise, even if it is mediated through the Internet. You are all very welcome to join us: meetings start at 10am each Friday; the Zoom meeting ID is 849 5123 0149 and the passcode is 009894.

If you would like to actively participate, perhaps by reading a poem, reviewing a recently-enjoyed book, demonstrating your prowess on the double-bass, or any other skill or hobby, do drop me a line (support@greenhill-library.org)

The light at the end of the tunnel?

Some of you may remember that some while back the Friends of Greenhill Library embarked on a project to provide

a library service in Lowedges. We almost succeeded – we opened the doors of our new little library in Feb 2020, only to close them a month later due to the lockdown. Since then, we haven't managed to re-open in Lowedges.

However, behind the scenes there are moves afoot to partner with The Terminus Initiative and move the library into the former "Terminus Café", a somewhat larger space situated right in the heart of the Lowedges shops and bus terminus which we think will give us a bigger footfall and better reach into the community than the current somewhat tucked-out-of-the-way room in the Lowedges Community Centre.

Much remains to be done to bring this to fruition, and as with all things at present the timing depends on some lifting of lockdown restrictions, but it's a light at the end of a tunnel that we are eagerly moving towards.

Finally, the memorial bench for Patrick Coghlan is in place at last, and soon found a grateful Santa, seen here relaxing before a spell of duty at his grotto behind the library.

We are all looking forward to doing the most ordinary things again, like inviting friends round for a meal, or hugging our grandchildren, so here's hoping that there will be better news to report when I next put pen to paper for The Bugle in April. At least the weather should be better by then. Take care everyone!

Chris Brown

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BAG can be contacted at any time by using the form on our website, no need to phone.

Website: <http://bradwayactiongroup.weebly.co/contact.html>

Facebook: Bradway Action Group

Covid-19 and Bradway

Nobody needs reminding, we're into our 11th month! When we cancelled our Open Meeting back in April we hoped to be holding the next in July. We called off the Bradway Bounds Walk in May. Next to go was Fun Day in September followed by our AGM in October.

We managed to get the lights and trees up on the Twentywell Lane shops, but we had no stalls or outside events in 2020. Roll on a few successes in 2021, see Future Activities below.

Bradway residents have been doing their best to comply with the ever changing regulations but a few issues keep popping up time and again. **Litter** – well done all who do their best to see it never gets too bad for more than a few hours. **Dog poo** - it's not the dogs fault but the owners, or their dog walkers. Pick it up, or face prosecution.

Verges, parking on and running over of. Always bad this time of year. Amey will



Christmas lights and trees on the Twentywell Lane shops provided by BAG



Jane Rawson, who'd just received a surprise bouquet from an unknown admirer for her hard work in 2020.

look at reinstating if the culprits don't, but probably not until Spring. Parking on pavements is endemic and over 60% of street parked cars now do this. With more vehicles at home all day it's got worse.

A lot of it is not necessary but it's a worldwide issue. There should always be enough space left on the pavement for a wheelchair or pram to pass unimpeded. Some properties could use drives or get drives widened. In the St Quentin area that's often impossible!

Poynton Woods paths and other outdoor activities

After all the leaf and acorn sweeping in October we've had so much rain that many parts of some paths are very muddy. Once the weather clears for more than 48 hours we'll have to see what needs doing, all over again. We know we'll need more path making materials.

If anyone has any material that may be suitable please contact John Sharpe by email – his address is below. Otherwise, if we can't encourage the council to donate some we may have to buy. That's where membership subscriptions and donations are very useful.

We're also trying to keep on top of foliage that overgrows paths, brambles and prickly holly in particular. Not too

bad now but by late April the new green shoots will be bursting out everywhere.

We try to meet about 9.30 on Thursdays and tackle what needs doing until lunch time. We'll try to tackle anything that needs doing, so let us know and we'll look at it. John Sharpe leads this team. You'll see us out and about in Hi-Viz tabards, keeping our distance and complying with all regulations.

If you might like to join us, or just want to make a helpful suggestion, please contact John by email at; john.c.sharpe54@gmail.com

Bradway Village Green - the Old School Field

Not much to report here other than new and stronger catches on the gates. Some of the play equipment has been removed to help distancing. We'll need to ensure it gets returned or replaced.

Planning – the Twentywell Lane Care Home application

As many predicted the developers received approval for the 80 bed Care Home, however 40 conditions were imposed. To see them all in detail look at the Council Planning website and search for application; 20/00492/FUL. or go to; <https://planningapps.sheffield.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Various reports were required before the permission can be activated and they're starting to appear. You'll need to look at Related Cases for masses of details.

Beware. The application could be still be revised. The site needs to be carefully monitored. The developers paid for their own confidential pre-application consultations and have a lot at stake to get this built and operational. It is likely that we'll have to get used to it and learn to live with it as best we can.

Forthcoming major work on the railway

It's understood the go ahead is still imminent for redoubling the tracks through Dore and Totley Station and constructing a third freight track between Westview Lane and the railway triangle. It may come in February and should mean 18 months of work from January 2022 until June 2023, weather permitting.

The main work sites will be on the railway triangle and station car park with a smaller one by Westview. More details

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Small Hall

Regular for profit users: **£6 per hour** (£3 per hour if it is used in conjunction with the Main Hall)

Casual hire by for profit users: **£10 per hour**

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Other users: **£4 per hour** (£2 per hour if it is used in conjunction with the Main Hall)

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continue to be sought but there will be disruption at the bottom of Twentywell Lane and the Westview Lane areas.

BAG website

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

BAG Facebook Group

Currently we have over 1000 people in our Facebook Group and we add new names nearly every day. Lots of lively information, news and opinions about Bradway, its history and residents. Latest hot topic is, of course, COVID-19.

It has enabled local residents to keep in touch with all sorts of local happenings. Lost and found pets, burglaries, suspicious characters prowling our streets, burst water mains, utility blackouts and in recent weeks all about snow and blocked roads.

Our no advertising rule has been temporarily relaxed to help Bradway businesses to get back on their feet and advise of new opening hours and revised facilities.

Full Members

Many thanks to all who set up standing orders to pay their membership subscriptions for 2021. It should have gone out of your account in January. The small amount of income received allows us to commit to modest projects within the community. Paid up members have the right to vote at General Meetings and are eligible to be nominated for committee positions.

We'd greatly welcome more fully paid



The Castle Inn set off by the snow.

up members. To join BAG, or to renew your subscription, please go to: <http://bradwayactiongroup.weebly.com/membership.html> or contact Anne Sharpe as above. It's only £2 a year, £3 for households.

Future BAG Activities

Outside work most Thursdays, see above.

Committee Meetings are now by Zoom.

If Covid rules and regulations allow we'll try to hold Open Meetings for all members on; 21st April and 7th July.

The Bounds of Bradway Walk should be on 30th May, rules permitting.

We're planning the 2021 Fun Day for Saturday 11th September. The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight has been asked if they can fly by and we're hopeful they will.

Our AGM should be on October 6th.

And we'll have Christmas lights on the Twentywell Lane shops – the show must go on.

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

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Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Christmas is over, the mince pies and wine have added their burden to the number of grams (I should say Kilograms) which I must now lose and we have all got to prepare for another disrupted few months coping with this awful disease. At least we had a reasonable time at Christmas, a good day on the day itself with a few of the family, several not too strenuous walks and a nice if cold day in Buxton with others in the family we could not accommodate on Christmas Day. I hope all your plans went as well as you had hoped.

There is very little to report on the G & S society. We had a couple of excellent Zoom get-togethers where a few of us had nibbles and a glass or two. It was nice to "meet up" and felt like we'd had a night out. As you might imagine, we have no plans as yet for this year although we are determined to try and put on a concert as soon as conditions allow. Meanwhile plans are being made for the 2022 show when we will celebrate 50 years of shows by putting on that best loved of all the G & S romps – The Pirates of Penzance - so whatever you do keep a slot for April 2022 free so as not to miss it. We will certainly miss Judy Savournin now she is no longer with us. It will not be easy to find someone to fill her shoes. I expect that Jo, her daughter, will practice and give it a go but even with her talent it will not be easy and she knows it.

At least we escaped being in Tier 4 (just). Poor old Derbyshire was not so lucky. It's no wonder this new variant is so widespread with the way Boris opened the gates and let all the Londoners leave in a mass exodus to spread the mutated version of Covid19 just before Christmas, heaven knows where we will all end up! As an 81 year old I have had to be meticulous in organising our activities but I am not going to lock myself up completely and become a vegetable but I will be very careful. Being this old may have its benefits – I have heard that I am in line for the vaccine in early January and hopefully will have had it by the time you read this, but I will still have to take care until we have this thing beaten. There are still many unknowns including whether you



The late Judy Savournin in the roll of Dame Carruthers with Mike Spinks as Sergeant Merryll from The Yeoman of the Guard, our last show in 2019.

can still be infectious even after being inoculated. One thing I would ask is that when you are walking please make an effort to keep your distance and don't expect everyone else to move out of your way. Do your bit to help others stay safe.

Don't despair. Keep in contact with all your family and friends and keep watching this space, but most of all make sure you stay safe.

Derek Habberjam

Councillors Update

Happy New Year and we all hoped that we would by now be in a much better situation but with the return to lockdown it feels a bit like Groundhog Day! The bright spot is that vaccinations have started in earnest and by the time you read this many of you will have had your first dose.

There have been changes at Sheffield City Council with a new Leader and Kate

Josephs taking up her post as the new Chief Executive. At the time of writing Council elections are still scheduled for May, together with an election for the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner. There will also be a vote on how the City Council is run. At the moment we have a 'strong leader and cabinet' model and the choice will be either to retain this system or revert to a committee system. The latter would involve more Councillors in the decision-making process, rather than just the 10 members of the cabinet who make most of the decisions at present. So election day will be busier than usual!

Planning Applications remain a major feature of our casework. We were delighted when the application for 22 houses in the green belt on Long Line was refused. Had it been accepted it would have set a very dangerous precedent, threatening the future of the green belt around the city. We were disappointed that plans for a very large care home on Twentywell Lane were approved in spite of a strong case being put forward by local residents and local Councillors. We felt this would be an inappropriate development on such a sensitive site. There is another controversial application for a large apartment block on Dore Road in the pipeline and, although the site might be suitable for some housing, the proposal for an apartment block is out of keeping with the surrounding area. We are working with the residents on this one as well as we feel the proposal would have a massive impact on the neighbouring properties.

Support for small business is also a priority for us and we thank everyone who continues to support local shops in and around Bradway. They are a vital part of our community and will help us through the current lockdown, just as they did before. The latest round of grants has been announced and more details can be found on the Council website.

Finally our surgeries remain suspended but you please contact us by email if we can help with anything. Stay safe & see you soon.

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Tavern Garage Group

The Tavern Garage Group introduced COVID safe ways of operating as soon as the first lockdown began, both for the safety of their customers and staff. As a result all their garages have been able to remain open and operate under the current guidelines. They have continued to offer their longstanding discount to NHS workers. If you are worried about taking your car in for an MOT, repair or service or have any concerns over your safety please do not hesitate to call and they will put your mind at ease.



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Our projects are varied, and whilst we have of course suffered considerably from the effects of Covid, we were still able in between lockdowns, tiers, shielding, social distancing and other new phenomena, to achieve the following:

*We championed and funded the local production of PPE face shields and delivered them to care homes and NHS in the earlier days of the pandemic when PPE were in very short supply.

*Due to funds shortages, Sheffield City Council has been unable to properly maintain Beauchief Gardens (opposite Ecclesall Woods on the Abbeydale Rd

South); Sheffield Vulcan Rotary Club volunteered to work on the Gardens with a plan to return this neglected spot to its former glory, and in 2020 we managed to undertake much of the garden maintenance work.

*Operation Christmas Child is a national scheme whereby “shoeboxes” of gifts and small items of clothing are donated via schools, churches and retail outlets to be taken abroad to children in need. For many years, Sheffield Vulcan has provided the manpower to collect many thousands of these parcels around South Yorkshire to deliver to local Centres for onward transportation, and despite Covid restrictions, 2020 was no exception.

*Some of our members have strong links with two of Sheffield’s fifteen food banks, and thus we were aware in the Club of difficulties being faced. Members helped with packing and delivery early on in the Covid crisis when the food banks were very busy and the regular volunteers were in short supply.

A number of regional Rotary Clubs

including Vulcan also acted together to form Rotary for Food Banks which enabled, via donated funds from the clubs, food donations to be bought in bulk and distributed to some ten Food Banks across a wider South Yorkshire and East Midlands area.

*Maintenance has area been carried out on the Heart trail in Millhouses Park and the Orientation table at Ringinglow (both created by Vulcan some years ago).

*We are also developing a relationship with a Swift Bird Nesting Box manufacturer and others (there is a 30% decline in Swift numbers due to modern building practises).

*And whilst we were unable to fulfil a traditional and happy task of taking students from one school to the Panto, we were able to fund a Virtual Panto for the whole school (oh yes we did...).

Plans disrupted

Fund-raising plans were disrupted in 2020; events like our annual Golf Day and Local Charities’ Christmas Raffle were not possible in the prevailing circumstances. Nevertheless, we were able to donate to over 40 charities (local, national, and international), including significant grants to Roundabout, Archer Project, Sheffield Young Carers and Bluebell Wood Childrens Hospice, all of which serve the Sheffield area.

This year we hope to re-establish pre-pandemic projects, some other examples being the Classic Car Show on the Moor, bulb and tree planting (we’ve planted thousands of both around Sheffield), manpower for the half-marathon and Whirlow Farm Fair, Charity Golf Day, and mock interviews at schools for senior students to help prepare them for the world outside.

As previously mentioned, Sheffield Vulcan, like other Rotary Clubs, also exists for the purpose of fun and fellowship. Our social scene includes various types of walks, visits to places of interest (recently including trips down the mine at the National Coal Mining Museum and to the National Arboretum in Staffordshire), ten pin bowling and wine tasting....and we have our own rock music group.

Despite Covid limitations, we have continued our Tuesday evening meetings online via Zoom, where we discuss Club business, have a good chat with friends, and enjoy an interesting presentation or a quiz. In “normal” times, we meet at Abbeydale Sports Club on Tuesday evenings for a couple of hours including a meal.

Like all Rotary Clubs, our motto is “Service Above Self”, and our aim is to serve the Community (locally and beyond) and bring some comfort and benefit to those less fortunate than ourselves. Rotary Clubs are non-political, and open to men and women. To find out more about Rotary in general, check the UK Rotary website at www.rotarygbi.org. You can also see our website and contact us at www.vulcanrotary.org.uk.

