

Bradway Bugle

In and around Bradway, Greenhill, Dore & Totley

Mapping Sheffield's True Bluebells

Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust is calling for budding citizen scientists to map Sheffield's bluebells throughout late April and May and help protect threatened native British bluebell populations for years to come.

It's that time of the year when our woodland walks are a little bit more colourful thanks to a beautiful carpet of blue. Now that spring has finally sprung, bluebells are flowering, providing an important early source of nectar – sustaining bees, hoverflies, butterflies and other insects.

The UK's woodlands are home to more than half of the world's population of native bluebells, *Hyacinthoides non-scripta*, meaning that local populations here in Sheffield, where we have the most publically accessible urban woodland in the UK, are of global importance.

Native bluebells are an important indicator species for ancient woodlands, and some of the best spots in the country to find them, like Ecclesall Woods, Moss Valley Woodlands, Blacka Moor, Crabtree Ponds, Carbrook Ravine, Wyming Brook and Greno Woods, are right on our doorstep.

However, native bluebells themselves, as well as their ancient woodland homes, are threatened by a myriad of factors including human development and the spread of *Hyacinthoides hispanica* the Spanish bluebell, which is a popular

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A carpet of blue native bluebells in Ecclesall Woods, threatened by Spanish invaders

Coin it in

The new 12-sided £1 coin was launched on 28th March, and the old round version will stop being legal tender (and so won't be accepted in shops) on 15 October 2017. After that, if you still have any old £1 coins, you won't be able to spend them.

Of course, you've a few months left yet to sort it. But it's worth doing it now, as with piggybanks and coin jars it's all too easy to squirrel money away and forget about it.

Many banks and building societies have said they will continue to accept the old pound coin even after 15 October, but possibly only for their own customers.

S17 expands

Following a successful relaunch last November, S17 - Bradway's popular coffee shop and bistro – has now opened a brand-new deli.

Situated next door to the bistro, and open from 10am to 6pm, S17 Kitchen - Bake & Deli offers a range of fresh, delicious food, all made on the premises, to take away. There is a variety of local cheeses, freshly baked breads and pastries as well as healthy options including antipasti and salads. At lunchtime, freshly made sandwiches, including a hot roast option, are served along with a selection of homemade soups and jacket potatoes to go.

Andy Forder, Owner and Head Chef at S17, says: "I'm really excited about the opening of the deli. It will stock all the

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New speeding fines

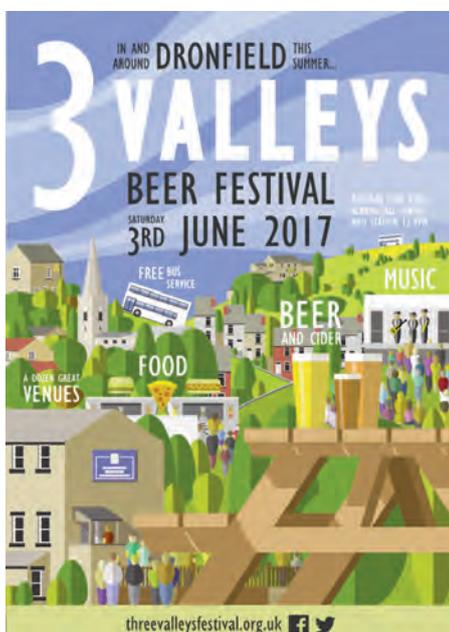
The Government is taking steps to punish speeding motorists, with a new set of regulations which came into force on the 24th April. For those a couple of miles an hour over the limit, nothing will change - but the big difference is a significant increase in fines for the worst offenders.

The new rules could see fines for those caught significantly over the limit increase by up to 50 per cent - from the current level of 100 per cent of the driver's weekly income to 150 per cent. These penalties apply to so-called 'Band C' offenders - those caught driving significantly over the speed limit.

Over 100,000 speeding fines are issued each year, netting HM Treasury millions of pounds in revenue and potentially banning dangerous drivers from the roads. The new, harsher reprimands follow the approach taken in cracking down on mobile phone usage. From March 1st, penalties for that offence doubled, from the previous £100 fine and three points to £200 and six points.

Plant Sale

Totley Library is holding a plant sale to help raise funds for the library on Saturday 13th May from 10am to 12 noon. Please come along to see the wide selection of plants and flowers available to purchase, kindly contributed and grown by local gardeners. Homemade cakes, refreshments and gardening books will also be on sale.



Editorial

Here we go again with another election on the 8th June. One could be forgiven for the expectation that nothing much will change, but we can always live in hope. One thing is for certain, if we don't vote positively for the party whose policies we agree with, then they're never going to come to pass anyway. At least this year we were spared a local election!

I am sure there is a lot going on in Bradway which would be of interest to other readers. In this issue we are covering a self-build project on Twentywell Lane (page 3). If you know of any local interesting initiatives, projects, groups or events then give me a call. Through these pages you can reach over 2,500 local households to find like-minded people, helpers or visitors to an event.

It is good to know from the calls that we get, that some readers keep their copies of the Bugle for some time. If you don't want to cut your copy for an advert – see page 7 for example – just take the whole magazine with you – I'm sure the advertiser will accept this.

Which reminds me, please tell advertisers when you use their services, or buy from them, that you saw their advert in the Bugle. They need to know their advertising works, and it is the advertising that pays for the Bugle and how many pages we can run. As we are a voluntary no profit magazine there is a direct relationship between the two.

Finally a request to all those cooks out there. Sadly our Chef de Bradway has moved out of the area, but there must be good cooks locally that have tips and recipes they could pass on to others. It does not have to be a regular column, one-off recipes are just as welcome. I need some new ideas for my kitchen!

John Baker, Editor

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items you would expect to see and I will also be creating classic dishes such as freshly made lasagne and home-made pies to take home, perfect for when you fancy a night off from cooking. I want to offer people something different from supermarket ready meals or conventional takeaways. Opening the deli next door to the bistro also provides me with the additional kitchen space that I need to help with an increase in bookings for our outside catering service."

Due to customer demand the Bistro is also opening every Friday and Saturday night. Andy continues: "We've been running successful bistro nights for a while now. They always sell out and are booked up for months in advance. The decision to increase this to every weekend is customer driven. Our customers told us they wanted more flexibility to dine with us in the evenings and so we have listened."

The evening menu changes monthly and showcases locally sourced, seasonal food. There are blackboard specials, bistro dining as well as the favourites such as fish and chips and handmade burgers. Bookings at 0114 235 3285 or email s17sales@hotmail.co.uk.

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Flood protection scheme

As we reported at the time, last year Sheffield City Council's flood protection team ran a consultation on a large number of potential measures aimed at protecting residents and businesses in the Upper Don, Porter and Sheaf valleys from flooding.

Following feedback given during the public consultation, as well as further technical analysis and design, the programme team are now no longer considering options for flood storage areas at several sites including Gillfield Woods (Totley Brook) and Whiteley Woods.

In the Sheaf catchment areas, options that remain under consideration include rural land management and natural flood management; flood storage areas at Abbey Brook, Endcliffe Park, Mayfield and Millhouses Park and flood defences along the river around Abbeydale Road, Little London Road, Broadfield Road and Queens Road. Removal of pinch points is also under consideration, such as the one caused by the bridge at Saxon Road.

An outline business case will be submitted to central Government later in the year. If approved for government funding, a process of detailed design will get underway during 2018.

Totley Open Gardens

This year 14 gardens will be open to raise money for local voluntary organisations on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th July. To open your garden or for more information contact Jennie Street, email jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk or ring 236 2302.

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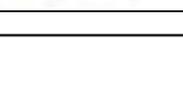
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Tales from Twentywell Lane's first time Self-Builders

"So why are you building a house? Your house is lovely. You've done so much work to it. Won't it be a nightmare - like those horror stories you see on the tv shows. How can you be bothered?!"

We've got used to answering such questions over the last year or so. But for every baffled individual, there's an enthusiast, and what unites them all is a genuine interest in our motivation for building our own home. We've overheard conversations whilst we've been in our garden: passers-by climbing slowly and steadily up the hill, speculating on what might be happening. So we thought the Bradway Bugle would be the ideal outlet to answer those questions, rather than Grand Designs - sorry Kevin!

Why self build?

The main motivation for us to self-build was ultimately about making best use of the resources we are so very fortunate to have. This includes an overly large garden (there's only so much weeding, planting, chopping and mowing a couple can do!) and many glorious trees (covered by a Tree Preservation Order and requiring very sensitive and costly management).

By building our new home in our existing garden, we are able to make the most of our fantastic location and surroundings, and help protect its future.

Bugle publication dates

The following are the deadlines and publication dates for the next four issues of Bradway Bugle:

Copy Deadline	Publication
21 July	16 August 2017
20 October	8 November 2017
26 January	14 February 2018
20 April	9 May 2018

We want to do everything we can to improve and maintain our environment, which, after all we're custodians of, not owners.

A self-build home is a unique opportunity to create something that makes a statement about you, your values and how you live. For us that's about reducing our environmental impact, using less space, less energy and living in sustainable way.