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Sheffield Vulcan Rotary Club.



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Bradway Birds

Well, how about that for a low winter? November and December brought cloud, murk, rain - light and heavy, and very low sunshine hours.

However, humans become downcast far more readily and deeply than birds do. Their vivacity and stalwart spirit are qualities that endear them to us. Life demands food, coping, getting through the winter to reproduce next spring, and these major concerns birds meet with style.

Take wood pigeons as an example. Often disliked for being greedy, they are characters well worth observing. Once strictly rural, leafy outer suburbs are now full of them, and they spend all their lives around us just as sparrows do. Nor are they greedy; any bird that overeats flies less well and gets taken by a predator.

They eat well in the morning, but can store a good snack or two in their crop, and won't feed much more during the day. Very few birds can do this, so don't be too critical of the birds' strategy.

Anyway, text books all say that only robins and wrens sing all day. Not so. All through December our wood pigeons were singing, even through cold winds and dismal mist. Often, you could hear three at once, competitively answering each other from three directions. That was enough to cheer any heart.

There's also been plenty of rooftop courtship and even mating on top of lamp posts. On several days of chill and fog, males were making up to females. I can't tell the difference between their sexes, but they clearly can. A male would sidle up, bow low with tail up in the air and croon romantically. If a female zooms off, that's it; if she moves only a few yards to a chimney pot or branch, that's an invitation. Once, we even saw a couple mating on top of a lamp post at



Our Common Wood Pigeon - Columba palumbus

the top of Poynton Wood Glade.

Couples were also mutually preening, gently nibbling each others' head and neck. Trust and affection, wouldn't you say?

For years, collared doves have lived on Everard Drive, and they were in the same mood. Pigeons and doves will nest and lay eggs as early as January, and clearly the reproductive cycle was well underway and never mind the weather.



The Collared Dove - Streptopelia decaocto

A huge birch tree in the corner of our road has become an afternoon loafing spot for our larger species. It is good to see that these birds have found enough morning food to allow a social gathering without a frantic search being needed for further supplies.

The wood pigeons are always there, rarely fewer than ten, typically twenty and on Boxing Day a very impressive fifty. Joining them are jackdaws, crows and magpies, which tend to come and go. Of course, the crows and magpies jostle and irritate each other. Before dusk, all the birds head off to roost in thicker and more sheltered cover.

Pigeons are on the rise whereas starlings are badly depleted. Our locals seem to have held steady of late. Again, short days and miserable weather haven't lowered their spirits.

A tall Lombardy poplar between St Quentin and the top of Rosamund Avenue has become their social centre. The morning tends to be feeding time and the birds scatter round the district, and in these hours the birds aren't particularly obvious.

In the afternoon, they gather in the top of the poplar. A poor turnout is forty, and sometimes there are two hundred. Small clusters leave to do some fancy flying,

and then return. At times, they all fly off to perform some spectacular pirouettes. They have been there every day since the breeding season finished. When they are together, they are never silent. Just listen: chortles, whistles, clicks, even some proper tunes. They sound so happy (unscientific I know), and certainly give a lift to any passer-by who listens. Even in driving snow at the end of December, they were singing in high spirits.

For years, Mozart had a pet starling that never left his side, even sleeping on his bed. He wrote music for its funeral, and used some of its themes in his compositions.

The starling group at the foot of Everard Avenue has even shown signs of recent increase, and flies around the foot of Everard each afternoon in a group of up to forty birds.

Also active are blackbirds. See them chase intruders out of their territories. The latter will be their own young or seasonal migrants from Europe which by-pass border controls. The males were singing in the second half of December, well before their usual start up in February.

Blue tits are in courtship mode as well, with much chasing and chattering. The dominant pair was in and out of our nest box in both December and January. On most days roving groups of twenty would appear for an hour or so and move on.

Sparrows were full of sound and fury in many of our area's denser shrubberies. There were plenty of sparrow chasing-parties. This is encouraging, suggesting that the species is on the up again after four decades of decline.

High above, the buzzards soared, while down below dunnocks criss-crossed gardens, flicking their wings and sorting out relationships.

Yes, winter is a time when nature culls. The weaker and less experienced or skilled die. Spring numbers are often the same each year despite the previous year's reproduction.

We know that but birds don't, and in the meantime it is great to see such buoyancy and vigour.

John Kirkman

Earth Hour 2021

On Saturday 27 March at 8:30pm, the lights will go out on the world's most famous landmarks, businesses and homes across the world, as a call to reconnect to nature and draw attention to the issues our planet faces.

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During these difficult times, we need more than ever to find ways to connect with each other and inspire hope for the future.

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St Luke's Helpline boost

Barclays has given St Luke's a £100,000 boost to aid patients and families in Sheffield, by extending a vital telephone helpline throughout the pandemic.

This support follows an earlier Barclays announcement of a £100 million community aid package to support charities that are helping people and communities most impacted by COVID-19. Alongside a colleague-matched fundraising initiative, these funds are being donated to charity partners across the UK, Americas, Asia and Europe, to ensure help reaches those who need it most.

For St Luke's, that means being able to extend the hours of operation for the patient helpline that has become a vital means of practical support for both patients and families throughout Sheffield during the many stages of lockdown.

"We are quite simply overwhelmed by the generous level of support that Barclays has shown," said St Luke's Head of Fundraising Joasia Lesniak. "At any time, a donation of £100,000 would be beyond all expectations but as we continue to work on through the pandemic and strive to maintain vital levels of service for all the people of Sheffield, the impact of this donation simply cannot be underestimated".

"St Luke's normally offers a 9am-5pm, seven day per week telephone helpline for patients, families and professionals through our Community Team. "Thanks to this incredible level of funding, during the pandemic we've extended the helpline until 8pm daily."

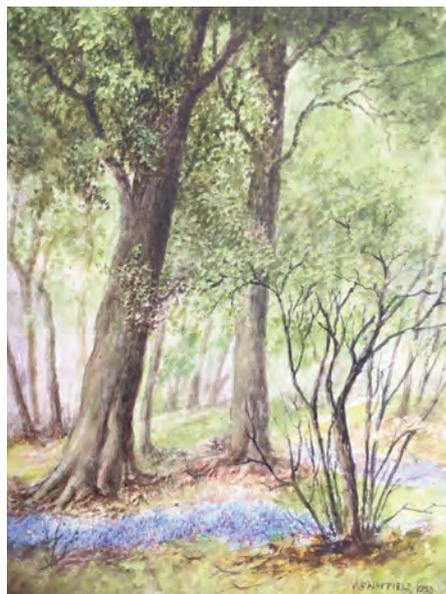
Matthew Chenery, Barclays Relationship Director, said: "This crisis has had an unprecedented impact across the UK and we know this is an incredibly challenging time for many in South Yorkshire".

"As a proud member of our community, we are doing everything we can for our customers, clients and colleagues, and we hope that our partnership with St Luke's Hospice will allow many others to access the help they need as this crisis develops."

John Highfield



Current Heeley Art Club member Barry Byles painting at Abbeydale Hamlet



A walk in the woods (probably Ecclesall Woods) by W.B. Hatfield, president of the society in 1923

Heeley Art Club

Sheffield's oldest art club has unveiled an online exhibition of early 20th century members' work, after it had to postpone its 125th anniversary exhibition until 2021, due to the coronavirus pandemic. Dates and venues of the club's exhibition are yet to be confirmed.

The club has recently been given a leather-bound book of 42 original works by members, which was presented to Sydney Marsden, the president, on his retirement in 1923. These wonderful works by Sheffield artists will now form part of the club's exhibition in 2021.

The book contains a watercolour by Herbert Hill who painted many views around Totley, Bradway and Norton.

For now, the club has uploaded the contents of the book on to its website offering a fascinating glimpse at scenes of South Yorkshire's past. To view the historic works and pieces by latter day members, go to heeleyartclub.co.uk, then galleries and gallery of members 1923.

The club, named because many original members lived in Heeley, is now based at Millhouses and has been in existence since 1895. It is one of the oldest art clubs in the UK.

Past members have achieved prominence, including Charles Ashmore, Arthur Lismer, Fred Varley, Stanley Royal, Frank Saltfleet and Herbert Slater. Arthur Lismer and Fred Varley emigrated and went on to be part of the Group of Seven, who were famous artists in Canada.

Keith Oakes

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When passing Beauchief Dam on Abbeydale Road South, how often do we think of its origins or relevance within the local community during the last 250 years? Here is its story...

The Growth of Industry in the upper River Sheaf

When Premonstratensian Canons established a community at Beauchief Abbey (1180-1537), local landowners gifted them land and the Rights to use the water of the River Sheaf. In return the landowners received spiritual guidance and a percentage of any income made from the use of that land.

Corn grinding mills were recorded along the river banks, and a Walk Mill at the site of the present day Dore and Totley station was built to process the wool from the Abbey's sheep. This is evidence that the canons understood the power of the river and began harnessing it to benefit the community.

Lead smelting

In 1568 William Humfrey, a London goldsmith with interests in mining, invented his water-powered 'new engine' to drive the bellows being used in Beauchief's lead smelting industry. This replaced the previous labour intensive 'footblast' method, which in turn had superseded the even earlier bolehill smelting process taking place on local hillsides since 13thC.

It is thought Humfrey was living in Greenhill while working on his invention, said to be built on land belonging to Sir Nicholas Strelley (of Beauchief Hall).

The Exchequer Commission of 1581 states that the Beauchief smelting house '*contayneth two furnaces and two payre of bellows in the same house which bellows are blowen by water...*'

Humfrey had tried to protect his invention with an early form of patent but owners of other smelting works plagiarised his design. Totley and Chatsworth (owned by 6th Earl of Shrewsbury) are named, but there were many others.

A wheel is mentioned at this time in the vicinity of Abbeydale, although its purpose is not recorded.

Iron smelting

By 1650 a survey states '*at Beachiffe is one water Corne Mill and one paper Milne and Iron Works*', indicating that iron smelting was replacing that of lead, to make use of local ironstone.

In 1678 Sir John Bright paid for improvements to a wheel '*with tayle goit bridges shuttle and slate*', later illustrated by John Gelly in his 1725 survey of Abbeydale. It shows a small building positioned close to the River Sheaf in a field called Sinder Hills, and is a very early visual record of the site where the Forge was to develop. The wheel is powered by a long goit, running from a

The History of Beauchief Dam Part 1

point that is still visible in Ladies Spring Wood, if you are prepared for a bit of a scramble along the riverside. It became known as New Wheel.



The dam from Beauchief Gardens with the roofs of the Forge in the distance

The name Sinder Hills was derived from centuries of furnace waste accumulating from the nearby bloomery smelting works, thought to have been on the site of the former Beauchief Hotel. At that time the field was accessed via a footpath from Abbey Lane, the turnpike road (Abbeydale Rd South) would not be built until almost a century later.

For these industries, all their water power was provided directly by the river's flow, albeit engineered with weirs and goits that helped to increase its power.



1785 correlates with the date-stone over the tilt shop window where Martin Goddard's initials can still be seen today.

The Developing Forge

Thomas Goddard became tenant of New Wheel around 1740/41. In 1748 he sold the slag on Sinder Hills (for £48) and its gradual removal would have left a low lying, boggy, and lead contaminated field.

Thomas and his son Martin developed a successful edge tool manufacturing business at the small forge, but to install

modern machinery they needed more power than the simple goit could deliver.

The old cinder field was the ideal place to build a dam (the local name for a millpond) and it can be speculated that Goddard's purpose in selling the slag might have been to make this a possibility.

Dates recorded for constructing the dam, as seen now, are a little confusing...1777 is mentioned, with an extension in 1785. Initially it was probably a smaller construction and the later date indicates the raising of the dam walls to increase the water level. The backshot wheel of the tilt hammer workshop, dependent on this higher water level, is a very efficient design. The pen trough, seen here, directs an adjustable flow of water onto the wheel and allows the forgemaster to

control the speed of the hammers with great precision.

Water from the dam powered four wheels. The original goit was still the only source of water, but by storing the overnight flow nothing was wasted. It was then available to be used the following day or during the inevitable fluctuations in rainfall.

Excepting extreme drought, it provided a stable power source, something taken for granted these days but not so in the late 18thC. Work could be seasonal and erratic prior to the use of dams, dependent on the flow of the river with the men having to find alternative work when water ran low.

It is thought that the Forge provided employment for approximately 50 men, ranging from yardmen who would care for the comings and goings on the wagons, unskilled labourers, a millwright, crucible pot and steel makers, salesmen, and of course the highly skilled forgers and grinders.

The dam's surface was recorded as being approximately five acres, although later variations in the figures are probably due to silting taking place...Beauchief Gardens is actually constructed on an area that was once part of the dam, and shows that control of sediment was essential to ensure water storage wasn't compromised.

An indication of the silting problem is illustrated when Tyzack, Sons & Turner was taken to court in 1899 under the Salmon Fishery Act 1861*.

The bottom shuttle was in need of repair and had necessitated the emptying of the dam. Top and bottom shuttles were opened fully to allow the stored water out and any incoming water to run straight through. This action sent a huge amount of foul smelling black sludge rushing downstream, estimated at the time to be in the region of 30,000 tons, which had the effect of suffocating the trout in what was one of the best fishing rivers in Sheffield.

The water bailiff had first noticed the contaminated water and dead fish near Moscar Wheel a mile below Abbeydale Works, and by tracing it upstream discovered the cause. Tyzacks received a fine of £2 (maximum £5).

**Although salmon were no longer found in R. Sheaf, the river was a tributary of the R. Ouse (via R. Don) where the fish were still returning to spawn. This permitted the water bailiff to prosecute anyone fouling the river.*

On another occasion it is recorded that Tyzacks had made a complaint to Totley Rolling Mill about the volume of sediment being washed downstream from their works...

A recent survey in Gillfield Wood has brought speculation about notched stone posts to be seen in Totley Brook (which joins with Old Hay Brook to form the R. Sheaf opposite Tesco Express). There are eleven identified sites set at approximately 100-200yd intervals and placed in pairs or threes across the brook. Horizontal beams appear to have been bolted into the notched points in order to support some sort of vertical semi-porous barrier (maybe brushwood).