What's "Passivhaus"

Choosing an architect who shares your values and understands what you want to achieve is obviously critical to self-build success. We've been working with local architect Paul Testa since March 2015 to design and develop the house. Paul's experience of sustainable build led us to decide Passivhaus was the route for us.

Passivhaus is a design concept and a building standard that uses passive heat sources - the sun, human occupants (and our dogs!) to generate all of the heat

required for keeping the house at a comfortable temperature. No log burner or radiators needed!

Triple glazed windows, super insulation and air tightness mean that heat losses from the building heating are minimal, and a mechanical heat ventilation recovery system provides continual fresh air.

Our planning application sailed through first time and we will, to our knowledge, be the first house in Bradway to use Passivhaus. And for anyone interested, you don't have to self build a new home to benefit from lower fuel bills and higher levels of comfort, the same principles can be used for Passivhaus retro fits too.

We got planning permission in February 2016 and work is finally due to start on the foundations in late May. Given the steepness of our garden and the watercourse that runs through the wooded ravine, there was a lot of preliminary work in terms of geological and structural engineering surveys.

But because the house has a timber frame, the build itself should be relatively quick (touching wood) and hopefully Twentywell Lane will have its first eco house by Autumn / Winter of this year.

Watch this space...or that space at the bottom of our garden!

Ed. We hope to keep you up to date with developments in subsequent issues. If you know of any enterprising projects in Bradway (or nearby) then give us a call.

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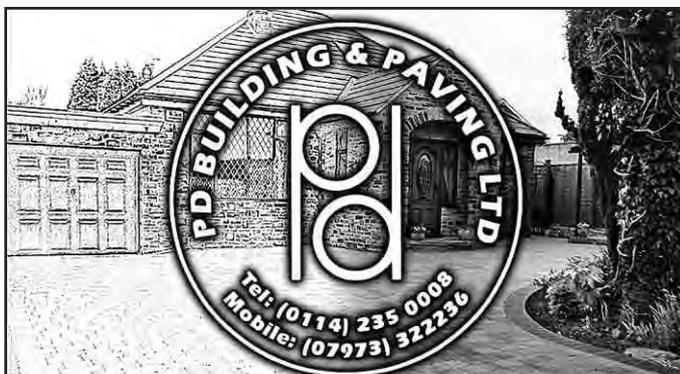
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Greenhill Village History Society

Greenhill Community Library and Greenhill Village History Society have worked in partnership to apply for Ward Pot Funding to reinstate the Local Interest Section at the Library. In December, a grant of £675.00 was awarded.

In addition to books, extra book shelving and a secure metal cupboard to store the Society's Archive and Research materials were purchased. To complement the books, appropriate donated books were chosen and augmented by Council Library books. By the end of March, thanks to the hard work of Library volunteers, all the books were processed and on the shelves ready for loan by the Community. The section now contains not only local history books, but also books on a range of topics pertinent to the locale.

Please make a point of coming along to Greenhill Community Library and browse through the collection. You will probably find a book which captures your interest – you may even wish to join the Local History Society or participate in the Oral History Project. Details of both these are available in the Library.

On Tuesday 11th April, Greenhill Village History Society presented 'One Year On', a celebration of the achievements of the Society in its first year. The evening's programme began with a presentation of excerpts from members, which exemplified different methods of Research. A slideshow of the local area depicting 'Now and Then' images, schooldays in the 1950s, life during the 1930s, a local murder which was reported in the national press and finally recordings from the Oral History Project were all included.

Afterwards, the audience were invited



Greenhill Village History Society members, with Local Cllrs Richard Shaw and Andy Nash, with some of the books which are now available for loan at Greenhill Community Library.

to browse the displays of information about the locale, which society members have accrued over the year, including information about Westwick shops, St Peter's Church, Parish Records and recorded memories of residents past and present.

The Society were pleased to welcome a capacity audience, many of whom had contributed in some way to our archive collection – which once cataloguing is complete, will be available for public access. Details will be released later.

As is becoming usual on these occasions, the event developed a party atmosphere. Local Councillors Richard Shaw, Andy Nash and Bob Pullin also attended – entering into the spirit of the evening – posing for photographs, joining in the camaraderie and 'rolling up their sleeves' at the end of the evening to help clear the Library space for normal business the following day.

Future Society events include 'The Great Whit Walk' – a guided tour of Graves Park in conjunction with the Friends of Graves Park – to be held on Sunday 4th June, meeting at the Derbyshire Lane entrance at 2.15 pm. The route will follow the Old London to York Road, taking in the Wildlife area, the Arboretum and other historic points of interest within the park. We plan to finish at the Rose Garden Café for 'tea and cake', or simply bring a picnic to enjoy on the grassed area – weather permitting!

On Tuesday July 11th @ 7pm we will be welcoming John Mitchell to the Library – a 'local lad' who will regale us with stories of his childhood and the family butchers shop to the development of his micro-brewery at Meadowhead.

Pre-book your place for this event from Greenhill Library Reception from June 1st to avoid disappointment, but pay on the door on the night.

**Lesley Fox, Chair
Greenhill Village History Society**

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Hi everyone! Hope you have survived the mixed bag of weather we have been having - just had three glorious days but now it feels like winter again with dark skies and very cold temperatures!

I must start with a thank you to Totley Independent Group for £250; Bradway Discussion Group for £150; Collection Box (Dore Club) for £19; and Dore Mercia T.W.G for £1,150.

We have had a good year so far and the final touches are being made to the office. It really does look fabulous. This year we are aiming to raise money for a new bus. The total cost is £50,000+ and as we already have £20,000, if we can raise £10,000 each year for the next 2 years we should be able to make up the difference with sponsors that have promised us donations when we are nearer our target.

Our first event of the year was a chocolate-themed coffee morning at the Cross Scythes on 1st April two weeks before Easter. The next Coffee Morning will be 1st July, and then, hopefully, the Totley Show on the 16th September, finishing with our Xmas Fayre on 18th November. We may be inserting other things but in the meantime that will give you the bare bones to work with and we will be looking forward to seeing you all again.

Last but by no means least we have been joined by what in our usual turnout, is a 'juvenile delinquent' called Jenny Nuttall, in the office for one day a week. She is a computer wizard and seems to be enjoying bringing us into the 21st century (no kicking and screaming 'cos she truly is lovely). She is trying to get us out there on the web in various formats, so if you see us in never before seen places, it's all down to her. Thanks Jenny - we really are grateful.

Hope to see you all soon. Take care!
Felicity Revill

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Local Breweries

You may be surprised at the number of breweries that are located near Bradway! The closest, and newest, is Mitchells Hophouse, located next door to Mitchells Wines at Meadowhead.

Over the border in Dronfield there is Hopjacker, located in the basement of the Dronfield Arms pub, who produce some quite interesting ales - and all are casked without the use of finings so are suitable for Vegans. Further down the road in Unstone is Drone Valley Community Brewery and out in the village of Barlow, in a converted barn, is Barlow Brewery.

Back in Sheffield, the biggest and most well known is Abbeydale Brewery located near the Old Picture House, they recently held a ticket only party in the brewery to celebrate their 21st birthday with ticket revenue helping crowdfund a project to move to bigger premises! When you visit local pubs, why not encourage them to support local brewers by stocking local beers!

Stagecoach Buses

Passengers using the 25 bus from Bradway - which runs to Lowedges, Meadowhead, Woodseats, Heeley, City Centre and Woodhouse - have more ticket buying options than just paying the driver cash. Weekly and monthly tickets can be bought online and fulfilled via smartcard; daily and weekly passes are

now also available via smartphone - download the Stagecoach bus app and you can pay for and show your tickets on your phone.

A further new development coming soon will arrive over the summer when new ticket machines are fitted to the buses. These will accept contactless debit cards and Apple Pay as an additional option to cash.

There have recently been some bus fare increases. Adult singles have generally, with some exceptions, increased by 10-20p and the return ticket withdrawn (Dayrider is available as an alternative to returns). Details of Sheffield day and weekly passes below (all these offer unlimited travel within Sheffield):

Sheffield all day tickets (adult): Stagecoach bus Dayrider £4, Stagecoach bus and tram Dayrider £4.20, Citybus by Travelmaster (all bus operators) £4.30, Citywide by Travelmaster (all buses and trams) £4.60, SY Connect+ by Travelmaster (all buses, trains and trams) £7.90

Sheffield all day tickets (child) Stagecoach bus and tram Dayrider £2.20, all bus and Tram Getabout £2.50, bus/train/tram Getabout Plus £3.80.

Sheffield all day tickets (group) Stagecoach bus and tram Family Explorer £10.00, Weekend Five for a Fiver deal £5

Sheffield Weekly tickets (adult) Stagecoach bus Megarider £13, Stagecoach bus and tram Megarider £14.50, Citybus by Travelmaster (all bus

operators) £15.00, Citywide by Travelmaster (all buses and trams) £16.00

Sheffield Weekly tickets (child) Stagecoach bus Megarider £6.50, Stagecoach bus & tram Megarider £7.00, all bus and tram Getabout £7.50, bus/train/tram Getabout Plus £12.80

More information on Stagecoach services, including single fares, can be found at www.stagecoachbus.com; timetables for all operators can be found at www.travelsouthyorkshire.com.

Sheffield Motor Show

The Sheffield Motor Show will be coming to the City Centre, again, on June 3rd and June 4th this year.

There will be over 50 cars from 14 manufacturers. In addition, The Institute of Advanced Motorists will attend, Sheffield College Vehicle and Engineering, Edale Mountain Rescue, with one of their vehicles, a Fire Appliance and a demonstration of how to put out a chip pan fire.

Chris, the stilt walker and balloon modeller will also be there, at this free event, in Barkers Pool, Fargate and the Town Hall Square. 9am to 5pm Saturday and 9am to 4pm Sunday.

The event is staged by Sheffield Vulcan Rotary Club, who meet at Abbeydale Sports Club on Tuesday evenings, and the proceeds from the event will go to local charities.



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Local charity Whirlow Hall Farm Trust, are rounding off a busy and successful lambing season. Many visitors have been lucky enough to see a lamb being born or hold one in their arms, and their recent lambing day boasting many new activities for children, was well supported locally and raised over £10,000 for the Trust.

Coming up next is their annual whirlowweek fundraising week from the 15th – 21st May, as they encourage supporters to gather friends and communities to raise funds for them in any way they can, from coffee mornings to bake sales or challenge events.

A Heritage Open day follows on the 23rd May after last years' finds by the 'Time Travellers' group, and presentations given to the local community. Showcasing the history of Whirlow from the Stone Age to today, the day will see a number of historic stands around the farm bringing the archaeological finds to life, with explanations, demonstrations and activities for visitors to enjoy.

Looking forward to summer, their lambing barn will soon be transformed from a nursery for new arrivals into a comedy venue, as one of the longest standing comedy nights in the city returns on the 24th June. The Beer and Bangers Comedy night is always popular and this summer's event boasts one of the best line ups to date.

Popular figure on the comedy circuit Dominic Woodward headlines, who is reviewed as having 'a keen eye for observational comedy and genuine funny bones' by the BBC. Rachel Fairburn and Adam Staunton complete the stellar line up, hosted by Sam Avery as compare who's warm, infectious humour and quick wit has sparked barn-roof lifting laughter at past events. Doors open at 7pm and tickets are £22 each and include your first drink from the bar and a famous Whirlow Bbq hot dog. A perfect night out for a crowd. The 10th ticket is free when you book a table of 10.

To learn more please get in touch with the team on 0114 235 2678, email eventsenquiries@whirlowhallfarm.org.



A newborn lamb at Whirlow Farm Trust. Many visitors have been lucky enough to see a lamb being born.

St Luke's Golf Day

Get out on the greens, tee off and help the annual St Luke's Hospice Golf Day to celebrate its 20th anniversary.

Since its launch in 1997, the popular annual sporting event - held in association with the Rotary Club of Abbeydale - has raised around £100,000 for Sheffield's only hospice.

Organisers are now hoping that this year's golf day, which will be held as usual at Abbeydale Golf Club on Friday, June 9, will attract more players than ever before as they celebrate the anniversary on the greens.

Open to teams of four players – from scratch to 24 handicap golfers – the day, which costs £220 per team. The price includes dinner and a prize-giving ceremony.

"We always have a fantastic early response but, as ever, we want to see as many teams as possible taking part," said St Luke's Corporate Fundraising Manager Jack Kidder. "Look out too for some great sponsorship opportunities that we would be happy to discuss with anybody who wants to give some extra support to the event."

For entries or further sponsorship opportunities please call Jack Kidder at St Luke's Hospice on 0114 235 7594 or email: j.kidder@hospicesheffield.co.uk

On the Beat

I have written before about the rogue trader / scams issue. Trading Standards in Sheffield have recently launched a new campaign entitled "Not Born Yesterday" to try and tackle this issue further. As we are still experiencing some of these issues across our area I hope you won't mind me reiterating some of the advice I gave last year, along with the new advice from Trading Standards.

Rogue traders target people by cold-calling, typically offering gardening and property repairs. Look out for the following warning signs both for yourself and for neighbours -

- Have you noticed any recent unexpected work that has been or is currently being undertaken?
- Did the trader call at the property suggesting the work / repairs were needed?

- Did the trader ask for payment up front, request cash and / or offer to take them to the bank?

Remember, if traders are calling at your door they can't be that busy! If you have tried to find a decent tradesman you will know that normally a wait is necessary whilst they complete other work.

If they say they are working nearby, ask where and speak to the neighbour concerned about the standard of work. Do not proceed with any work without some form of written contract stating what work is to be carried out and how much it will be. No reputable trader will ask for money up front - don't be taken in.

Scams can take all sorts of forms and again it is the most vulnerable who are often targeted. Signs to watch out for are:

- Do you / they receive a lot of junk mail, prize draws, competitions and lotteries?

Are you / they pestered by nuisance calls?

Do you / they buy a lot of mail order goods and have sent off money or cheques?

If you are worried by any of these issues you can contact Sheffield Trading Standards on 03454 04 05 06 or email on trading_standards@sheffield.gov.uk or give me a call and I can pass your concerns on. They can attend and speak to your or your neighbours, either whilst workmen are there or if there has been a knock on the door that has worried you, or if you've had unwanted calls.

You can also register with the Telephone Preference Service which is the only register to help prevent unsolicited calls. Contact them on 03450 70 07 07 or go to www.tpsonline.org.uk

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We are also offering a special prize – A £50 National Trust Gift Card to three



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Bradway Action Group

Old School Field – Bradway Village Green

We'd hoped to have some new equipment added to the children's playground on the Old School Field in time for Easter. It didn't happen and a small item had to be removed after being damaged. Apparently the new item we'd requested would not have had sufficient safety clearance in the position we'd identified. As the Bugle goes to press we've agreed with the council that a small matted addition to the play area is possible and we're waiting to hear further from them. Thanks to a most generous donation from a Bradway resident we believe we should have funds to pay for such an extension and a new small slide.

We think there should be room for a second small item and hope it won't be long before we can confirm positioning and final costs. We have to work with the council who own the field and pay the running costs, including mowing and repairs to the equipment once installed. They've indicated willingness to prepare the area we've identified and to install the new equipment. It is, however, a little frustrating waiting for it all to be confirmed and the work actually done.

To the Woods!

In a recent Bugle beautiful Bradway was noted. We are most fortunate in our position, nestled between the open fields to the south, the golf courses to the north and east, and Poynton Wood to the west. However, that does come with a drawback. Public transport is not easy. The M17 tries to link us to Dore, Totley, Greenhill and Meadowhead. We have the 25/24 that meander into town. The 97/98 and 218 routes are a little better, but it's a hike to get down to Abbeydale Road, and even more so to climb back up! The same applies to getting to Dore & Totley Station for a train.

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Nevertheless quite a few residents, especially those living towards the Totley end of Bradway and on the Poynton Wood estate, do try to walk down through the woods to Abbeydale Road to pick up the transport links. The paths are also used by recreational walkers, especially with dogs, and runners.

It would not be appropriate to make these paths all weather tarred and lit, but BAG has a small group who are doing a little to make the major paths more usable in all weathers. That has involved cutting back foliage and trying to remove excess mud. It may involve bringing in small amounts of stone to reinforce the worst sections. You won't notice a big difference, but you might find it easier to walk through the woods more often. Our action is supported by the Council's Rights of Way team who remove trees across or threatening paths, and the Woodland team to whom we'd have to refer if any further work was proposed within the woods.

Our team is very small. If you'd be interested in offering a few hours now and again please drop us a line.

Bradway Fun Day

Saturday September 16th 2017. A variety of stalls, games and attractions will be provided. Requests to take part will be welcome, be they stall holders, games, or charities - just contact our Secretary.

Last year we were promised a fly past by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight on their way to Southport Air Show. The Lancaster, Hurricane and Spitfire all failed to show due to the fighters being grounded by bad weather at their home base and the Lancaster having an engine fault! This year we've not had as good a promise, but we are keeping our fingers very tightly crossed that a Spitfire will actually fly by. Details to be released nearer the day.

Anne Sharpe is co-ordinating events once again and will be very pleased to hear from anyone who may like to give us a hand to set up before the day, to set up in the morning, to assist during the event in the afternoon, and to tidy up at the end. Once again just drop a note to;

secretary@bradwayactiongroup.org

Bounds of Bradway Walk – Sunday 28th May – 10.30am

Last year we had our best attended walk ever. We start from the top of Twentywell Lane, beside the post box, and take a route that will end at Tinker's Corner. The last two years gave us good walking weather and we hope to be similarly blessed again. 20 wells, can we find them? You'll see parts of Bradway you may not know are there, and possibly hear stories of what happened years ago.