It is thought the purpose of these could have been to slow the brook, thus allowing sediment to settle before reaching the dam situated behind Totley

Rise shops. Although installed to reduce the Rolling Mill's own problem, any sediment getting into their dam would inevitably make its way down river towards Abbeydale when regular maintenance meant opening the bottom shuttles.



Old bolts still remain in some of the notches, but the timber beams are long gone

Adding to the volume of natural silt arriving at Abbeydale was domestic waste from the houses on Totley Rise. The terrace depended on cess pits that were clearly inadequate for the needs of the expanding community.

Following a number of prosecutions by the Health Inspector, the court demanded that the exit pipes of these pits be redesigned to hasten discharge into the

river and thus prevent surface overflow behind the houses.

One problem solved but another created! This became particularly prevalent in the late 19thC when gross overcrowding in the area was caused by the population doubling during the construction of the new railway and tunnels. The Navvies for these were lodging at Totley Rise and also in a number of temporary sites along the river.

During its existence the dam has variously been referred to as Abbey Dale or Abbeydale Dam, Tyzack's Dam and finally Beauchief Dam. The water that powered bellows, hammers and grinding wheels allowed skilled steelworkers to turn crucible steel into fine quality agricultural edge tools such as scythes, sickles and hay knives. Demand for these was worldwide, such as Abbey Dale Forge's reputation, and by the early 19thC it was one of the largest forges in Sheffield.

Inevitably such an expanse of water fostered other uses and abuses, with many newspaper reports helping to tell its story throughout those 250 years.

A selection of these reports will be recalled in part 2 of the continuing story...

*Pauline Burnett
Totley History Group*



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Greenhill Village History Society

Yet again, the uncertainties of the last year have been highlighted with the latest government restrictions. Greenhill Village History Society members were hoping that as is usual at this time we would be making plans for the coming year – not only the mundane operational procedures, but deciding on guest speakers or the presentations to be the themes of our open meetings to which non-members are invited and have become very well attended. Discussions also take place as to where we will visit for our off-site meeting in the summer – hoping that on the date we select the weather will be favourable to us.

We are hoping that this year, at last we will finally be able to join Ted Hancock on the second half of his digital train journey between Sheffield Midland and Dore & Totley stations (even British Rail doesn't take this long). We still have the contact details of ticket holders and will contact you when re-arrangements have been made.

Additionally, another of GVHS presentations is nearing completion – the role of the barrage balloon station at Lightwood, Norton and its importance during World War 2, plus the role played by local residents and their thought-provoking memories of events. This was originally planned to coincide with the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War 2, but as with many other important events which should have been commemorated in 2020, all being well, this will be another '+1' celebration.

Many of our members have been keeping in touch and are eagerly anticipating when 'we'll meet again' – properly as a group, not just bumping into each other at the shops, or when out on our daily exercise. Socially meeting as a group over a 'cuppa' may initially involve some creative thinking, but I'm confident we'll work something out!

A number of people have been in contact over the past few months expressing an interest in joining the society. Contact details have been filed and we are looking forward to meeting up with you all (at last).

Here's hoping that by the time of the next edition of the Bradway Bugle, the situation will be nearer 'normal' and I will be able to report on what has been planned for the remainder of the year.

In the meantime, if you are interested in joining the Society, please contact me on lesley.fox3@btinternet.com or telephone 0114 2377928 for a chat.

*Lesley Fox (Chair)
Greenhill Village History Society*

Queen's 95th birthday



New £5 coin to mark Queen's 95th birthday

In April the Queen will become the first UK monarch to reach 95. The Queen's 95th birthday will be commemorated on one of five new coins released this year, the Royal Mint has announced. The release of a £5 coin is typically reserved for significant royal events.

The 2021 British coin collection will also mark the 250th anniversary of the birth of novelist Sir Walter Scott, and the 75th anniversary of the death of author HG Wells.

Pubs and Beer

Pubs have had something of a rough ride from the Covid restrictions, having spent their initial government grants on adapting venues in line with the Covid-Secure guidelines then being closed down under the tier system with the remaining government funding being barely enough to cover the rent never mind other expenses whilst closed!

Pubs, restaurants and brewery tap rooms have been allowed to continue to operate as takeaways and off licences,

however this has changed with lockdown v3 with an additional restriction that alcohol can only be sold for home delivery, a ruling that doesn't apply to supermarkets, convenience stores and off licence shops. There is a campaign lobbying the government to change this rule and create a more level playing field between all businesses operating as an off licence.

Locally the Castle Inn here in Bradway continues to offer a takeaway food menu available for collection or delivery. A number of other cafes and pubs have adapted to offer takeaway food too such as the Hyde Park Inn at Dronfield Hill Top, Cowshed Cafe on Border View Farm, S17 Coffee Shop & Bistro at Bradway shops and the Norfolk Arms in Ringinglow.

If you'd like some nice craft beers or real ales delivered to your door that cannot be found in Supermarkets there are locally based options including the Dronfield Beer Stop, Mitchells Wine Merchants of Meadowhead and Two Thirds Beer Co on Abbeydale Road as well as various local breweries. Additionally Archer Road Beer Stop remains open to pop in and buy beers, including freshly hand pulled real ales available to take home in sealed carry out cartons.

New limited batch beer releases from Abbeydale Brewery mid-January include the latest edition of their Salvation series of flavoured stouts (this one involving Sea Salt and Caramel) along with the return of Huckster Cryo, a juicy 6% New England IPA with a plethora of hops including the Ekuanot Cryo variety. Also making a temporary comeback is one of the more traditional seasonals, "Dr Morton's Duck Baffler", a sessionable 4.5% ABV classic pale ale brewed with Citra Hops which impart a zesty and refreshing flavour to the beer. All three are available in cans to order direct from the brewery at abbeydalebrewery.co.uk. They also now offer mixed cases of beers for those with Vegan or Gluten Free requirements.

The brewery attached to Mitchell's Wine Merchants at Meadowhead is back in production under new management as Little Mesters Brewing, their core range includes a classic malt bitter, a lager and an IPA supplemented by a number of interesting flavoured beers.

Of course all the publicans are looking forward to being allowed to reopen properly as soon as it is safe to do so and once again take their place as the social centre of the community where you can go and enjoy a drink and perhaps a bite to eat amongst friends, family and neighbours!

Information was correct at time of writing, the latest government Coronavirus guidelines can be found online at gov.uk/coronavirus and updates on pubs and beers in Sheffield can be found on the Campaign for Real Ale's local branch website at sheffield.camra.org.uk.

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Poets' audio odyssey

Derbyshire poet Mark Gwynne Jones has released the second chapter of an 'audio artwork' celebrating this year's 70th Anniversary of the Peak District National Park (PDNP). Part of 'Voices From The Peak', a project celebrating the diverse sounds and stories of the Peak District.

The project which is funded by Arts Council England, features the magical soundscapes, music and hidden narratives of the Peak District, with contributors spanning from Peakland hill farmers and miners, to poets, astronomers and even renowned musician Ashley Hutchings of Fairport Convention.

Mark said, "It is an honour to be working with the Peak District National Park Authority and local sound producer, Paul Hopkinson. As a poet born in Derbyshire, I have a lifelong love of the region, its people, wildlife, and diverse terrain.

"During 2020, the peaks and great outdoors have been more valuable than ever, so I hope these recordings will bring the magic of the Peak District to those who may not be able to visit. I want listeners to be transported to another world in 'Voices From the Peak'. The atmospheric music coupled with the field recordings, interviews and archive recordings have really made this possible".

"The discoveries I've made throughout the year have been fascinating, like the recording I found of a hill farmer born in 1897 talking of the big winters of 1911/1912 – a voice from the past."

Chapter two, Snow!, documents people's experiences of snow in the Peaks, with atmospheric sounds and music to carry the listener there. But beneath its magic, more pertinent questions are raised. As snow becomes more infrequent, will our stories of it today be folklore for our grandchildren?

Chapter one, Burning Drake, and Snow is now available to listen via the Peak District National Park website www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/voicesfromthepark.

Visit: facebook.com/voicesfromthepark to keep updated on forthcoming chapters.



Peakland sheep in snow, courtesy of the Peak District National Park Authority.

Engaging Your Wild Side

Living through COVID isolation by connecting with nature

Launched by South Yorkshire Biodiversity Research Group's (SYBRG) and Landscape Heritage Research Foundation's (LHRF) this project has three themes:

Taking part in recording and observing nature; Getting creative, using nature to inspire; Caring for wildlife; helping nature. Each uses the natural world and local landscapes to help support people's wellbeing and provide a new way of connecting with each other.

Over the course of the project there will be different nature-related activities to join in with. You can choose to take part how you wish, through recording what you see and hear, writing, painting, and making, or watching, reading and listening to what we post up.

During January, we featured some of the sights and sounds of Winter, celebrated *Squirrel Appreciation Day*, and promoted the RSPB's annual garden bird watch. In February we'll be watching out for the earliest spring flowers – snowdrops, celandines and may be even blackthorn blossom; loving the planet – with tips on how we can all take more care of it; and looking at

sunrises and sunsets as the days grow just that little bit longer.

The content includes short videos, blog-posts and some 'fun' items and we'd like people to send in images and share what they have seen and done. The project pages will be added to every couple of weeks as we move towards spring and into March and will include the start of our new podcast series.

Full details are on our project webpage https://www.ukeconet.org/eyws_1.html and on our Facebook project page <https://www.facebook.com/Engaging-Your-Wild-Side> with photos on our new Instagram page.

Some of the content will be linked to Professor Ian Rotherham's blog *ianswalkonthewildside* and his regular news columns.

The project has been possible through the support of an Emergency Recovery Fund grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and funding from Sheffield City Council.

We can be contacted via SYBRG, Venture House, 103 Arundel Street, Sheffield S1 2NT, tel: 0114 272 4227, or (preferably) join us via our Facebook or Instagram pages and look forward to see what people have seen, heard, made, watched, read etc.

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Totley History Group

Despite any optimism early last autumn it is now clear that we are still in the midst of the fight against Covid-19. It still seems unlikely that the Library, or any similar venues, will be available to hold meetings for some time and whilst we are still hoping to be able to hold an AGM in April it is by no means certain that we will be able to. We can only hope that the start of the mass vaccination programme will enable this to happen.

If the AGM in April goes ahead the future of the Group will be the main topic for discussion. Those Committee members intending to retire last year still intend to retire whenever the next AGM is held. One person has come forward to express an interest in joining our committee and if anyone else would like more details about what being a member of the Committee entails please contact me at n.rolfe@btinternet.com.

As I have said before in view of this the meeting will be open to non-members and we hope that anyone who might be interested in helping to ensure the Group's future will be able to come along. The eventual date of the meeting will be made known via our website, www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk.

In the light of the ongoing situation we are proposing to hold the planned February and March meetings by Zoom on a trial basis. If you are interested in joining in either or both meetings please send an email to sectothist@gmail.com and access details will be sent to you. The meetings are:-

Wed 24th Feb at 7.15 *The History and Residents of Zion* graveyard, Attercliffe by Penny Rea

Wed 24th March at 7.15 *The History of Stained Glass* by Ann Beedham

I hope some of you will be able to join us at one or both of these meetings.

Norman Rolfe



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Thoughts at the start of 2021

Do you remember Ration Books, the Coronation, Asian 'flu, the winter of 1962/63, the Miner's Strike, the Falklands War, the collapse of the stock market and the reasons why we joined the European Union? Whatever you have invested in your memory bank, you will have to make room for the start of 2021.

Last Christmas crowned a year of confusion; it displayed the best and worst aspects of public behaviour.

It's hard to feel sympathy for the government but nobody knew that Coronavirus was about to strike in 2020 and at the first suggestion of lockdown there were howls of protest as our normal lives were suspended.

What will it do to business? Will I have a job to go back to? How will it affect the children's education? The suggestion that we should 'pull together' was met by panic buying: supermarkets were stripped. You couldn't get flour, eggs, rice, pasta... Collectively we bought ample toilet paper to wipe us off the face of the earth.

It's difficult to plumb the mentality of people who go for a 'last booze up' when pubs are set to close or descend in hordes on some faraway beauty spot when it is clear that any crowding can spread infection. There have even been idiots entering hospitals in search of evidence that the pandemic is nothing but a hoax!

Coronavirus kills. Is that clear enough for you? There are families all over the country in mourning.

Over 100,000 have died in the UK: deaths, worldwide exceed two million (*my rough estimates*) yet people ignore the dangers. But then, some folk deny the value of the M.M.R. vaccine or think the world is flat.

You could not accuse the authorities of inaction: 'Nightingale' emergency hospitals were constructed, protective equipment was distributed; measures were put in place to protect the health of the nation. Yet every trick imaginable was used by some to flout the system, make money or exploit the old and unwary.

The inherent kindness of ordinary folk was a delight: we accepted shortages, food banks fed the hungry, people befriended neighbours, huge sums were given to charity; the emergency and caring professions worked unsocial hours to keep us safe and scientists sought a way of slowing or stopping the pandemic.

But at the same time silly asses still travelled in search of entertainment, people refused to wear masks or obey restrictions, shopkeepers and key workers were abused (spat at!) and food banks were robbed.

Foolish fellows argued, "If he can go fishing, why can't I play golf?" Because it can spread the infection! With people trapped at home, thieves and scoundrels prospered and the gambling industry burgeoned.

I've had emails telling me my credit card is compromised, the bank has a query, my computer is at risk, my gas is about to be cut off, and asking if I would like to pay for a Covid inoculation: all of them false.

These are the evils you can see and recognise; it is doubly unfortunate when victims become invisible. Marriages have been put under pressure; adults and children in abusive situations have nowhere to go; people left waiting for a medical appointment for possibly life-saving treatment are at their wits' end.

The zero-hours contract has spawned a generation dependent upon uncertain or irregular employment. Workers in 'hospitality' or 'entertainment' are seldom able to build up savings, so they suffer the most. We feel uncomfortable at the sight of beggars on the street, what about the many others you cannot see?

Many small businesses have gone months without income; self-employed proprietors fear for the future; our town centres are going to look very different when all this is over, and many jobs will never return.

Coronavirus cannot be blamed for all the current issues; we were already an unfair and unjust society!

One day Coronavirus will be conquered; then we can get back to repairing our sick and broken world. We could start by feeding the hungry, giving hope to the impoverished, and freeing those in slavery.

Perhaps we could stop building weapons that only kill and maim and use the money saved more wisely.

There are a thousand things you may not be able to do any more: buy products made by cheap labour, take foreign holidays, drive where you please and consume more of world's resources than you deserve.

About 2,000 years ago we had a warning to treat our neighbours better. Will we listen this time?

Robert Smith

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Over the past year, our vulnerabilities have been starkly exposed by coronavirus, and the pandemic continues to present an array of challenges on many different levels. Economic frailties have also been laid bare but, as we enter a new year, there are hopes of recovery in the second half of 2021 and beyond.

A gradual recovery

The International Monetary Fund's (IMF) final 2020 assessment of global economic prospects was entitled 'A Long and Difficult Ascent'. This provides an apt description of the current situation, with the international soothsayer's predictions pointing to a moderate rebound in 2021 with a continuing gradual recovery over the following few years.

Reasons to be cheerful

While the IMF forecast does highlight continuing risks and uncertainties, which largely centre on the future path of the pandemic, there are reasons for some guarded optimism. Continuing progress in the search for COVID-19 vaccines and the economic stimuli promised by US President-elect Joe Biden, for instance, should both have a positive impact on market sentiment during 2021.

Look to the future

Whatever the future holds though, the key to successful investing will inevitably remain embracing a long-term philosophy that is based on sound financial planning principles. In practice, this means maintaining a diversified investment portfolio which suits your attitude to risk and resisting any urge to panic trade. It also means looking forwards, focusing on future key trends and longer-term investment themes.

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Totley Library

Lockdown: Having reopened the Library as planned on the 4th December the Christmas break came upon us very quickly and we were able to open for one session on the 4th January for book returns before we were plunged into yet another lockdown.

As before the restrictions allow us to revert to an "Order and collect" service and to offer continued Public Network access. However, the guidance also stressed that customers should not enter the Library and we could not see how it would be possible to offer computer access on that basis.

Consideration was given to reinstating an "Order and collect" service but we knew, from our earlier experience of this, that it would be very demanding of volunteer resources at a time when these could be limited with the older generation and vulnerable people being asked to take extra care of themselves.

Activities are in hand to see if a backlog of previously reserved books can be made available for collection but apart from that the decision was made, again reluctantly, to close the Library completely for the foreseeable future. Depending on the potential length of the lockdown and possible changed circumstances further consideration may be given to offering an "Order and collect" service at an appropriate time

Defibrillator: The defibrillator acquired with help from the British Heart Foundation has now been installed on the outside wall of the Library close to the main door. We hope it will be an important community asset.

Donations: Substantial donations have been received recently from Dore and Totley United Reformed Church and the Totley Independent for which we are most grateful.

From Autumn 2007



"You mean the city centre was PLANNED to look like this?"
Cartoon by Ralph Whitworth

Plant sale: Outline plans are in place to hold a plant sale in May but it is too early to know whether or not this will be able to go ahead.

Totley library lottery: Since it began in June 2016 the Lottery has been the main source of our fundraising income and, to date, has raised nearly £25,000. We are more reliant than ever on this source of funds and we are always looking for new participants as, inevitably, there is a turnover of those taking part. 25% of the monies received are paid out in 2 prizes each month and currently the first prize is £127 and the second £32. If you would like to join the Lottery please send an email to chair@totleycric.org.uk and an application form will be sent to you.

New volunteers needed more than ever: Totley Library for the last 6 years has been run by volunteers and has gone from strength to strength. Until March last year when all libraries were required to close because of COVID restrictions Totley library was one of Sheffield's most loved and well-used volunteer run libraries. Last July it was one of the first libraries in Sheffield to open with an "Order and Collect" service and one of the first to open their doors for library users to come in and choose their own books.

The Library is managed by a committed, friendly and resourceful group of Trustees and we would welcome new faces, bringing new ideas, to join this group. You do not need to have library experience but you do need to have the necessary skills and understanding of working in a volunteer run organisation. We are particularly looking for people who have experience of marketing, management, writing articles for the local press, keeping policies and procedures up to date and who are committed to helping Totley Library re-establish itself as a community resource once COVID restrictions are lifted.

Running the Library is of course not just about Trustees and we would also welcome new volunteers who are interested in being involved in other tasks, e.g. front desk and book processing tasks,

preparation of displays, cleaning, gardening, property maintenance etc. Training will be given to all new volunteers.

Like a lot of voluntary organisations we have concerns that not all our volunteers will be able, or want to return, so if we are going to be able to get the Library up and running as it used to be we must attract new volunteers.

If you would like to know more about the roles that are available and what they entail, please email your details to totleylibrary@gmail.com and we will get back to you.

The future: With the mass vaccination programme commencing we can all hope that COVID restrictions will be eased gradually but of course we do not know yet when that might be. We are looking forward to reopening and then to increasing our opening hours. Welcoming back our loyal volunteers will entail a significant programme of refresher training whilst also delivering enhanced training to incoming new volunteers.

There will be significant challenges to come and clearly there may be a level of restrictions for some time but we are confident that Totley Library will, once again, become a vibrant and active part of the local community.

Norman Rolfe, Chair of Trustees
Website: www.totleycric.org.uk

On the Beat

Happy New Year to all Bradway Bugle readers! Time to reintroduce myself.

For readers with longer memories I used to cover the Dore, Totley and Bradway area. After a recent reorganisation Bradway has returned to my remit and is now included in an area which also covers Totley, Dore, Whirlow, Bents Green, Ringinglow, Millhouses, Greystones and Ecclesall.

I work this area with my colleague PCSO Paul Harran. Please bear this in mind when wondering why you might not see us every day or when making requests for our attendance at events that are not crime or ASB based. The most common sentence I hear must be the one that begins "you should have been here last week/month etc."; unfortunately we can't be everywhere at once!

It seems that when writing columns recently for the other local publications the time of writing always coincides with a new set of guidance and regulations being issued as to what we should be doing/where we should be going etc. I am still interpreting the latest raft of restrictions but if anyone is having difficulty please contact me and I'll try and answer your questions or find someone who can.

It seems to boil down at present to trying to stay in as much as possible only leaving the house for essential purposes. This ties in with some of the things I was going to mention anyway regarding reports of youths gathering in various



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areas. I know it is difficult but if your child is leaving the house in an evening please make sure you know where they are and who they are with, they should only be mixing with one other person and preferably not leaving at all. We are trying to give all our localities as much attention as we can, given the size of our area and the ups and downs of our shift pattern.

I've been a little surprised over the last couple of months to see people posting their advisory speeding letters or notices of prosecution for speeding on the local Facebook page, as if this is something to be proud of or amused by. I know there has been some debate on the page regarding the regular visits of the camera particularly to Baslow Road and the speeding advisory exercises we have been carrying out from this team. The mobile camera has been positioned at the request of our community and has found sufficient evidence of regular speeding to become a common sight.

The camera is not staffed by police officers; the fines do not come back to the

Police. Due to our Op Slowdown exercises on Dore Road, the Safety Camera Partnership has also said it will occasionally be parked up there. A special hello to the gentleman walking up Dore Road last month who, on seeing us with our portable camera on an educational exercise decided to zig zag up the middle of the road attempting to block our device!

At the end of the day a vehicle can be a lethal weapon and speed limits are set to try and mitigate this risk. The posts that appear warning others of the times the van is recording also surprise me, would you warn people about to commit assault that the police may be round the corner? I'm not sure. We will be trying to carry out a few more speed recording exercises around Bradway, I know there are particular concerns around Twentywell and Bradway Road which we will be addressing when we can.

Over Christmas the main crimes across our area seem to be thefts from shed and garages and items being taken from motor vehicles. We have also had a

couple of residential burglaries. If you have not yet done so please ensure your car keys are not left near the front of the house when you leave your vehicle. Signals can be picked up from key cards or remote central locking keys to unlock your car by devices which makes the thieves lives very easy You can buy faraday wallets which act like the RFID contactless card blocker wallets, or place your keys into a tin box or even wrap them in foil to make them inaccessible to these devices.

For the house consider staggered timer lights, TV simulators, leaving radios on, anything to put a little doubt in a burglars head about whether anyone might be in the house or not. If you have alarms you can isolate to downstairs when you go to sleep please use them. If not, ensure house keys are not left in or near to doors and nothing of value is left in sight of uncovered windows. If you have large areas of glass you might want to look into security film, a clear self-adhesive film which makes the glass harder to break. I'm pleased to say that 2 significant arrests have been made locally recently following timely calls from our community.

If you wish to contact me you can at adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk or alternatively my colleague at paul.harran@southyorks.pnn.police.uk or via the work mobile 07787 881945. Please do not use this to report incidents. 101 / 999 or the online portal on the SYP website should be used for this. If you haven't yet signed up for SYP alerts and would like to do so let me know your house number, postcode and email address and I will register you.

Thanks for reading

Adrian Tolson, PCSO 8136

South Yorkshire Police

Sheffield S W Neighbourhoods Team

Woodseats Police Station

Bradway Agewell Leisure Club

In the previous issue of the Bradway Bugle I wrote, "It is hoped that in the spring edition of the Bradway Bugle, due out in February, I may be able to give some better news and details of a start date for resumption of our meetings"

Oh dear, this has turned out to be a rather too optimistic statement. With the emergence of the new, more contagious variant of Covid, we find ourselves, at the time of writing, in a new lockdown which may well go on, in some form, for several weeks.

I know that many of you are looking forward to a resumption of our meetings and getting together for a coffee and a chat followed by listening to one of our invited speakers. With the rollout of the vaccine, which by now, some of you will have had your first jab, a resumption of our meetings may not be too far away - but no predictions this time - WATCH THIS SPACE.

In the meantime, Keep well, stay safe.

Stuart Sawyer

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Dense bracken at Callow Bank prehistoric settlement and field system

A scheduled monument is an archaeological site that has been afforded special legal protection because it is deemed to be of national importance by Historic England.

The Schedule of Monuments has been kept since 1882, when there were originally only 50 monuments. Today there are c.20,000, representing c.37,000 heritage assets sites out of the c.1 million archaeological sites or find spots currently known and recorded in England.

The Schedule of Ancient Monuments contains the best examples of all types of ancient monuments that are of national importance and are protected by law from authorised and unmanaged change. Scheduling is the only legal protection specifically for archaeological sites.

The protection afforded by scheduling covers any surface remains such as earthworks and building structures, and any buried and belowground remains.

They can survive as above ground archaeological remains such as earthworks or ruins, as entirely below ground archaeological remains, or as a mixture of both. Scheduled Monuments are not usually marked on the ground, and only in very occasional cases are there signs or notices, such as at Wet Withins stone circle and cairn, near Eyam.

Scheduled monuments don't have to be 'ancient' or over a particular age. There

Focus on Ancient Monuments

The importance of monitoring Scheduled Ancient Monuments is described by NATALIE WARD, Senior Conservation Archaeologist with the Peak District National Park Authority

are over 200 'classes' of monuments on the Schedule, and they range from prehistoric standing stones and burial mounds, to medieval sites such as deserted villages, and to industrial sites such as lead mines or coal mining sites, and even 20th century features from World War I, World War II and the Cold War. They come in all different shapes and sizes from a single site or feature to a whole area or landscape with a number of different sites and archaeological remains within it, such as Stanton Moor.

There are 473 scheduled monuments in the Peak District National Park, many of which are exceptionally well preserved due to the careful management of the upland landscape as pasture and open moorland rather than for arable farming.

The number of scheduled monuments is not fixed, and over time when new sites are assessed for as worthy of this protection, they are added to the schedule.

This year has seen the addition of Little Pasture Mine to the schedule. This is an 18th and 19th century lead mining complex near Eyam with well-preserved remains of rarely surviving surface features, including a 19th century stone crushing wheel where ore was crushed and a reckoning house, the mine office where accounts were kept, wages paid and the mine administered. Recently, stone walls around the building have been restored, and there are plans to undertake repairs to the building itself.

The Peak District National Park Authority plays an important role in monitoring the condition of our scheduled monuments, with staff and volunteers involved in visiting monuments record if they are at risk or vulnerable to damage, and feeding information back to Historic England. We are working hard to upgrade our condition monitoring methodology, provide additional support and training to our volunteers and to co-ordinate surveys and share results with other groups and organisations.

The National Park Authority also regularly monitors and carries out repairs at the five scheduled monuments that are

in guardianship with English Heritage – Arbor Low, Gibb Hill barrow, Wet Withins Stone Circle and Cairn, Hob Hurst House square barrow and Nine Ladies Stone Circle.

Where scheduled monuments are at risk or vulnerable to harm, the National Park Authority works with Historic England, landowners and other partners to secure their conservation and their long term future.

Last year saw the start of a programme of conservation works at Callow prehistoric settlement and field system on Carr Head Moor, part of the North Lees Estate near Hathersage. The monument was assessed as being in a poor condition and declining over time in 2017 following a site visit, and so was subsequently included on the Heritage at Risk Register due to damage from bracken, tree and scrub growth.

A programme of targeted conservation work including removal of scrub and trees on the monument, introduction of tightly controlled grazing and suppression of the bracken as part of the North Lees Countryside Stewardship Scheme will see work implemented to stop the decline of this monument, improve its condition and safeguard its future.

Last year also saw damage to scheduled monuments from illegal activity, including metal detecting. Metal detecting on a scheduled monument is a



The historic Toll booth on Baslow Bridge in danger of collapse



The toll booth after repair by DCC, in consultation with Historic England

criminal offence, and if anyone spots somebody detecting on a scheduled monument this should be reported to the police as a heritage crime. The return of people to the National Park following the COVID lockdown also resulted in reports of damage to several scheduled monuments from authorised off-roading and the lighting of camp fires and BBQs, both of which are illegal, which needed to be assessed and reported.

Sarah Fowler, the PDNPA Chief Executive, and other senior staff helped repair fencing and bash bracken around Hob Hurst's House, a curious and rare square barrow on the edge of Beeley Moor above Chatsworth. Regular maintenance tasks like this help to keep the monuments in good condition.

Wear and tear can take its toll on our monuments too. Baslow Bridge is a beautiful crossing point on the River Derwent. Most of the bridge is 17th century in date, and there is a characterful toll booth attached at one end. Unusually, it is both a scheduled monument and a listed building. The toll booth is suffering from some structural problems and we are liaising closely with DCC Highways teams and Historic England to understand the issues and secure the repairs needed for its long-term protection.

Our scheduled monuments are the *crème de la crème* of our archaeological heritage. They hold a vast amount of physical evidence and information about our ancestors ranging from the earliest prehistoric times to the 20th century.