Green belt review

It was a relief to find that there were no recommendations in the North-East Derbyshire plans to release any green belt land adjacent to the Sheffield border. We've checked every plot along our border and none is identified as suitable.

Unfortunately Sheffield's plans have been delayed. Further consultation was originally pencilled in for earlier this year. The Council's website currently says "*We are now assessing the comments and will produce a Consultation Report setting out our responses to the main issues raised. This will be available in autumn 2017 when we consult on the draft Sheffield Plan.*" We are keeping eyes and ears open to pick up any more specific news.

Membership

BAG members receive email Newsletters throughout the year. If you aren't receiving them you're

either not a member, or you haven't given us your email address. A big thank you to those who have recently joined, and to those who've renewed for 2017. Without your support we'd get a lot less done. With more support we can do more.

If you haven't already done so why not join BAG. Just go to the Membership page on our website where you can find the forms to do so - or renew if you've overlooked it for 2017.

This year there is an option to pay by standing order or direct bank transfer – the way things are going in the 21st Century. We are most grateful to those members who have already paid that way in 2017.

Website:

www.bradwayactiongroup.org

Check the site for latest news. Drop us a line if you have any news you'd like to us all to know.

You can now search though old copies of The Bugle back to 2012.

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

There are pictures of Bradway old and new.

Links to report faults with street lights, pot holes and more.

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Enchanted Wonderland Walk

You don't have to fall down a rabbit hole to join Alice on a magical adventure... you simply have to join Hare and Hatter's Wonderland Walk!

Children of all ages – and their parents too – will love discovering the dream world of Lewis Carroll's classic fantasy novel Alice's Adventures in Wonderland as they take part in a special afternoon of adventure and support St Luke's Hospice.

Join the March Hare and the Mad Hatter at 2pm on Sunday July 2 in Ecclesall Woods for the most imaginative 5k sponsored walk of the summer. An experience for all ages, the walk is a fantastic new opportunity to have fun with the family and raise vital funds for St Luke's care by raising sponsorship as a team or family.

Beginning on Limb Lane in Dore, participants will journey through the enchanting Ecclesall Woods with family and friends, experiencing wonderfully creative and interactive areas that tell the story of Alice from Lewis Carroll's wacky Wonderland. At the end of the



A young St Luke's supporter Aurelia Broadhead in the role as Alice

walk there will be celebrations for all with games, food, drink and music.

The registration fee is £16 per adult and £11 per child with under the age of four going free. As this is a woodland walk, the path is rugged but accessible for hardy wheelchairs and buggies.

If you have any questions, please email hareandhatter@hospicesheffield.co.uk."

A Private Members Club in Bradway

Have you ever considered the advantages of joining a private members club? For a small fee you can enjoy all the benefits of a private club. The new friends you will make because when you go out for the evening, instead of walking into a room full of strangers, you will enter a room full of friends. These will be

people that you will soon know and respect. Your children are welcome and in a safe environment. In fact the Fun Day on the 9th July is full of children's games and activities. These include bowling games, catch a rat, face painting, food and much more.

Inside the clubhouse the drinks are cheap and there is entertainment provided on various nights throughout the year. Plus you can hire the function room for free to enjoy all those parties for birthdays and anniversaries. There are plenty of activities to enjoy and any new ideas are always welcome. The two snooker tables are in excellent condition and there is always somebody willing to have a game or two.

The bowling green has to be one of the best in Sheffield and there are teams playing all through the week, plus there is free bowls training on Thursday evenings. The more artistic members may wish to join Bradway art club on Wednesday evenings where along with other artists you may extend or even start your painting career. The walking group takes small groups out into Derbyshire to enjoy the fantastic scenery on our doorstep and to enjoy the fresh air.

Have you guessed where we are?
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Greenhill Library

Books, talks, movies, quilts ... the cultural life at Greenhill Library flourishes.

There's so much going on at your local library that I'm running out of wall space to pin up the posters. (For the benefit of those of you who haven't been to see us recently, perhaps I should explain that one thing you won't find much of in any library is empty wall space.)

For a start, our series of Friday evening events continues, with Caroline Dewar presenting "A History of Graves Park" on 19 May, music from "Spoil the Dance" and "The Bash Street Band" on 16 June, and a talk about Queen Victoria's state visit to Sheffield by local historian Ted Hancock on 21 July. Speaking of local history – the Greenhill Village History Society, with funding from the Ward Pot, has established a collection of local interest books which are now available to borrow and have their own shelf in the reading room.

Returning to those events, we've got film nights on 26 May and 23 June but you'll have to check our Facebook page to find out what we're showing. We're running children's cinema too, usually on the fourth Saturday afternoon of each month.

On Saturday 8 July we'll be celebrating the non-anniversary of the publication of "Alice in Wonderland" by holding a Mad Hatters Tea Party on the lawn in front of the library. The details are a bit fuzzy yet, but there'll be free food, children's play equipment and crafts, storytelling, face painting, and hopefully guest appearances from the Queen of Hearts and the Mad Hatter himself. (I might go as the dormouse, so I can spend the afternoon asleep.) And we'll be rounding off the day with a cinema showing of Tim Burton's "Alice in Wonderland" – so different from the classic Disney animation.

Continuing our efforts to join the rest of the world in the 21st century, we now have our own YouTube channel (just



Some of the mini-quilts made by library users. Can you guess what books they represent? (Answers on the library web site greenhill-library.org)

search YouTube for "Greenhill Library") where you can find short videos of our readathon event in February and the Farmers & Craft market in April. There's also a ten-minute video in the final stages of production which documents the work of the library; we'll be posting it soon.

Over the last three months a small group of library users, under the watchful eye of Lynne Brown, have produced around a dozen mini-quilts, depicting their favourite books. For first efforts at quilting there are some great little pieces here. They're on display in the library, so come along, take a look, and guess which books they represent. Lynne will be running more basic quilting classes over the summer, send an email to crafts@greenhill-library.org if you're interested.

To end on a more serious note, we're down to four trustees now and the board is concerned that decision-making is in the hands of too few people. At our next AGM, when some existing board members are standing down, the situation will become critical. Also, the existing board are all men, while our volunteers are predominantly women. Trustees don't necessarily need to take an

operational role in the library, we're mainly looking for organisational, planning, fundraising and business skills. The board meets once a month. If you are interested in contributing to the library by becoming a board member, please contact our chairman patrick.coghlan.greenhill@gmail.com.

Chris Brown

Tooth brushing clubs

Figures from Public Health England show that, in Sheffield, the average five-year-old child has one decayed, missing or filled tooth. This is slightly above the national average. Now a successful project which has led to more children brushing their teeth in Sheffield is being rolled out to nurseries and schools across the city.

The tooth brushing scheme has been running in 26 primary schools and nurseries since 2014. Nurseries and schools are provided with the free toothbrushes and toothpaste as well training, information and the skills they need, to ensure that children learn about the importance of regularly brushing their teeth from an early age.

Now, tooth brushing clubs are being set up at 40 additional schools and nurseries across the city, as a partnership between Sheffield City Council and Sheffield Teaching Hospital Trust's oral health promotion team.

One school has been running a tooth brushing club since 2014. They encourage all the children at nursery to clean their teeth every day before they eat. They talk to the children about the importance of tooth brushing and parents have told us that children have been eager to clean their teeth at home. Each year the nursery also runs a session for parents, to explain what is done in tooth brushing club and to support parents in their understanding of good practice.

Tooth brushing clubs help to reinforce the importance of good brushing and a low sugar diet to children and their parents. The advice is to brush 2 times a day for 2 minutes with fluoride toothpaste and to avoid sugary snacks and drinks. As well as this it is essential for children to regularly visit their own dentist for routine check-ups.



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Woodseats Musical

It takes more than a serious quiff, a curling lip and a hot motorbike to recreate the authentic look of the 1950s...as Woodseats Musical Theatre Company Wardrobe Mistress Sue Moulson is discovering!

The popular community theatre company is currently in rehearsal for new show 'All Shook Up', the musical that takes the hits of the young Elvis Presley and throws them into a loose adaptation of Shakespeare's classic gender bending romantic comedy Twelfth Night.

But while leading man Josh Holliday perfects his lip curl and grows a distinctive Presley hair style, Sue is stuck to her sewing machine transforming countless yards of net fabric into the underskirts that will give leading lady Georgina Willows and her co-stars the distinctive full skirted look so typical of the era.

"When you're performing classic Presley songs like Heartbreak Hotel, Love Me Tender, Jailhouse Rock and Blue Suede Shoes, it's absolutely essential that we have the fashion mood that matches the sound so Sue's going to be stuck at the sewing machine for quite a while!" said the show's director Mary Newey.

All Shook Up is at Sheffield's Montgomery Theatre from July 12 to 15.

Tickets are now available via email at tickets@woodseatsmtc.co.uk or by calling 0114 264 4803 or 078 55 42 3670



Above: (left to right) Georgina Willows, Elli Needham, Sue Moulson, Danni Smith and Rebecca Southwell

Left: Josh and Adam are 'All Shook Up' as they hit the road vintage style for the Woodseats Musical Theatre Company's production.