They are an important aspect of the Peak District National Park and contribute to our special qualities and what makes the Peak District unique. They provide a tangible link to the past, and the people who have lived here over the past 10,000 years and they traces of their stories that they left behind in our landscape.

They belong to us all, and to future

generations and we can all play a role in looking after them. If you come across any damage to a scheduled monument, please report it as soon as you can to Historic England or the National Park Authority.

Council and the Peak District National Park heritage teams.

This article and many others can be read in the full version of ACID magazine. A digital version of the magazine is available here (ACID magazine: Peak District National Park). Hard copies will be available in Derbyshire libraries and Peak District visitor centres when they re-open again.



Above: Wet Withins cairn under a rainbow

Below: Members of the Peak District National Park Senior Leadership Team, Countryside Maintenance Rangers and Cultural Heritage Team on monitoring visit and working on repairs at Hob Hurst House Square barrow.



If you would like to be involved in helping us monitor scheduled monuments, please get in touch with Natalie Ward via the switchboard on 01629 816200 or at archaeology@peakdistrict.gov.uk

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Helping winter wildlife

There might not be so many animals out and about to spot at this time of year but with little effort, you can make it an easier season for them.

An easy way is actually to do less with your garden than you normally might. Avoid pruning berry or fruit-bearing bushes or trees in your garden as these provide indispensable food for birds over the winter months.

Allow leaves, twigs and sticks to pile up under hedges or in borders. This can provide a cosy home for hedgehogs and shelter for insects.

The winter months are especially tough for animals that don't hibernate, such as birds, squirrels, badgers and foxes. They have to keep their body temperature up by eating sufficient food, but it is scarce at this time of year.

You can be their lifeline by making or buying them food. Fat balls, sunflower seeds and

(unsalted) peanuts are appreciated by many birds. You can put these up in a tree or in a standalone birdfeeder if you want to stop the squirrels from getting there first. Birdfeeders make great gifts for birdwatchers or general wildlife lovers.

It's also important to supply wildlife with water, especially in freezing temperatures. A plant saucer with a few differently-sized stones in it will allow a variety of birds to bathe. . Make sure you break the ice if it freezes.

There is much more on the CPRE website at <https://www.cpre.org.uk/>

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LIFE IS SWEETS

It seems odd to think that in the early 60's, children were immersed in the values of a drug culture quite early on in life. Yet, from my first day in school in Bradway in the early 1960's, it was clear that chocolate alone amid the plethora of desires in sweet form had a currency amongst the not-yet-grown far above any other. There was no official exchange rate on chocolate as far as I know – if they had any, no-one exchanged it.

As a result, for many of my generation, cocoa mass along with our sugar rush was more an aspiration than an expectation. Boiled sweets, individually wrapped chews and the contents of glass-sided screw-lid jars on high shelves we knew to be our stock in trade, but the brown stuff (because the white didn't count) was of a different order altogether.

Thus, the idea of scarcity value was another lesson introduced to us well before it had a name. So much so that although we didn't know what it meant when our older brothers and sisters hinted at the dark days of 'rationing', we understood the negative connotations of lack that were implied by their solemn tone of voice alone.

Clearly, handing over a book before you could get hold of your little chunks of food heaven was a desperate world indeed. I remember eyeing up my battered copy of the Harold Hare Annual 1960 (First Edition) more than once and wondering what sweets I might have got in exchange for it at Mr Gessinger's corner shop on Twentywell Lane.

Probably not much, was my conclusion; not because of it's more-than-somewhat-foxed hard covers, but because it contained a story that would have been anathema to every amateur confectioner (and probably some professional ones as well). There it was, dominating the first pages, front and centre in the fictional

world of anthropomorphised Leporidae; Harold consuming an experimental dish of jam and carrots on the basis that they were both things he liked to eat.

Oddly, the publishers held no fears that such an exploration of logical fallacy might go over heads of their young audience. This on its own might have been forgivable. But to suggest that one might turn one's nose up at jam on anything.... well, it indicated that the age appropriate reader was being invited to enter the realms of fantasy. 'Just lick it off' all sensible readers would be screaming internally.

Rationing obviously deserved its poor reputation. What form of torture was it to deprive our formative lives of imaginative sensual delight through restriction? The way that rice-pape- thin UFO's melted magically in the mouth, that Fireman's Hose lay coiled in chilli-red strands and yet turned out to be more about texture than taste, that feeling when acid drops neatly removed every scintilla of saliva from the mouth before you had finished them... and the learning experiences did not stop there. There were lessons in physics to be gleaned as well.

Perhaps I was the only one who rarely managed to get a sherbet fountain to work. I have never run a poll on the subject. The idea that one might bite the end off the liquorice 'straw' that stuck out of the top of such a sweet, (making it look like a stick of dynamite) and draw the sherbet through it was a concept that I turned into a reality only once. This was mainly because the act of biting through the liquorice also magically sealed it. That one time, however, by dint of applying such powers of suction normally reserved for certain cyclone floor cleaners I did manage the feat.

Unfortunately in a clear demonstration of the laws of nature (Abhorring a Vacuum Regulations), the contents of the packet came through in its entirety, the jet of powder bouncing off the back of my throat and ricocheting down both nostrils. When my eyes had stopped

watering a week later, I vowed never to try the technique again.

Despite such experiences, there was only one sweet-related object that was regarded as 'verboten' by every child of junior school age. It wasn't a prohibition policed by parents so much as by children themselves. It isn't that chewing gum was dangerous or 'common' or inherently uninteresting, but even those brave enough to try it could not comprehend why anyone would be interested in not swallowing a sweet, let alone chewing one that rapidly became tasteless., 'Stuff the maintenance of concentration', we reasoned, 'where is call to action for my taste buds?'

Thus, there was a certain lack of logic in my grandparents habit of including 'gum money' for me in their letters. It consisted of two small silver sixpenny pieces wrapped in a piece of cut up envelope paper and secured with layers of transparent sticky tape to the point of impenetrability. The calories expended in freeing the money were probably more than could be ingested through the sweets they would purchase.

Perhaps even more oddly, due to a mishearing, I thought for years my grandparents were sending me 'gun money'. On reflection my total acceptance of the fact that my familial elders seemed intent on funding my acquisition of an assault rifle is probably more disturbing that any possible damage sweets could have inflicted.

As many of us learnt something similar to all this at an early age, it is no wonder then that when the flavour lexicon of Life offers more salt than sweet, more sour than spice, we seek to rebalance things by applying what we lack in the immediate sense. Yet taste alone is both more and less than a retronasal smell or a colour, or a texture: the essence of deliciousness, the umami that cannot be spread thickly enough on anything is a placeholder for the hope and comfort it inspires. Even better, the more it is shared and exchanged, the more it goes up in value.

So nothing like chocolate in a 1960's playground, then.

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Nebulisers for St Luke's

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The donated equipment will be used by the St Luke's Community Nursing Team as they work with patients in their homes throughout Sheffield.

"We want to thank Asthma Relief for thinking about the work we are doing at this very difficult time for everybody," said St Luke's Active Intervention Centre Interim Lead Emma Baldwin. This is an extremely generous donation that will make an enormous difference to the lives of many of our patients"

John Highfield

Staying healthy

Usually this time of the year is when most people are struggling to maintain the usual New Year resolutions of wanting to lose weight, exercise more, drink less and quit smoking. Many of you may struggle to find the motivation for such actions this year when we have so many other restrictions on our lives. However, the adverse effect of being overweight on Covid health outcomes has reinforced how important it is to maintain an optimum weight.

Of course, exercise plays a major part in this and in generally improving health. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that we will be able to do enough exercise this year to effect sufficient weight loss. So, diet assumes even more importance this year. Also, we have to shift a few extra lockdown pounds this year.

For many people, alcohol has been a regular friend during the pandemic. While it may offer a pick-up, too much alcohol is not only harmful but also contributes a significant number of

excess calories.

If you do decide to improve your health by losing weight, and would like some advice, please pop in to talk to us. We can advise on changes you can make to your diet. This also applies if you would like to discuss alcohol intake and how this can improve your health.

If you would like to lose a large amount of weight, or lose it rapidly, we have the perfect solution for you. For over a decade now, we have offered Total Diet Replacement as a tool to lose weight. While we have helped many people lose weight this way, it has only recently entered the mainstream, as we start to appreciate how harmful obesity is to so many aspects of health. This programme produces weight loss of 1 stone per month, and the even better thing is that this weight loss remains consistent for many months (the most we have seen lost is 5 stone).

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Abbeydale Park Bowling Club

This is the time of year when our club starts planning for its forthcoming season. Unfortunately we have to accept the fact that Covid will again disrupt our activities this year. At the moment it is not possible for the club to make any sort of plan for the 2021 programme but whenever possible, we will do all we can to enable some play and welcome new members whilst following government instructions and the guidelines put forward by the British Crown Green Bowling Association.

Crown Green Bowling is an outdoor activity which provides an opportunity to meet people, forge new friendships and keep fit. The club benefits from a well-kept green and well equipped pavilion in beautiful surroundings. Our club is primarily a social bowling club. In ordinary times, informal sessions are run each day in the morning, afternoon and evening (playing groups are made up by members as they arrive) and friendly inter-club matches take place during the season as well as internal competitions for the many trophies bestowed on the club.

The season usually starts in April and finishes late autumn. Previous experience is not necessary and if possible, within the constraints of social distancing, we do our best to offer free instruction and organise practice sessions.

The club is in the process of creating its own website <http://abbeydalepark.bowls-club.co.uk> which we hope will be running very soon. More information will be available from the website as and when we are able to put together some sort of programme.

If you require any further information please contact Liz or Iain Shand on 0114 236 0226 or shandhome@hotmail.com

Dominique Mountford

The great 'Outdoors'

The great 'Outdoors' has been a challenging concept for the national media since the autumn, with suggestions that since the 'outdoors' is your back yard or the local pub's heated beer garden, meeting anyone outside was off limits, with or without a scotch egg.

Meanwhile, those of us lucky enough to have Totley Moor or Burbage within striking distance have just put our coats on and gratefully admired the view. "You can see forever!" cried one young visitor to the snow-capped Ox Stones above Ringinglow in January.

This winter, the outdoors looks like being our respite again, just like the spring. We can still go out once a day, locally, and even meet one other person, as long as we keep our distance. And we'll have to bite our lip when we listen to friends from greyer cities sighing 'there's nowhere local to get a breath of fresh air' after we get home from one of Sheffield's windy hilltops.

The old story of Sheffield's countryside before it became the Outdoor City was that we'd casually visit our moors, woodlands and 800 or so green spaces at the weekend, come home for our Sunday tea and take it all for granted. Not this year. In 2020, surveys from both Sheffield universities found that more Sheffielders are getting outdoors, and staying out there longer. And nearly everyone said that visiting the outdoors helped them cope with the pandemic.

One Sheffield Hallam respondent said: "Getting outside to breathe, to have time away from everyone and the terrible news cycle has been the single most important factor in maintaining a good standard of mental health throughout the lockdown for me".

Virtually every respondent to the Sheffield University Landscape Department survey said they visited the outdoors for a health and wellbeing benefit in 2020, such as physical exercise, stress or anxiety reduction, as 'a space to think clearly,' or to boost their immune system. And 79% said they'd be getting out into the natural world more often after the pandemic eventually recedes.

This year, our city parks and woodlands have felt like a necessity, especially for families without a garden, but many of us have learned how our wide open moorlands are the best places to escape the pandemic. You might see a hawk or a deer as a reminder that the rest of nature is still out there carrying on perfectly well without us. Even if you do encounter other folk, there's always enough wind up there to take everyone's breath away.

And after reports of parking chaos on

country roads and piles of litter festering in the UK's parks and roadside ditches, here in Sheffield the notable point for regular outdoor citizens was how many more people were out enjoying the wilds, many of them newcomers asking questions.



Enjoying the snow in the woods above Ringinglow

"Is this the way to Houndkirk Moor?" asked an elderly couple in trainers and sunglasses stepping out from Lady Canning's last spring. "Does this path take us all the way round Ladybower?" asked a hopeful family with handbags, hijabs and picnic rugs in August.

Now, particularly in the dark winter months, under the new lockdown the outdoors is still good for our health and mental health, and much safer than confined indoor spaces. But Public Health stress the need for distancing, particularly since the new mutant virus



Taking on a challenge in the countryside

may spread from smaller doses.

So currently you can still run, ride or walk with a friend, but only if you stay local and keep 2 metres apart. (15 minutes with a non-householder closer than 2 metres makes you a viral contact, even if you are both running over the frozen moors).

As the 2021 lockdown begins, we're all hoping vaccines arrive here soon in greater numbers than the B117 Covid variant, while trees bearing thank you signs have appeared in places like Ecclesall Woods, from a city grateful to

the staff and volunteers who help look after the nature on our doorstep.

A respondent to Sheffield Hallam's Outdoor Recreation Research Group put it like this: "There's a sense of wonder at nature, the chance to be in it with loved ones and also a pride in Sheffield which we always feel. Aren't we lucky to live here?"

David Bocking

Call 101

This is the number to dial if you have problems with community safety issues, including non-emergency crime, policing and anti-social behaviour including:

- Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property
- Noisy neighbours
- Intimidation and harassment
- Abandoned vehicles
- Rubbish and litter, including fly tipping
- People being drunk or rowdy in public places

- Drug-related anti-social behaviour
- Problems with street lighting

If there is immediate danger or you witness a crime taking place, you should dial the 999 emergency service.

Quiet Lanes

Quiet Lanes are minor rural roads or networks of minor rural roads appropriate for shared use by walkers, cyclists, horse riders and other vehicles.

The aim of Quiet Lanes is to maintain the character of minor rural roads by seeking to contain rising traffic growth that is widespread in rural areas.

Public Transport

With new year seeing a new Coronavirus lockdown there were changes to bus, train and tram timetables mid-January, generally with a modest reduction in frequency to reflect less people travelling whilst still providing clean and safe transport for those needing to make essential journeys.

The mid-February publication date of this issue of Bradway Bugle is around the time the government estimates a landmark in the vaccination programme will be achieved with many restrictions being gradually eased again sometime perhaps in the late Spring, so it is likely as you read this that public transport will again be planning on moving back towards a normal level of service.

You can access the latest timetables, route maps and travel pass information online at travelsouthyorkshire.com or by phoning Travel Line on 01709 51-51-51.

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Who'd have believed a year ago that we would solve local parking problems so easily – stop people travelling on trains! As we approach the second year of lockdowns it's becoming clear that public transport will take years to recover. Recover it will, but unevenly.

Passenger numbers – recent academic history!

In early March 2020 our little station was on the up, user numbers probably higher than for 100 years, before buses, trams and cars arrived in force. In December we had official confirmation of how much busier it had been getting. Annual figures for 2019-20 showed a 10.2% increase in numbers from 2018-19, topping 200,000 for the first time at 219,336. Compiled until the end of March they included the first 3 weeks of lockdowns. Without Covid we'd probably have topped 225,000. 250,000 would have been likely for 2020-21. Now, we'll be lucky to top 30,000.

Our latest commuter survey for a day in December found the numbers were only 14% of our last survey in January 2020, a massive change. Monitoring of car park use shows a similar drop. Commuters are getting used to working from home, travelling by car, getting another job nearer home, or even moving location to be nearer work.

However by late November our three operators were feeling more positive and had got back to operating virtually the full timetable. Commuters were very, very slowly returning. Far more were returning to the Hope Valley stopping services by December, no longer operated by the old Pacers.

But a new reality has dawned.

Empty trains can't be operated for ever, safe though that may be. The fast services were cut by 50% from 24th January, including our most popular train of the day, the 7.14 for Manchester. The 6.15 and 8.15 continue to run – or appear to at the time of writing! It's now more important than ever to check the latest train times before departing for the station. Fortunately Northern's hourly stopping services continue to run at present, mostly with 4 empty carriages!



Train leaving Hope station with Lose Hill in the background

It's not inconceivable that leisure user numbers will fully recover within 2 or 3 years. Within 5 years it's possible they may be higher than before. Holidays are likely to be taken nearer home, like in the Peak District. Local walkers, climbers and cyclists like trains, especially when parking is so difficult at busy times in the Hope Valley.

That explains why the car park will be becoming busier at weekends and school holidays - Park and Ride for the Peak Park! It's also used by those going for a jog along Abbeydale Road, or maybe a walk in Ecclesall Woods or to Beauchief Abbey. Some may start the Sheffield Round Walk. Two ladies recently completed the Sheffield Round Run from here – quite an achievement, particularly in December, so well done Helen Young and Yvonne Twelvetree. The official event was cancelled but they completed the 15 miles anyway to raise funds for Cavendish Cancer Care.

Hope Valley Capacity Improvement Scheme

A degree of disillusion is creeping in.

We understood it would finally be agreed and contracts let in January. Barring last minute miracles that won't now happen. It has been suggested it could still get the go ahead in February and meet the timetable to start work in 2021.

So much has changed since detailed planning based on projected service levels in 2014. Realistically we may have to accept that some reassessment is needed. We wouldn't bet on completion in 2023 as currently planned. This scheme is fated. 2024 is beginning to look more likely, at best.

The station canopy saga

After a long battle to get it agreed we were pleased to see it completed in May 2019. Within a fortnight reinforcing support had to be installed. There was lack of agreement between Northern, Network Rail and the contractors so temporary extra supports were added in February 2020. Covid delayed remedial work until August. It seems agreement has now been reached and the props have just been removed. There remain a number of less major defects that need to be resolved.

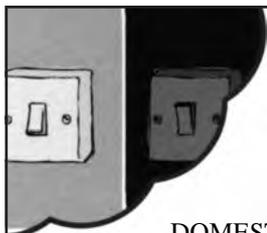
Where's the good news?

Clearly not that punctuality of trains at Dore puts us in the worst 100 in the country from over 2500 stations. Sadly regular users don't expect their trains to be on time. The Capacity scheme may help, eventually. However a big part of the problem is that the train operators have been trying to run too many long distance services through Manchester. They get in each other's way. Our service to the Airport is one of the worst and contributes to delays for the Liverpool – Norwich and maybe vice versa. Help may be at hand from May 2021.

Manchester Recovery Task Force public consultation

A major review of all services through Manchester has taken place and 3 options are now available for public consultation by 1st March. They all aim to reduce the number of conflicting services.

Option A would leave our services unchanged apart from Liverpool – Norwich being reduced to Liverpool - Nottingham. Options B and C both assume Norwich – Liverpool and the Cleethorpes service running through to



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Liverpool instead of the Airport. There'd be cross platform changes at Piccadilly for the airport at half hourly intervals.

So far most seem to think Option C is best. It isn't certain that the changes will make major improvements in services but they should help.

If you use the trains, or are just interested, check the proposals. Copy the following into your browser, or search for the full title, then have your say; <https://bit.ly/3r0u5R8>

Spring is just around the corner

The daffodils will soon be in flower. Let's look forward to a brighter Spring. It won't be long before we can get out into the Peak District, or venture further afield.

Northern's trains are still operating an almost hourly stopping service along the Hope Valley. From December we gained a new stop at 8.39 towards Manchester, non-stop to Edale in 18 minutes. That's a great start for walkers with a wide range of opportunities towards Kinder and Mam Tor. There are many options to return from Edale via Castleton and the valley floor, or walk along the tops to Ringing Roger, Lose Hill or Win Hill and catch a train at Hope or Bamford.

There's an attraction in itself at the Penny Pot Cafe below Edale station. They've used 2020 to install the most intricately constructed fence portraying local features in wood. Well worth a visit and they're normally open from 9.00 until 16.00 every day. Service is currently takeaway only. More comfortable and



An attraction in itself is the Penny Pot cafe below Edale station

roomier trains will be replacing the Pacers that had soldiered on for over 30 years.

COVID won't go on for ever. Slowly we'll adjust and avoid the greatest dangers. Please take a safe, but almost empty, train as soon as we're allowed because if we don't we'll lose them!

If you're a Facebook user, you can find and join us by searching for FoDaTS. It's a very active group. If you're not on Facebook and would like more information please send an email to our Secretary; njbarnes@outlook.com There's lots of information on our website at; www.fodats.net

*Chris Morgan,
Chairman*

Deer Survey

A survey of records and sightings of deer in the region is ongoing. UKEconet are especially interested in the increasing incidences of deer coming into the urban areas and have had reports of Roe Deer in gardens in Woodseats area and from Graves Park and the Shire Brook Valley.

So, if you do see any deer, please go onto their web-page and fill in the short recording form. The site includes a useful Deer Identification Guide

Deer Surveys (Information and links to survey form downloads and online survey can be found on Page 1 of the Guide) <https://www.ukeconet.org/deer-identification.html>

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Neighbourhood Watch

Since my last article we have been subjected to a series of burglaries in the Longford Crescent area plus an increase in crime generally. Whilst not at the levels some of the other areas within the South West Policing Division are experiencing, they are a lot more than we want to see. SYP have introduced extra patrols in our area and have successfully made some arrests, recovering some property in the process.

There have been some common factors around the recent events, many which NHW have highlighted in the past. In particular entrance being gained by snapping the Eurolocks, typically on rear or patio doors. Nine of the burgled properties in the S17 area in the last three months were entered via this method.

It is a simple task to check if you have the secure versions of these locks and I have included a guide to show you how to do it. Members of NHW get a 20% discount on replacement locks from Harrolds & Sons, Shalesmoor. Though dearer than other locks available from the DIY sheds, the extra security provided is well worth the additional cost.

Similarly, the theft of cars following the burglaries is often a consequence of the keys/remotes being left on view or in other easily accessible places. Never leave them by doors, on hall stands, stairs or hooks, which make it much more likely the vehicle could be taken if that is what the thief is after. In some of the recent events it has been the car which has been the target with any other visible valuables taken opportunistically.

It has become apparent that any form of CCTV can be a useful method of warning/identifying criminal activity. Facebook has shown numerous images of suspicious characters caught on CCTV in recent weeks. Many are from the Doorbell cameras which can not only capture the criminals in the act but notify the owner that someone is there. A recent incident showed a group of three individuals trying to pick up and clone



Checking a Eurolock - see text below

the radio signals from a cars keyless fob.

Whilst the rogues are usually after the more expensive vehicles, many modern cars use this technology and often the criminals will dispose of the vehicle or break it up for spares very quickly, thus preventing its return to the owners. RFI wallets are available at low cost to prevent the signal being detected and remember to put the spare set of keys in a wallet as well.

S17NWA Eurolock Checking Guide

1. First look at the end of your lock to see if it has the Diamond 3 stars symbol on it. See Picture 3. If so, you have a secure lock. If not go to item 2.

2. Unlock your door and look on the edge of the door for the screw that is securing the lock in place. See pictures 1.

3. Remove this screw and retain.

4. Turn the key about 20 degrees until you can slide the lock from the door.

5. Look at the lock and measure the length and the distance from the centre of the cam to each end of the lock. See picture 2.

6. Check if it has any anti snap slots. You



need them on both ends of the lock. As shown in picture 2.

7. Make a note of the overall length and the distance from each end to the central cam.

8. Replace lock, (if it has the anti-snap slots you are secure). If not, you need to purchase a replacement secure version.

The examples in Picture 2 show an old lock which is 85mm long. With one side 40mm long and the other 45mm long.

The other lock is an Ultion anti-snap lock which is 90mm long with both sides 45mm long.

The 3rd picture shows the mechanics of the Ultion anti-snap lock and shows the Diamond 3-star symbol.

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The Gardening Life

Well, the new gardening year is fast beginning. When we wrote our first article back in February last year no-one could have foreseen what 2020 had in store. But with many of us having more time to spend at home, it was a fantastic opportunity to really see and appreciate the changes taking place in our gardens. Now, as the days are getting longer, tiny shoots of bulbs are already popping up and little green buds are appearing on branches. These are small signs that we are hopefully moving forward to a better year ahead.

If you missed out on getting your bulbs in during the autumn do not despair. Most nurseries and garden centres will have a wide range of potted bulbs available that you can just pop in the ground or add to a container for instant spring interest. Add some boldly-coloured primrose or polyanthus and you'll brighten up any spot.

Snowdrops

We saw our first snowdrops the other day! Pushing their heads up into the January cold, they are another sure sign that spring is on its way. Although you can plant dry bulbs in the autumn, the most reliable way of establishing snowdrops (and bluebells too) is to plant them 'in the green' - that is, while they are in leaf and actively growing. With plump, white bulbs and roots itching to get established, they'll provide a super display for many years to come.

Snowdrops sold this way are usually available from February through March, depending a bit on the weather.

Be a Cut Above

Have you still got a patch of garden you don't know what to do with? If so, how about starting a cutting garden and brightening things inside your home at the same time?

With just a few square metres you can be filling your vases for many months of the year, so now is the time to get planning. Think about the colours you like and which harmonise well, and remember to include a range of different flower sizes and shapes, fillers and foliage plants. Annuals provide fantastic colour throughout the summer and sowing these from seed is a very cost-effective way of getting your cutting garden going.

Take time to read around as well - after the surge in interest last year there are lots of websites and magazines where you can get ideas and inspiration. Here are some ideas of our own to kick-start your patch:

Annuals: Ammi Majus, Cosmos, Dill, Helichrysum, Rudbeckia, Snapdragon, Sweet Pea, Zinnia

Perennials: Achillea, Alchemilla, Dahlia, Foxglove, Scabious, Sweet William, Verbena Bonariensis

Foliage: Dogwood, Euphorbia, Heuchera, Lavender, Sage

Sweet Peas

Perfect for picking, sweet peas are a staple of any cottage garden. We are

always asked when to sow them - is it autumn, or is it spring? You can read lots of different opinions and there's no hard and fast rule, but we always sow our first batch in early March.

Just remember that, whenever you sow them, you need to pinch the plants out otherwise they will get too leggy. So, when the plant has got about 3-4 pairs of leaves up the stem, cut the stem back to just two pairs. For us, this is done around the end of April. It might look harsh but this will encourage growth at the base and make for a bushier plant.

On The Nursery

As usual at this time of year, we are starting to sow seeds of first-year flowering perennials and slow growers. The longer days and improving light levels, together with our heated bench, mean that they should be up in no time. We're also stocking up with shrubs for the season ahead, as well as taking deliveries of hundreds of plugs and liners that will all need potting. It's going to be a busy year!

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Organic Wildlife Gardening

While we have continued to wrestle with Covid-19, the TV programme "Our Planet Now" on Sunday, 6th December 2020, clearly showed that nature is striking back at the way we are living. Carbon dioxide levels are at an all-time high and rising, and this year (2021) is a "make or break year" and we must cut emissions.

Soil absorbs carbon dioxide, but it is easily released when the soil is disturbed. Those of us that garden need to take it very seriously and disturb the soil as little as possible. The only time that soil needs to be disturbed is when one is planting or removing plants, but with good planning this could be kept to a minimum, and even virtually nil.

Digging a pond would cause considerable loss, but over time the support even a small one would give to wildlife would make it worthwhile. However digging over beds, as many people do, is not good. Far better to leave that job to the worms who, together with the other soil wildlife, will produce a much better soil texture and with no loss of carbon dioxide.

Planting trees (which absorb CO₂), shrubs and perennials, all of which would be permanent, could be the best plan for most gardens, with natives being by far the most favourable option for our wildlife which really does need our support. However, native annuals and biennials also play their part and if grown from seed or as plugs between other plants, and allowed to seed, the natural appearance of the garden will be enhanced as time goes on.

If they become over invasive, they can be taken out or moved (very carefully!). Popular though they are, bedding plants must be one of the least environmentally-friendly garden plants, needing planting in spring and digging up in the autumn,

and they contribute little if anything to the environment.

In my garden I have several trees and shrubs including the three featured below:

Alder buckthorn is loved by the brimstone butterfly. The flowers provide pollen and nectar for bees, and the fruits are popular with thrushes and other birds.

Downy birch has an open canopy under



Wild garlic blooming in April; striking in a shaded woodland corner

which spring flowers will grow and it supports 300 species of insects. The leaves are food for aphids which attract ladybirds, and also the caterpillars of several moths. The seeds are popular with siskins, redpolls, and greenfinches, while woodpeckers nest in holes in the trunk.

Bird Cherry is a lovely tree. It provides an early source of pollen and nectar and the cherries are eaten by blackbirds, thrushes, badgers and small mammals such as wood mice and dormice.

My alder buckthorn and downy birch are new whips and I am keen to see how they develop. So far so good.

The summer meadow strip in my garden could not be cut this year as it was always too wet with the almost daily rain, so it is doing what comes naturally, although it was disappointing that we were not able to use our new traditional

scythe as was the custom years ago.

The wild flower seeds planted last autumn were mostly showing by December and should be ready for planting in April in the various meadows - spring, summer and a pathway through the two.