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Not just small change

As usual the pace of change in education proceeds at a rapid pace and there are frequent news stories about issues such as academies, school funding and grammar schools to name a few. With a General Election announced in June and with the Labour party highlighting education in its campaign, we can be sure that there will be plenty more discussions to come on a whole host of themes. However the most immediate challenge for most schools at the moment seems to be funding, or rather the lack of it.

Staff at Bradway Primary School realised that the school finances were going to get much more difficult this time last year, when I assembled everyone together with the Business Manager and explained the forecast budget that we would be working with. There were serious faces all round yet we knew that we had been doing everything that we could to plan for this eventuality and so were as well prepared as we could be.

Although we had managed to balance the books for the coming financial year it was clear that further action to save money would need to be taken since projections indicated that in the future there would continue to be shortfalls.

So why is school funding in such turmoil? The main reason is that after a period of limited protection for the education budget, school spending by the government on each pupil is falling. This will be the first time schools have seen real-terms cuts in spending per pupil since the mid-1990s. While the Department for Education's overall budget is protected in real terms, it does not provide for funding per pupil to increase in line with inflation.

This impact of inflation, and extra costs such as higher employer NI and pension

Bradway Primary Term dates

29th May-2nd June:

Summer half term holiday

21st July:

Last day of term - end of school year

4th Sept and 5th Sept:

Training Days for school staff

6th Sept:

First day of autumn term for pupils

27th Oct:

Training Day: School closed

30th Oct-3rd Nov:

Half term holiday

22nd Dec:

Last day of the autumn term.

contributions, means that the actual value of funding per pupil in real-terms will fall by as much as 8 per cent or more. A 2017 National Audit Office (NAO) report states that mainstream schools will have to make £3 billion in efficiency savings by 2019-20 against the backdrop of the increased costs.

In addition, a proposed new National Funding Formula will, if approved, redistribute money from higher funded regions to lower funded regions. Sheffield would be a net beneficiary of the formula changes since it has been historically chronically underfunded compared to similar cities, but about half of Primary schools in Sheffield would lose money nonetheless, including Bradway. Secondary schools in Sheffield would almost all be significant gainers under the new formula but these gains would only delay the inevitable impact of the fall in overall school spending.

The official government response to schools' pleas for increased funding has been to say that schools will need to improve their efficiency, possibly implying that schools will need to work together more closely in the future in the form of Multi Academy Trusts. However it is unclear as to whether these arrangements are really more efficient than the previous Local Authority system.

A Department for Education spokesperson recently denied there was any funding problem and said: "School funding is now at its highest level on record at more than £40bn in 2016-17 and by 2020 per pupil spending in schools is set to be at least 70 per cent higher in real terms than it was in 1990," the spokesperson said. However the spokesperson neglected to point out that the school population was at record levels, thus accounting for the higher overall spending.

So what can school leaders and communities do to protect pupils from the impact of a diminishing budget? Some headteachers are taking direct action and a group of 150 secondary headteachers in north-west England recently signed a letter and sent it to the prime minister, ministers and MPs to protest against cuts to their budgets

saying that the cuts mean they will have to find savings of £400m by 2020. "The future is potentially a bleak choice between making significant reductions in staff ... or an untenable deficit," the letter reads.

In many areas, including Sheffield, families are being urged to lobby their MPs, write to ministers and attend local meetings to fight the changes. Some schools are asking for support from parents. It remains to be seen however whether the government will be willing to reverse or ameliorate a situation that many in education are calling a crisis, when so many other public services have already seen significant spending cuts.

Paul Stockley (Headmaster)
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Glorious Food

One morning, when I was a schoolboy and my Mother was running later than usual for some now long forgotten reason, both my sister and I were sent to catch the bus from the top of Twentywell Lane to Greenhill School with a bacon sandwich in our hands. Like all things to do with bacon sandwiches, the experience lingers in the memory but turns into something else, something more than itself, like warm laughter in frosty air.

I don't quite know why the doorstep of bread and meat tasted so much better when eaten on the top deck of a Sheffield Corporation bus, but it did. No doubt Heston Blumenthal will one day be tempted to reproduce the same flavour and be tempted to infuse the cooking oil with shavings of damp moquette bus upholstery.

Then again, perhaps it was the simple act of eating something hot in the open, which to this day still feels a bit transgressive. I was raised at a time when a picnic consisted solely of cold food and even fish and chips stayed securely wrapped in newspaper until they were at least on a plate at home. Barbecues and eating at tables outside cafes were quirky eating habits of Australian and French culture respectively; interesting but not something you'd want to do every day.

The idea of eating in the street was thought to be a bit 'common', in our house at any rate. Looking back, I don't think my parents were unusual in thinking this, nor were the general mores of the time founded on being particularly snobbish or fastidious; perhaps overtly conspicuous consumption of foodstuffs was at odds with wartime rationing that everyone had so recently endured.

There was, however, one glorious and generalised exception to this unwritten rule in the form of seaside resorts. Here the constraints of etiquette could be

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doffed without attracting undue notice. Like Angus McGill naughty postcards, (the original one-and-a-half-entendre experience), at the seaside, plenty appeared the public norm and promenading with food became the subject of harmless pleasure.

The nominal price of entry to this gustatory Eden was merely the enforced additional fibre content courtesy of a 'sand with everything' onshore breeze. Skegness may have been bracing, Bridlington may have had the 'Romantic North Sea Shipping Lanes', but in the immediate post war years, all resorts were busy putting the belly back into belly-laugh.

Attitudes to food found curious reflection in the youth culture of the day. Every comic strip in the Beano or Dandy seemed to end with a huge meal. Not sure if the Shakespeare play you're watching is a comedy? Look for the marriage at the end. Not sure if the comic strip you're reading is supposed to be funny? The clue is a slap up feed in the final frame. Even the Eagle comic's 'Dan Dare, Pilot of the Future' was scouring the Solar System in search of food supplies.

Although our relationship with food has changed in the intervening years, perhaps the change is only on the surface. The food of that time is easy to dismiss as without form or flavour and yet for the most part it also had a quality that current food technologists would love to reproduce. How so? Because, back then, all food seemed like Comfort Food; the only reason we didn't call it that was

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because there was no other kind.

In the same way, eating 'al desko' at the workstation isn't particularly new either; the terminology and content of the 'snap tin' might have changed, but fishpaste sandwiches eaten in the canteen had a kind of reliably satisfying appeal that this latest generation of sandwich / wrap / flatbread filling designers would give their eye teeth to recreate. Marguerite Patten may have flung wide the culinary doors of the British, but choice alone is no more a guarantee of nourishment than it is of sound nutrition.

The sureness of gratifying repast was reinforced by a rotating menu of dishes based on a seven day cycle. Like many of my generation, I can recall with reasonable certainty what I ate on 5th March 1961 so long as I know which day of the week it was. This is no disrespect to my Mother, who adopted a simple, common and successful habit of housewifery.

This weekly cycle wasn't entirely driven by the absence of reliable domestic refrigeration and the rest of the industrial cook/chill prepared food

infrastructure. It was also sustained by the needs of harassed wives and mothers, to whom the expression 'time poor' barely gives full utterance to the quality of their lives. Being temporally challenged is not as new as it looks.

Whatever the motivation, there was even something comforting about the rhythm of these menus in and of themselves. Everyone had their favourites and shared the concomitant highs and lows of the eating week. Those who disliked fish looked forward to sausages, those who could not stand tomato sandwiches could wait for the jam to come round again. The fact that there would be something for everyone on at least one or more days in every seven made everything else tolerable.

Thus, 'What do I feel like eating?' was a question as likely to be asked as 'How much do I feel like spending?' while window shopping. Instead of seeking an inner prompt in the face of overwhelming meal choices, the simple external factor of availability became the watchword. 'What is there to eat?' was more often the opening sally in the kitchen.

This absence of menu choice is often regarded as another restrictive element that we have all somehow survived and overcome. Yet with greater choice has come greater responsibility and less comfort. Perhaps the seven day menu cycle has something to teach us after all.

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Swords and shears: Cross Slab Grave Covers in Derbyshire

Peter Ryder reports on the conclusions of an 18-year survey of medieval cross slabs in Derbyshire.

The most common form of medieval monument to survive in this country is the cross slab - a recumbent slab carved, as its name indicates, with a full-length cross, and frequently some emblem to indicate the occupation or rank of the deceased.

No comprehensive survey of these stones across the British Isles has ever appeared, and in fact the two major texts dealing with them both appeared in 1849. The biggest individual collection of these much-neglected monuments is in the south porch of All Saints Church, Bakewell, where there are over a hundred, mostly retrieved during 19th-century restoration work after having been re-used in the church fabric.

A new survey, funded by Derbyshire County Council, was commenced in 1994/5 and completed in 2012. It recorded a total of 457 slabs (and slab fragments) at 98 different localities throughout the county. All medieval churches, or churches which stood on medieval sites, and monastic sites, were checked. In addition to Bakewell, another seven sites had collections of more than a dozen stones.