Years ago, and at a different address, several neighbours were very annoyed at the state of a nearby garden. It had not been touched since the first occupant had moved in and was a 'meadow'. I now know that it would have been much more wildlife-friendly than all of ours put together. In fact, many knowledgeable scientists are now describing most gardens in this country as biological deserts!

Last year, I watched a programme of Gardeners' World. It showed several different gardens from around the British Isles. One showed huge banks of flowers either side of a footpath. The presenter thought it was wonderful, but I was not impressed. There was a bee, but only one and I am sure all the flowers were cultivated.

Another garden was in Scotland. The house was on a hill with a huge lawn, below which was a large flower bed bordered by a strip of water. As with the first garden the flowers all appeared to be cultivated but there were no pollinators. This garden was also filmed from the other side of the water and it actually spoiled the view of the beautiful Scottish countryside beyond.

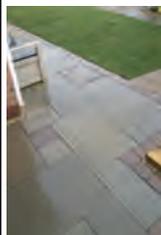
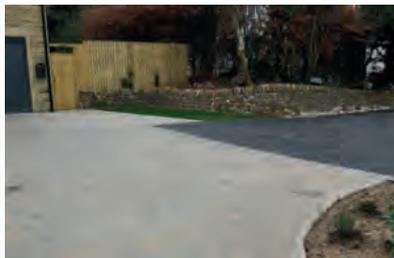
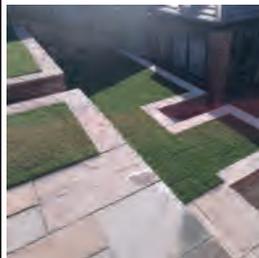
The third garden was full of potted succulents - 1,259 of them - and nothing else but the many water butts which were needed for all the watering involved. The owner of the house was obsessed with them, and loved the wide variety of leaf shapes. Succulents are amazing plants, but would not support any of our native wildlife, or to me, look right in an English garden.

None of these gardens supported wildlife as well as they could have done, and I doubt the other gardens shown were any better, but I found it too depressing to watch any more. I cannot understand why professional horticulturists are ignoring the poor state of nature in this country and cannot see that the way they encourage people to garden is part of the problem.

Now, the spring flowers are starting to open. I was surprised to learn that as well as crocus, winter aconite and tulip, snowdrop is also not native. I have never had tulip or crocus and am pulling up the winter aconite if it appears again. Removing the snowdrops, which are native to France and West Germany, is an ongoing job but at least mine look 'native', compared to the fancy cultivars that have appeared in gardens in the last few years.

Other early flowers include wild daffodils, wood anemones, wood sorrel, lesser celandine, bluebell, cuckoo pint,

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snakeshead fritillary and ramson (wild garlic), along with Solomon's seal, lily of the valley and lady's smock, which flower later and help to fill the gap before the summer flowers start to bloom.

Planning ahead for late spring and summer, there is plenty of choice of wild native flowers. The following are a small selection of the 86 that bloomed here last year and are all attractive to pollinators and other wildlife: white deadnettle, red campion, bugle and nettles (which were out of the way, and very good for wildlife, as are dandelions which can be controlled by removing some of the seed heads)

Lady's smock, wild garlic (with its edible leaves), yellow archangel, wood cranesbill and foxgloves (biennials which provide easy access for bees and are very popular), bird's-foot trefoil, oxeye daisy, red and white clover, marjoram, nettle leaved bellflowers, betony, yellow toadflax, musk mallow, the beautiful meadow cranesbill, and the very popular small and field species of scabious. Finally, the long-flowering greater celandine that blooms from May to September in sun or semi-shade, has small but very pretty flowers.

Seeds, plugs and advice can be sourced from native wild flower producers and at least one is near enough to visit. A brochure is always helpful (although do

check that the plants you choose are native as some may not be), but a visit, ideally in the summer, is a good trip out as they have fields of colourful wild flowers - quite a sight - and a lovely cafe!

Hopefully, the pandemic will be coming under control and this, and other excursions, will be possible by then. Here's hoping.

Marian N Tiddy



Wood Sorrel coming into flower - one of my favourites

Beauchief Environment Group

Activities undertaken by the Group from October until the second lockdown and between the second and third lockdowns include:

- * completing the repair of drystone walls around Beauchief Abbey and -Hall begun during summer;

- * cutting back gorse, and holly encroaching on Little Wood Bank;

- * repairing revetments and a broken step on public footpaths in Park Bank Wood;

- * clearing leaves and other debris from the grilles draining the Abbey Ponds;

- * planting saplings in the meadows near Beauchief Allotments and in Hutcliffe Wood;

- * beginning repairing the fence behind Beauchief Hall;

- * litter picking in the area.

No work has been done since 4 January due to the current lockdown, but we look forward to returning to the normal routine of meeting on Mondays at 9.30am. Work will be subject to conditions agreed with Sheffield City Council to minimise the risks associated with the virus, including

working in appropriately small groups.

We occasionally run working sessions and events at other times but none are scheduled until further notice due to the lockdown.

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Friends of Graves Park

Despite the continuing limitations of the pandemic and the restrictions of ways of working, the Friends continue working hard to protect the park.

We are still completing our bid for the "Finding Lost Norton Park: Digging Deeper" project, which we will submit as soon as the NLHF allow applications. We are in regular consultation with Sheffield City Council, who have verbally agreed to support our bid. In the meantime, we are trying to raise at least 10% of the funding required, to show the level of support from the local community. All donations gratefully received.

Chantreyland Meadow and Arboretum

For the first time wilful destruction of the noticeboard in Chantreyland Meadow has taken place. (It survived for 12 years.) The supports are still intact and we are installing a temporary updated display, with information about the proposed extension to the Arboretum and opportunities for visitors to contact us and make donations. (The original display cost £1,300 to have made and installed.) Eventually, once the Arboretum is extended and complete, the Friends will install a permanent, up to date noticeboard. We continue to discuss the extension with SCC.

Due to the Covid-19 crisis, more visitors are frequenting both the Meadow and the Arboretum than ever before. Most spend a quiet time walking around the grass paths, others jogging and practising yoga. Increasing numbers of families with pet dogs (mainly under

control) use the area. The resulting increase in foot traffic, causes muddier footpaths, however, the main green walk constructed with the free draining stone is surviving remarkably well.

The gifted azaleas were duly planted, with additional bluebells and a sweet smelling winter flowering sarcococca and the whole area bark mulched.



The Serpentine stream now flowing clear

A section of the dogwood area flooded last year with contaminated water from the Nursery site, resulting in 12 dogwood plants dying and a section of the grass path being destroyed. Currently the path has been excavated, new grass seed sown and the dogwood plants removed, soil replaced and salvaged plants replanted.

The Garrya Elliptica is now making its presence felt with its display of olive green leaves and green, yellow floral racemes, especially in full sunlight. All the herbaceous plants have achieved good long displays of flowered colour. The Crocosmia put on a magnificent scarlet display, despite some damage from being trampled down.

Aster Ada Ballard started flowering in June and continued on until the end of October, all backed up by Helenium, Lavender, Rudbeckia and Achillea. The white flowers of Japanese Anemones have just finished flowering in December. Mahonia Bealie have just started to show their sulphur golden flowers on an evergreen background. All these plants and flowers are massively attractive to insects and birds, which increase in numbers as the site develops.

The Serpentine Project

A considerable amount of rather nasty, filthy works were achieved by the FOGP volunteers, in removing huge quantities of tipped material from over the area of the Serpentine Stream. Subterranean, clear, flowing water (the original stream) has been exposed. A section of small "Pondings" were created and almost immediately a moorhen, frogs and toads turned up to take advantage. Branches cleared were formed into a dry hedge at the top of the embankment, both as a safety measure and to prevent dogs from entering the "Pondings".

Much more work is required to prepare

for planting of reeds, rushes, ferns, irises and sedge grasses.

Chantreyland Meadow has achieved a successful year, with masses of cowslips in spring, backed up by Berberis Darwinii, gorse, followed by meadowsweet, blue geraniums and black knapweed; betony for the first time also began to bloom; FOGP have propagated another 20 plants, ready for inter-planting in the spring.

Young sedge grasses growing in the meadow will be transplanted alongside the exposed Serpentine Stream, along with irises and bulrushes.

A recent survey by FOGP has revealed 6 charcoal burners' hearths alongside the pathway in Cobnar Woods. These have now been individually measured, photographed and plotted on a plan.

Further explorations in another part of the park's woodland revealed a further 14 possible charcoal hearths (originally we were looking for 1 or 2!). Covid-19 has brought to a standstill any current heritage finding by FOGP, however as soon as we are able to continue, we intend to complete proper surveys of all of these sites.

*Caroline Dewar
Chair, Friends of Graves Park
<https://friendsofgravespark.org>*

Lockdown for the Bodger

For some weeks, I'd noticed that our back door was becoming difficult to lock. I put up with it for a while, but as it got progressively worse, I decided it probably needed the lock replacing. But then it occurred to me that the door was also beginning to catch on the frame. Could these two phenomena be linked, I wondered?

A bit of research online revealed that UPVC doors have a tendency to drop on their hinges, but that it was a simple matter to adjust them. Following the instructions carefully, I removed the cover plates from the hinges, selected an Allen key of the appropriate size and adjusted the top hinge so that the door was nearer to the frame, and the bottom one to move it further away. Success! Not only did the door now lock easily, but it no longer caught on the frame.

However, I then noticed that a small screw in the locking strip fastened to the frame was missing. Unsure of its exact dimensions, I decided to remove an adjacent one so I could measure it. Disaster! The latch faceplate promptly fell down the back of the locking strip. As a result, what up to that point had been a simple ten-minute job now took another half an hour as I removed the 10 screws holding the locking strip in place, retrieved the faceplate and re-assembled it all, having, needless to say, managed to find a screw to replace the one that was missing.

Thank goodness it'll soon be spring again. A least disasters in the garden don't have security implications!

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Fortunately there is a vaccine coming but, however it's rolled out; there are some tough times ahead. What can you do? Obey the law, respect regulations and follow sensible advice to protect other people.

But what else can we do to help? If you are fit and well, (and it's safe), volunteer to assist a local charity,

Help anyone who is alone and isolated by giving them a telephone call to see if you can help in any way.

Many charities are having a hard time, when they're needed the most. Send them a donation in the post.

Remember your local food bank: And I don't mean the odd tin of beans! Do your normal weekly shop, then take another trolley and do it again for the donation bin. Yes, it pushes up your housekeeping a bit, but people like you, who used to have regular jobs, are finding it increasingly hard to feed their families.

Support local businesses but don't stock up with stuff you don't need; don't take unnecessary journeys; don't have a clear-out then leave boxes on the step of a charity shop you know is closed. It doesn't help and, most of all, don't moan about not going out to the gym, pub, cinema, theatre or to watch a match.

Don't get drunk, drive too fast, climb sea-cliffs, walk on mud flats or do any of the idiotic things we do. You don't want to end up in A&E and they don't want bother with you. They are busy enough already. If you are waiting in a queue, keep calm. The person in front may have a greater need than you realise.

Put the Christmas lights back up! No, not Santa or reindeer, but we are living through dark, dismal days and a few coloured lights brighten up the street. They are appearing in windows all around where I live. I've kept a string of Christmas cards up; each one is from a good friend and I'm happy to think of them.

It's not easy to keep a two metre space on busy pavements: happily step aside for prams and pushchairs and say a cheerful 'Thank you' when anyone moves away for you. If it's safe to do so, let other drivers in at roundabouts and T-junctions when there is slow traffic; think of yourself as a 'Knight of the Road'.

If you're lucky enough to have booked a holiday this year, keep very quiet about it. It might not happen, and you might be heard by somebody who made all their plans last year and saw them come to nothing. There are going to be a lot of disappointed people this summer, let's make it as easy for them as we can.

Offer to take the bins out for a neighbour who finds it difficult, and make sure you take them in again.

Can you loan a lap-top to a family who are finding it hard to keep in contact with the children's school? Do you have a spare working computer, monitor,

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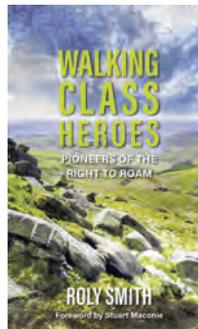
Give the kids a break. It's not their fault they're not a school and you have to cope with them at home. Does it matter if they make a bit of a muddle and leave their toys all over the carpet? No, it does not! Why not turn off the telly and play family board games with the older ones, like we did at Christmas?

Leave food out for the birds, hedgehogs, or any other wildlife. Isolate books and magazines you have read and then offer them to others. Buy a 'Meal for Two' for you and your partner. Order a takeaway as a treat for a busy mum. Dance round the living room. Surprise an old friend by sending them a letter.

Find any way you can to spread a little happiness, even if it's just buying at local shops instead of online.

Keep safe and well. Have your vaccination when it's offered. Don't trouble key workers unnecessarily. Try to be kind to everyone - and we might even come out of this better people than we were before.

Robert Smith



A new book *'Walking Class Heroes' - Pioneers of the Right to Roam* by countryside writer Roly Smith, looks back at the often larger-than-life characters who campaigned for so long to give ramblers their cherished right to roam. Many were prepared to go to extreme lengths, in some cases even imprisonment, to reclaim the right of access which were taken from the people by the hated Enclosure Acts of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

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South Sheffield Church

Due to the current rapid increase in Covid-19 cases the church has closed its doors again. On line services are available for the Community each Sunday on YouTube.

Just click on Peter McCool in Search to find the services. We continue to advertise our Community Activities in the Bradway Bugle to remind you that when life returns to normal there is a Church in Bradway and it welcomes the Community.

Christine Wilson

Friends of Age UK Sheffield

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Grow Youth Charity

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This programme is aimed at young people aged 16-24 who are at risk of an increase in mental ill-health and feelings of isolation due to Covid-19.

Young people are referred to the Walk & Talk programme and are matched with one of Grow's trained volunteer mentors. They meet once a week for eight weeks. Sessions take place in local parks and green spaces - which enables the young person to receive support whilst also experiencing the therapeutic benefits of being in nature!

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If you're interested in joining our volunteer team and helping with this service, please view the role description and criteria on our website at: www.Growuk.org/join-the-team

The Time Travellers

As an archaeology group, lockdowns and all the stop-start events of last year, we keep in mind that what we are interested in and have been expecting to investigate, won't disappear in the meantime! So in the hope and expectation that we will be back in business at some point in 2021 we have been taking a look back at what we have done over the last 10 years because 2021 is the 10th Anniversary of the formation in January 2011 of our group.

It all started with a casual enquiry from John Baker, the Editor of Bradway Bugle and Dore to Door at that time, for like-minded people to set up an archaeology group which would offer talks, walks and ultimately access to local digs. Like Topsy it has grown!

Our very first event was a walk through Ecclesall Woods with John, to highlight the many archaeological features within the Woods. That walk has been repeated several times over the years as more and more of our members came to appreciate the wealth of unique and special features right on our doorstep:- Iron Age Hill fort, ancient cup and ring rock art, industrial evidence like Q pits, walkways, mills and much more.



Just like on Time Team!

One of the biggest boosts to our group came with the participation in the first Whirlow Hall Farm excavation undertaken by Dr Clive Waddington and Archaeological Research Services. This proved to rewrite the whole history of this part of South West Sheffield with its discovery of Roman, Iron Age and pre-

history settlement.

It also allowed our newly formed group to learn directly those field skills necessary for future work on our own account.

The Time Travellers eventually through Heritage Lottery funding ran their own dig at Whirlow Hall Farm in 2016 but to see just what was found then and how much else we have got up to the best idea is to look at our web-site: www.thetimetravellers.org.uk

Meanwhile our members (of which there were 120 at the last count) have been keeping amused with exploring archaeology online, identifying mystery objects and picture caption competitions. A recent winning entry was this one from Sarah Garrett below.

Dorne Coggins

Transport 17

Goodness what a time we have all had since our article last October. Hopefully you were all able to enjoy some of the special moments which make the festive season so dear to us - it was almost the Christmas that wasn't.

So now 2021. Uncertainty and new restrictions continue to rack up. However this time there is some sense of optimism with the news of vaccinations. In a letter to our volunteers, clubs and shareholders we thought it would be Spring 2021 before the buses were operating again, we hope this will be the case but who knows. A full year without any service, who could have predicted that.

It was with some disappointment but a general acceptance that we decided not to appoint a coordinator. We interviewed two of the three applicants. Covid-19 has changed the landscape for community transport and with continuing restrictions still in place it has been difficult to know what is on the horizon for Transport 17 and the running of the buses.

Clearly we are not going to be operating any time soon. Whilst we need to be ready to offer a service when we are required we felt with so much uncertainty it wasn't appropriate to appoint a salaried position.

This was an important appointment and the Management Committee wanted to

involve a range of people with experience of the sector and role requirements. We would like to thank VAS, Joanna Woodward (People Keeping Well), Ian Jenkinson (Sheffield Community Transport) and bus volunteers for their assistance. Joanna and Ian's comments were very supportive in helping us to come to this difficult but appropriate decision.

Towards the end of December we managed to hold our AGM via Zoom technology with the purpose of signing off the accounts for 2019. Interestingly we had as many attendees for this on-line meeting as we did for our last one in March 2019 when people attended in person. We are pleased to report that at 31st December 2019 we were in a sound position financially. Hopefully we can hold an AGM with its usual agenda for 2020 accounts with people there in person this year.

Mike Roberts and Denis Dacey continue to keep the bus maintenance programme up to date so the buses will be ready to roll when needed. Dave Longley has now joined them so you may well see a full Transport 17 convoy out and about. MOTs have been passed, new batteries installed, brakes replaced where necessary and fuel purchased so they can have regular runs to maintain them all at a cost of over £1000.

We were delighted to receive a generous donation of £500 towards this from Dore Village Society. A huge thanks to them.

We have received donations from the following - Mrs Seville in memory of her husband Richard who attended St Johns Lunch Club, Mr and Mrs Cotterill, Heather Belbin, Mr and Mrs Kirkup, Dore and Totley URC and the Totley Independent. We would like to say a big thank you to them all for their generous support.

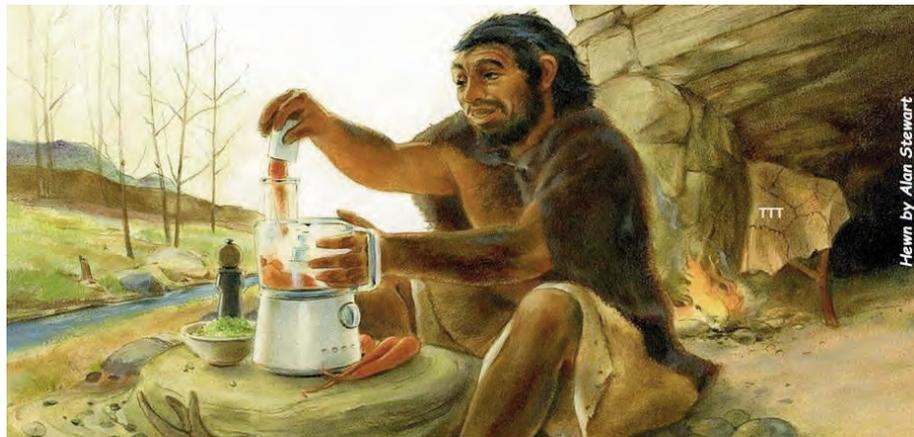
We were successful in our application for £500 from Age UK for a new printer/scanner/copier for the office which will help us immensely.

We are fortunate that whilst we have not had any income from our Clubs since April 2020, we have also not had many outgoing. The landlord - Andrew Morton - has been generous in not charging us rent for the last six months and the grant payable from SYPTC has continued.

However we, like so many others, have missed out on our fund-raising activities. This time of year usually sees us planning our programme of events for the coming 12 months but as the future continues to be so uncertain all plans are on hold.

Dot Firth came up with the idea of a Walking Treasure Hunt around Totley which the committee feel would be a great idea. The plans continue to progress and we hope that it will kickstart our fundraising events for 2021. So watch this space for updates.

We are thrilled to have been chosen once again as a Co-op 'local cause' for 2020/21. So please can we urge you to



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Of course if you so wish you can make a donation through our Just Giving Account by going to <https://www.justgiving.com/transport17tduk>

We would like to thank Denis Dacey for his contribution to the All Saints Virtual Carol Service just before Christmas. Denis felt it would be an opportunity to raise awareness of Transport 17 and might act as a prompt to people to consider volunteering for us. I'm sure you will have noted that we have lost a number of our volunteers recently so once the wheels are turning again we will be under pressure to find replacements and we will be talking about this more in the coming months.

Changing Faces

Over the last few months we have sadly said farewell to 2 volunteers whose contributions will be a loss to us. Hazel Brand joined us at the end of 2017 as a passenger assistant helping with the Thursday Lowedges group. We know how much the passengers enjoyed her help and company and they will be disappointed not to be seeing her again. Hazel has also been a great help with fundraising, bringing enthusiasm and commitment to the group and they are going to miss her.

Last year David Billington kindly volunteered to provide support with the finances which relieved pressure on Jenny Nuttall. He has also helped at a number of our fundraising events. However he is now stepping back from these roles so we would like to thank him for his efforts and wish him well.

Recently Wendy Trotter has decided to resign from the Management Committee which she joined after retiring as a volunteer on the buses. She has seen many changes in Transport 17 since she became involved and her knowledge, insight and understanding of the organisation is second to none which has

been invaluable to the management Committee. She has given so much of her time and energy to keeping Transport 17 going and despite the enforced shut down is confident that we will be back on the



Wendy Trotter (left) with Pauline Perkinson at a Coffee Morning

road again, stronger and better than ever.

Transport 17 owes Wendy a huge debt of gratitude for all she has done over the years. Both Wendy and her late husband Jim have been involved with Transport 17 since the 1990s. They became involved as volunteers, Jim driving and Wendy as a passenger assistant.

Throughout her time with Transport 17 Wendy has been involved with the fundraising and is very proud of what it has achieved. Coffee Mornings were held in the Transport 17 office with tables outside if the weather was fine. For those of you who know the office this must have been a major achievement with the limited space available!!



Stella Jockel

Despite having celebrated her 90th birthday in 2019 we are delighted that

Wendy would like to continue her involvement as a member of the Fundraising Events Sub-Committee. What a fantastic achievement Wendy - Thank you from everyone associated with Transport 17.

Early in 2020 a longstanding volunteer and supporter of Transport 17, Phil Kirkup, didn't feel able to continue as a passenger assistant but has been involved in other roles for us. He helped out in the office at the start of the 2020 and is now going to develop a 'T17 archive', bringing together lots of different bits of information, photos etc into one place so we can keep it all safe. Thank you to Phil for his continued support.

At the start of year we were very sorry to hear the sad news that Stella Jockel had passed away, aged 88. She worked with husband Alan in support of Transport 17 right from its inception in 1984. After Alan died in 1985 she continued this commitment and up until very recently was an active supporter of our events.

We were thrilled to bits with an amazing donation she made in 2019 which will go a long way towards the purchase of a replacement bus for us. Latterly, as her mobility declined, she has been able to use the service herself to attend the URC Lunch Club at Totley Rise. Another thing Alan initiated was the Churches' Council for Community Care (S4Cs) which included the Good Neighbour Scheme. Stella was also involved with that.

It just remains for us to wish you all the very best for 2021. I think everyone was hoping for something better than 2020. It certainly doesn't seem to be like that just now and the daily updates do little to inspire confidence. However things were never going to change instantly. Days are hard at the moment, it's so important we all think of each other and celebrate the fact that we are all heroes for coping with the difficulties that face us just now. I guess we have to dig in, get on and look forward.

Sandra Longley
(On behalf of the Management Committee)

Bradway Scouting

Last year, outdoor meetings persevered for Scouts on Tuesday evenings until October half-term, with the weather smiling on us even after the occasional Tuesday afternoon deluge. We were all ready for physically distanced meetings inside the Scout Centre after the half-term break, having had our risk assessment approved. Then we were summarily bundled back into Tier 3, obliging us to fall back on Zoom meetings under Lockdown 2.0 – and that is still the pattern since the turn of the year and the arrival of Lockdown 3.0.

By now, the “over-age” Cubs had moved up to Scouts and they, like the old hands, responded well to building imaginative inuksuks (a search engine will tell you what they are), decorating cakes and culling their brains to answer quiz questions, for which the Kahoot software is proving invaluable.

The new year sees Scout Zoom meetings focussing more on traditional skills, especially map-reading and navigation (theory only), and sailing basics (theory only) – all in anticipation of being able to use these skills in practice back out in the big wide world before too long.

Our Cub Leaders, having all had significant work hurdles to overcome throughout the whole of last year, had only managed to e-mail badge work to the Cubs. Then, during the Christmas break they held a distanced meeting and came up with a plan to pick up on Zoom meetings, which began on Thursday January 14th attended by most of the 9 Cubs who are still on the register. They are working on the Entertainer badge. Maybe that will deliver enough material for us to produce a Gang Show later in the year? Or maybe we would rather get back to topics that will get us all back outdoors.

Bradway Beavers also continued with their Monday evening Zooms. They are starting the new year with a focus on the My World challenge and the Hobbies activity badge.

As a Group, we are due at the end of January to complete the annual census, where Scouts across England report on the numbers both of young people and of adults involved in their activities. Our own numbers are down this year, with 7 Scouts having moved to the Woodseats Explorer Unit at age 14½, and with a few having dropped out from each of the other Sections because of the lack of outdoor activities – which we cannot do anything about at present. We anticipate that many will return when we are able to welcome them back out and about, hiking, cycling, and camping. And on the water.

Frank Richardson Bradway Scouts



After The Rain by Anne Turner

Sheffield Photographic Society

Perspectives 16 Exhibition – November 2020

The Society's 16th Annual Perspectives Print Exhibition should have been displayed in the Sheffield Winter Garden for 2 weeks in November 2020. However, with the Covid-19 restrictions preventing this, it was decided as an alternative to hold it as a digital image exhibition on the Society website.

The key feature of this exhibition is to give members the opportunity to display images of their own choice without any judging or selection involvement. Members participating in the exhibition could display up to 6 images each based on a theme, holiday, travel, lockdown, a new genre or technique or just a selection of their favourite pictures.

'Perspectives 16' features the work of 29 members plus a section of Old Sheffield photographs.

These can be viewed on www.sheffield-photographer.org.uk located in the Gallery section of the main menu.

The first half of the 2020 /2021 season (Sep to Dec 2020) was conducted entirely via zoom meetings. The Society commenced the season with 78 members, having suffered 19 non renewals from the previous season. However, weekly zoom meetings have been well attended by up to 75% of the membership. All the competitions where appropriate have been run with digital images in place of prints, without compromising on the quality of the member's work



Burrowing Owl by David Greenwood

The second half of our season commencing Jan 2021 had been tentatively planned for a return to normal meetings at our venue St Peters, Greenhill subject to COVID-19 restrictions. It quickly became clear that this would not be possible, and the Society will complete its season with zoom events. Members are currently preparing their digital entries for the remaining rounds of the internal competitions, as well as the Annual Exhibition. Like the Perspective's Exhibition the Annual will be displayed on the Society's website in due course.

John Gorman

Join the Home Run

Join the Home Run and keep the St Luke's Community team on the road

St Luke's Hospice Community Nurses each travel an average 13 miles every two days to reach patients and provide support to families in homes across Sheffield. And that's exactly the distance St Luke's is asking friends and supporters to replicate in Home Run, the charity's new March virtual fundraising event.

The challenge is simple - just run 13 miles this March and help raise vital funds to help St Luke's continue caring for hundreds of people across Sheffield, in their own homes. Regular runners might go the full distance in one run, others might spread the distance over a few days with shorter runs or even walks - the ideal event for people of all ages and all abilities.

However the challenge is completed though, the sponsorship money raised will make a huge difference to people across Sheffield who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness.

"The difference our community care makes can be anything from helping with pain relief and stabilising medications to delivering tailored food parcels and helping patients to feel as well as possible, to help them enjoy precious time with family and friends.

"All of our care and support is without charge to those who need it but with government funding covering just 25 per cent of our running costs, we rely on sponsorship money from events like the Home Run to help us raise the remaining £7.5million needed each year."

The aim is that runners will plot their own routes, set their own schedules - following all current government Coronavirus social distancing guidelines - and have completed the challenge by March 28. "So get running!" said Joasia. "Complete the challenge, get all your sponsorship money collected, then sit back and wait for your medal!"

For full details of how to join the St Luke's Home Run simply visit www.stlukeshospice.org.uk/support/home-run

John Highfield