Although a number of slabs recorded in antiquarian literature had been lost - or were now concealed under fitted carpets - a considerable number of previously-unknown examples were found, including most of a group of 16 at Elvaston, re-used high in an aisle wall with their tooled-over designs now only readily visible under raking light. While all slabs were photographed, the primary record was made in the form of a drawing, at a scale of 1:10, or for small or elaborate examples, 1:5.

The slabs show a remarkable range of cross types, ranging from the simple to extremely elaborate foliate forms. Lawrence Butler, in his *Minor Medieval Monumental Sculpture in the East*



Cross fragments in the west wall of Bakewell church porch.

Midlands' (1965), proposed a stylistic dating scheme for these although, as the monuments are hardly ever found in situ and only a tiny proportion have an inscription that links them to a known individual, it is not clear how far this can be relied upon.

The majority of these slabs were probably carved by a local mason, following the instructions of the relatives of the deceased, which might well have been to copy an earlier stone.

Around 80 slabs have emblems, but as many are fragmentary, it is not clear what proportion of the total this represents, but perhaps around half. The most common emblem to accompany the cross is the sword, presumably indicating a male burial and probably the right to bear arms. This is closely followed by the shears, now generally accepted as being indicative of a female. Priests are denoted by a chalice, book and sometimes a paten. In the Peak District, hunting horns, bows and arrows probably indicate foresters.

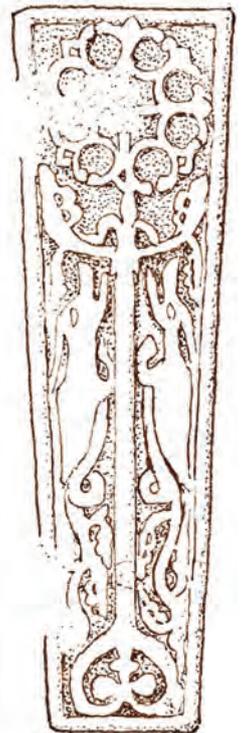
The results of the survey are being made available in two ways. One is my

new book *Medieval Cross Slabs of Derbyshire* published by the Derbyshire Archaeological Advisory Committee. The book describes and illustrates the collections at Bakewell and nine other churches, along with a brief gazetteer of other examples. It is Available in Bakewell from the Tourist Information Centre or the Bakewell Bookshop

The entire corpus should shortly be available online as part of the database for the project Cross Slabs in Northern England, held by the Archaeology Data Service at the University of York (www.archaeologydataservice.ac.uk)

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This splendid 12th century slab was discovered and placed in the chancel floor during 19th century restoration work. It may well be the monument of the builder (or rebuilder) of the church and the dragons which accompany the cross are a rare motif, although seen again at Tickhill in South Yorkshire and Dewsbury in West Yorkshire. Sadly the slab has been damaged recently by the inexcusable installation of a radiator directly above it, showing that constant vigilance is needed to protect these monuments.



Cross slab from Sandiacre church.

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The Time Travellers Travelogue

Your local amateur archaeology group, *The Time Travellers* have started 2017 at a furious pace with a bundle of walks, talks and practical activities. The formal public presentation about our activities at Whirlow Hall Farm was expected to be so popular that we had to find a venue with a larger capacity than our usual 'home ground' at the Old School in Dore. We found just the place down the road at the King Egbert School where over 200 people were treated to an excellent account of our excavation and how important the findings were to the wider understanding of the history of Whirlow.

Dr Clive Waddington from Archaeological Research Services Ltd explained that in the days when this part of the country was under Roman occupation there would have been a signal station located at the highest point of Whirlow and that this would have been one of a chain of such viewing posts probably stretching right across the country from the Humber to the Mersey.

This had been speculated on before by historians but its position so close to Sheffield was not previously known! Another popular aspect of the presentation was the display of some of the many exciting artefacts discovered during our digging and field walking, not bad for a bunch of novices!

Elsewhere, Time Traveller member Vince Boulter delivered a fascinating talk



A worked flint blade from fieldwalking

in March, leading us through the 'formation of Yorkshire' from the geological beginnings of the earth to its more recent history. In late February we held an industrial archaeology trip to Lumsdale Valley near Matlock, where we found a wooded gorge with picturesque waterfalls and mill ponds where people had worked from as early as the 16th century. On the same day we visited Cromford Mill, the site where Richard Arkwright built his cotton spinning mills at the very beginning of the Industrial Revolution.

The following month we visited the Bull Ring, a Neolithic henge site at Dove Holes, just north of Buxton. This earthwork here is similar to Arbor Low in that it consists of a bank with an internal ditched and two entrances. That was immediately followed by a sharp climb up to Castle Naze, a gritstone

promontory Iron Age hill fort overlooking Combs reservoir.

April saw *The Time Travellers* conduct our first field walking of the year at Whirlow Hall Farm, the place where we made many wonderful finds last year. We continued our previous good run of form and found several worked flints and sherds of interesting pottery. We are obviously being more selective now as we felt able to disregard the many pieces of post medieval pottery, glass fragments and bits of clay pipe spotted on the surface. We would have thrown a party for turning up all that detritus a couple of years ago!

Coming up over the late spring and early summer are lots more visits and activities including a walk along Lathkill Dale, a trip to see Newark Castle and the Civil War Centre, plus a talk about the Brigantes in Yorkshire by Allan Wilson.

Another big event being organised by *The Time Travellers* will be our Heritage Day at Whirlow Hall Farm on Sunday 21 May. This is a free entry event where there will be things to see and activities of interest for the whole family and hopefully attractive to the youngest of you so that you will catch the bug of history and archaeology.

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

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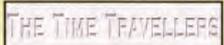
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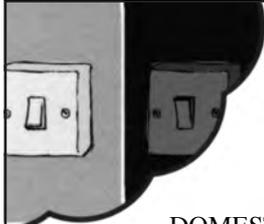


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Bradway Birds

Crows: Since 1990, and possibly before, from October to March Bradway has been gifted an amazing fly past: the corvids. In groups of dozens up to the hundreds, rooks and jackdaws flew towards the countryside at dawn, and returned at, or even after, dusk. The total was, I estimate, around 5,000 birds, four-fifths of them jackdaws.

Every morning you would hear them or be woken by them. Some clusters would fly at rooftop level, and the sound would be enough to rattle your eardrums. The jackdaws were the noisy ones, shouting out their "jack jack", a mixture of exultant and querulous. They flew in spirals and circles, ignoring the crows shortest route theory.

The rooks were more sober. Their flight was more direct, their calling less frequent and more restrained, a solemn caw.

Holmesfield, the Cordwell Valley, Baslow, these were the destinations. Fields and hedges, small woods, all offer good feeding, on fruits, seeds, worms, and insect eggs, larvae and adults. Clearly, however, they split up in the countryside, for they were present in small parties of up to a hundred. I never saw a big mob feeding together.

Back they would come to roost. Many thousands spent the night in the western side of Ecclesall woods. Before finding a sheltered branch, masses would socialise in the last pastures around Longline, especially towards the bottom of the hill. Our birds were joined by others from the west and north, so you could see hardly any grass between the birds.

Our carrion crows do not like rooks and jackdaws, or magpies. They are aggressive territory holders and a pair will generally fly up and attack passing or soaring herons, buzzards, ravens and sparrow hawks.

They are stationary birds spending all year in their patch, which in our area is probably as small as any in England.

As the jackdaws and rooks pass too and fro crows will be very stressed. They would gaze skywards, and call with great vigour, but would never venture to attack such a mob of enemies.

Autumn 2016 came round, and there was no passage. I saw small jackdaw

groups, from pairs to a few dozen, but at any old time and going in no particular direction. Rooks weren't there at all, though there is a rookery of about thirty nests in the south-west corner of Greenoak Park.

So why the end of a local avian tradition? It really is a major change of behaviour. Firstly, local rooks and jackdaws might have had a population crash. However the whole crow family nationally is doing very well, as is the local jackdaw community on Bradway Road.

Secondly our birds might be going west and north rather than south. On the other hand, I see no change for the worse in the environments they used to visit, or improvement to the west and north.

Thirdly, the birds stay and feed in the woods. However the two species are not woodland birds, in food or food searching techniques. Rooks especially don't use woods during the day.

Fourthly, they have all gone to another region. This seems unlikely, because other regions are full of corvids already.

A few people have noticed the change and have asked me to explain it. Local bird groups have made no suggestion, and so it's a mystery.

As I've written before, blackbirds in Bradway are also probably as tightly packed and still have enough space to feed themselves and two or three broods of growing young each year. Suburban shrubby gardens, flower beds, lawns and a scattering of trees are as good for them as any rural environment.

However, unlike sparrows, feral pigeons and starlings, they are not inner city birds. Yet in mid-February, from the Peace Garden wall by St. Paul's Parade, a male was singing away amid passing shoppers. He then flew on to the pavement and hopped towards Cafe Nero. None of the pedestrians took any notice. Isn't that sad?

Clearly, the Peace Garden grass and shrubs yielded enough food to keep him going. His singing certainly indicated his good physical condition, because loud and lengthy performances require a lot of energy.

The key question for him is could a female have wandered far enough into the city to hear him? I do hope so.

John Kirkman

Well Dressing Diary 2017

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

These are just some of the dates and venues for 2017. You can find out more at www.welldressing.com.

May	
20-22	Etwell
25-31	Tissington
27-29	Endon
27-31	Wirksworth
27-3	Middleton-by-Youlgrave
27-5	Monyash
June	
10-18	Ashford in the Water
11-18	Cressbrook
17-25	Tideswell
17-25	Litton (nr Tideswell)
17-25	Flash
23-28	Old Whittington (Chesterfield)
24-29	Youlgrave
24-1	Rowsley
24-2	Bakewell
24-2	Hope
24-2	Over Haddon
July	
1-6	Coal Aston
1-8	Dore
1-9	Hathersage
2-10	Buxton
3-9	Harthill
8-15	Whitwell
9-16	Burngreave Cemetery
13-20	Pilsley (nr Bakewell)
14-21	Dronfield Woodhouse
14-2	Holmesfield
14-23	Cuthorpe
14-24	Millthorpe
15-22	Little Longstone
15-23	Bamford
15-29	Great Longstone
22-30	Stoney Middleton
August	
5-12	Bradwell
5-12	Wingerworth
10-16	Great Hucklow
16-22	Barlow
19-25	Taddington
24-4	Holymoorside
26-2	Eyam
26-2	Foolow
26-3	Wormhill
September	
9-16	Chesterfield
9-16	Hartington

Musical Kaleidoscope

John Wade Singers are presenting a Musical Kaleidoscope, on Saturday th. May at 7.30pm in Millhouses Methodist Church, Millhouses Lane, S7 2HA.

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Bird Migration

Fascinating and enlightening, bird migration illustrates the complexity of nature and its difficult relationship with human culture, at the interface between danger and hope.

It is a tale of migration that never ceases to amaze me - that of Malena and Klepetan, a pair of White Storks, and the destiny that has united them in both good and ill fortune. For years they migrated together, setting off from South Africa, flying over mountains, deserts and seas to arrive at their destination, a Croatian village called Brodsky Varos, which the two storks had settled on as their nesting place.

But then, one day, a rifle shot struck Malena and shattered a leg. She survived but could no longer fly, and at the end of that ill-fated summer of 2002, Klepetan said farewell to his partner and took flight, driven to leave and make his way south. Malena stayed behind alone, helped by the little local community to start a new and sedentary life.

Days and months passed. Autumn came and went, as did the cold Balkan winter, until at last the spring arrived and, to the amazement of all, one day in April, Klepetan returned; returned to Brodsky Varos; returned to his Malena. And the year after, and the year after that, and the surprise that is no longer a surprise, for the reuniting of Klepetan and Malena has now been repeated for 14 years.

Then in a moment of excitement and



elemental beauty, Klepetan arrives; Malena rises and turns towards him; they bow their necks to each other; their feathers tremble and their beaks clack together; and the season of love begins again, on the other side of injury, geography, and time.

Next time you see our own migrating birds, think of the journeys they make, the dangers they face in an increasingly populated world. How much poorer our world would be without them.

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

Ridgeway family fun

This year a weekend of fun activities in the village of Ridgeway will be

supporting St Luke's Hospice.

For the first time ever, the popular Ridgeway Beer Festival and the Ridgeway Fun Run will fall over the same weekend on May 20th and 21st.

Throughout the day on Saturday May 20 a large selection of real ales and ciders will be available at three village pubs - The Swan, The Bridge Inn and The Queens Head - with transport running through the day between the venues. Guests will also be able to enjoy music from live bands at each pub and there will also be bouncy castles, face painting, pub food and a grand raffle.

The following day, Sunday May 21st, will see hundreds of local runners take on a 2.5k or 5k family friendly race, starting from the Ridgeway Sports and Social club - entry costs £5 for the shorter run and £10 for the longer. Following the race, which many people complete in fancy dress, will be a fun day and activities at each of the pubs, including a quiz at The Bridge Inn.

"Many people in the Ridgeway community have been supported by St Luke's in the past, and all the money raised across the weekend will help us to provide end of life care for local people and their families," said St Luke's Community Fundraising Manager Megan Senior. "This promises to be a brilliant weekend of activities, with something to suit the whole family - and we really look forward to seeing as many people as possible competing in the two races."

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HGVs in Bradway

A silly situation is arising down in our far south-west corner of Sheffield, all traced back to an accident in 2001. Residents of Bradway are caught between the effects of two petitions organised

by neighbouring localities, pigs in the middle. It's all down to repercussions from actions taken elsewhere, effects that were fully anticipated by council officers 16 years ago.

To start an HGV travelling from Owl Bar towards Meadowhead on the B6054 through Holmesfield collided head on with a horse box resulting in the death of one horse. Residents in that area started a petition that had, for them, the successful outcome of getting HGVs banned from that route. It also eased the danger at Tinker's Corner, so not bad news for Bradway. It was intended that diverted vehicles would carry on down to Beauchief crossroads and then up to Woodseats and the A61 to Meadowhead, or via the Bocking Lane and Greenhill Avenue section of the Outer Ring Road.

It was anticipated that some vehicles might try to avoid the main routes by using Mickley Lane and

Twentywell Lane, so signs indicating they were unsuitable for HGVs were positioned. It didn't totally work, and as long ago as 2008 BAG was raising the matter of HGVs with council officials.

Residents on Bocking Lane also objected to HGVs and in 2010 they too had success with a petition to get HGVs banned – but only from 7pm in the evening to 7am in the morning. Trying to be charitable, some HGV drivers may have misread this as the working day (7am to 7pm) however, for whatever reason, many are now regularly using either Twentywell Lane or Prospect Road–Queen Victoria Road–Mickley Lane and ignoring the advisory signs.



One of the prohibition signs on Bocking Lane had been deliberately interfered with by turning the lower plate through 90 degrees to the road



Bradway residents are not happy as both those routes are indeed unsuitable for HGVs. They are narrow, steep, with blind bends and culminate in tight turns into and out of the main roads at either end. We are reasonable people and can understand that a few drivers may have genuine need to use those routes for access (very few) and that drivers can sometimes make errors with satnavs. We know HGV drivers are very competent and drive carefully. However, it seems we are being told that nothing can be done until there's been a fatality to justify it. BAG hasn't found a volunteer to fulfil that role.

Patience and understanding were tested too far recently when we discovered one of the prohibition signs on Bocking Lane had been deliberately interfered with by turning the lower plate through 90 degrees to the road, thus making the applicable hours part of the sign invisible to approaching traffic. We don't know how long ago that happened but HGV drivers seem to have taken this as their cue to increasingly use our two narrow roads. The plate has now been turned back as it should be, see pictures, but the habit is now clearly established for HGVs to come our way!

Many Bradway residents feel that to place apparently severe restrictions on a road that has been the Outer Ring Road since the 1940s, but not on two far more minor roads, is wrong. The HGV drivers are legally safe to ignore an advisory sign. They risk penalties if they ignore a prohibition.

BAG has asked for the problem that was fully anticipated in 2001 to be properly addressed now – as it should have been then. Our two routes must have at least as strong restrictions as on Bocking Lane, preferably from 7am to 7pm when most vehicles use the route and traffic at the top and bottom is at it's

most dangerous. Our councillors have suggested the best way to get this action is by another petition. We don't feel that's a good way to govern – waiting for competitive petitions, or by deaths. Neither is good management practice. Common sense must play a part, surely. Unfortunately sweet reason hasn't worked up to now.

The LibDems are drafting a petition and BAG would encourage all who feel strongly about this matter to consider adding their names. In the meantime BAG will continue to monitor the traffic, and write again to council officers as appropriate.

Chris Morgan

Is this the end of the road?

CPRE are challenging the road building consensus.

Congestion is a problem many of us have to endure. Yet there's a common misconception that the way to alleviate congestion is to build more roads. It doesn't work! A new report from CPRE shows that building more roads simply generates more traffic which in turn leads to more roads – a vicious cycle. Furthermore, the economic benefits promised to communities with new roads rarely materialise.

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Sound advice

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Gilbert & Sullivan Society

I know that those of you who came to our production of *The Mikado* had a great outing. It was both obvious from the wonderful reception we received and from the many after-show comments that were made. It ranks as one of the funniest shows we have presented and we've put on quite a few. It was more than enjoyable from the cast's point of view, one new member who has performed elsewhere said that it was the best show she had ever been in and can't wait to start rehearsing for next year's offering.

I can't mention everyone but plaudits are due to Pete Geary for his portrayal of Nanki-Poo, his debut in which he was excellent both as actor and a terrific tenor, Steve Andrews for the funniest Ko-ko we've ever had. His rendition of "I've got a little list" had everyone laughing. In it he included, graffiti artists, gaming technology, politicians and their wives, beauty therapists, the House of Lords, UKIP and the SNP. Pooh-Bar (Mike Spriggs) was not only Lord High everything from First Lord of the Treasury to the Arch Bishop of Titipu but was also Minister for Brexit. The Three Little Maids from School were a delight as usual with Kathryn Parkin coming right out of her shell and playing Peep-Bo with a wonderful comic timing that I've not seen in the part before.

Credit must go to Graham Weston for this production. He is excellent producer and so nice with it. Credit must also go to Nigel Martin our Musical Director for getting the best out of the singers. Unfortunately he was taken ill a week before the show so could not conduct the performances. We are very fortunate to have Monica Eyley as Deputy MD who stepped in at the last minute to take over and doing a superb job even though she has not conducted an orchestra before.

Just to show I'm not too biased this



Alan Wade as *The Mikado*

review was sent to us a couple of days after the show:-

Well done to Graham, some good little touches – thought the “alternative little list” also the “fan” work during the production were excellent. Congratulations to Monica having taken over the baton at extremely short notice especially as I think I am right in saying that she is not used to working with an orchestra. As last year it was a pleasure listening to the overture – the audience not talking though it!! The set, also the costumes were excellent.

Gwen, Jo and Kathryn were a delightful trio and their portrayal of their “different” characters was excellent. Christine’s interpretation of Katisha was great and her solo of “Alone and yet alive” was one of the best I have seen and heard – and I have heard a few, both professional and amateur! Steve was a “loveable” Ko-Ko and gave an excellent rendition of “Tit-willow”. Pete, Mike, Richard, Alan and Mark played their parts with great characterisation and aplomb and their solos, duets, trios, quartets were a delight to listen to with good diction. The ensemble singing, where all the harmonies and words could be heard were excellent.

Mary Titterton, NODA.

Now we move on to the concert season so we start rehearsing for that late in April. The Dore Summer concert will be on Saturday 1st July at 7.30pm in Dore Church Hall. Tickets will be available from me (Tel 0114 236 2299) at £7 each. If you missed the show, don't miss this! It will, as usual, be a light-hearted, fun packed evening. What better way to start the Dore Festival. We hope to see you all there.

Before I go, I must tell you that Mark White's daughter is getting married in Manchester and it will be attended by the Dore Male Voice Choir of which Mark is a member and Dore G&S's Barbershop quartet which, of course, includes Mark. They don't know what they are letting themselves in for. We wish all there well.

Derek Habberjam.

Lowedges Festival

The 9th annual Lowedges Festival in Greenhill Park, Gresley Road, Lowedges will take place this year on Sunday 13th August from 12 noon to 5pm.

All the fun of the fair including: a huge marquee with top reggae bands on stage; a big beach free with deck chairs / buckets spades etc; dance and falconry arena; dog show arena free entry; a funfair with some rides free; 300 classic vehicles free entry cash prizes; medieval re-enactment / living history and battles; a farmers market and carboot; indoor / outdoor arts / crafts area; hotfood and so much more.

The event is run by the Greenhill / Bradway Tennants & Residents Association along with Friends of Greenhill Park.

To book a stall email thehunters1969@talktalk.net

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The event is disabled friendly and offers free on site disabled parking and toilets. Please come along and enjoy yourselves.

Totley Library

Run by the community for the community!

Totley Library goes from strength to strength providing library and community services to meet a wide range of local needs and interests. We are now in our third year as an Associate Library and the service is provided entirely by volunteers. We work closely with Sheffield City Council and the library remains part of the city-wide library service.

The success of the library depends on our volunteers. We now have over 120 fantastic volunteers who work tirelessly in the library or who support the library in other ways, such as by gardening, supporting the Film Club or baking cakes for our events.

Totley Library is now a service provided by the community, for the community! We are always glad to see new faces and welcome new volunteers to help us in a wide range of work. Please do get in touch if you would like to get involved. (Please call in at the library or email totleyCRIC@gmail.com)

Sheffield City Council has recently confirmed that our grant for the year ahead will be at the same value as previous years. This is very good news as the grant is sufficient to meet our basic running costs.

However, whilst the Council will continue to fund all the volunteer libraries for the next three years the grants will be reduced in each of the next two years. We also need funds to help us to improve the library – such as the work recently carried out on the car park.

We therefore need to continue our fundraising activities and very much hope local residents will support us in this work.

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One of the ways we raise funds for the library is through the Totley Library Lottery, which was launched last summer and is proving a great success, with more and more people signing up for the monthly draw. This means that the value of the monthly prizes is rising as 25% of funds raised is used for prizes, with 75% used to support the library.

In January and February, the first prize winners, Christine Parker and Elizabeth Watson each won £93, whilst the second prize winners, Dennis Richmond and Sandra Allsop each won £23.25. In March the first prize winner, Gordon Doole, won £94 and the second prize winner, Claire Howard, won £23.50. Congratulations to all our winners!

Easter proved to be a busy and fun time at Totley Library with lots of activities taking place for children. Over the holidays children attending our popular toddler craft and Story Time group enjoyed an Easter themed session and a tree themed session. Members of the Gillfield Wood Group joined Story Time for woodland - themed activities which ran alongside our usual crafts, songs and stories session.

We also teamed up with Explore Learning to offer a writing workshop for their national children's writing competition and held a fun "Mini Musicians" session with songs, stories, games and lots of instruments, provided by Jill Vincent from Broomhill Music. We are grateful for everyone who contributed to these enjoyable events.

We also have lots of activities planned for the coming weeks. We have started a new 'Baby Time' group on Tuesday afternoons from 1 - 2 pm (but not in the school holidays). The sessions are very informal with songs, rhymes and simple musical instruments suitable for 0-2 year olds. We ask for £1 donation to help with costs for these sessions.

We have teamed up with the Friends of Gillfield Wood and The Woodland Trust to offer a 'Writing the Woods' poetry workshop for children aged 7 and above and their parents to be held on Sunday 7th May. Led by Totley's resident poet Sally Goldsmith, the group will gather in the woods to gain inspiration to write a collective song and then return to the library to write up their ideas and have some snacks.

On the morning of Saturday 13th May we will be holding a plant and book sale at Totley Library, along with refreshments. The quality of all the goods and the prices will be first rate so please come along to support this library fundraiser!

Our popular Totley Library Cinema continues to thrive and we have an exciting programme over the next few weeks to include showings of La La Land and Sully: Miracle on the Hudson, along with old favourites such as Mary Poppins. In addition, in June we will be showing a special sing-a-long version of the film Grease with a buffet - which promises to be lots of fun!

Isabel Hemmings

Cinema Listings May - July
 Sunday 14th May 2pm Mary Poppins
 Thursday 18th May 3pm Ladies in Lavender; Maggie Smith and Judy Dench
 Friday 19th May 7:30pm
 Sully: Miracle on the Hudson
 Sunday 11th June at 2pm
 Secret Life of Pets
 Friday 16th June 7.30pm Grease sing-a-long special. Tickets £10 (£8 Friends of Totley CRIC) including buffet. Doors open at 6.30pm for buffet and sing-a-long film starts 7.30pm.
 Thursday 29th June 3pm La La Land
 Friday 7th July 7.30pm La La Land
 Thursday 27th July 3pm Jackie
 Tickets (Entry into raffle draw)
 Adult - £4 and Child - £2.50
 Please note that there will be no children's films shown during July and August.

The Flying Gardeners

The Flying Gardeners are returning to Beauchief Gardens on Wednesday 31 May 2017, from 10 am to 12 noon.

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

Volunteers just need to bring gloves and boots. Hot drinks will be provided at 11 am. Everyone is welcome - you do not need to be a member of SU3A.

The next session will be Wednesday 30 August.

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Friends of Dore and Totley Station – FoDaTS

Yes, at last something is happening at the station and FoDaTS is making a little progress. We've finally been given the green light to work on the station, provided we're extremely careful.

We have a safety manual to follow and red hi-viz vests to wear. We have cleaned the signs around the station and the cycle shelter is no longer green! We intend to have at least one planter on the platform before you read this article, with more to follow. That's not much, but we'll look at the platforms again when we know more about the station improvements.

Do we know when that will be? Not a hint. The Inquiry Inspector's report was received by the Department for Transport on the 15th November and the 6 month period they allow themselves to make a decision is almost up. They only aim to make a decision. Even if they do meet that target Network Rail has to consider any changes they may stipulate and then reschedule their work programme accordingly.

Work was to start about May 2017 for completion about September 2018, with new services to commence in December 2018. Our best estimate is that there'll be a delay of one year, making a completion date of September 2019. Network Rail are short of funds, and have a back-log of work, so a completion date of 2020 would not surprise us. The election may cause things to change completely. We're urging the rail industry to consider completing the Dore part of the scheme even if they don't immediately start on the loop at Bamford.

We're trying to get Network Rail, Northern, Trans Pennine Express, East Midlands Trains, Sheffield City Council, the Sheffield City Region, SYPTE, and other parties together to ensure we get the best possible station built and as soon as



The end of the line. Liverpool Street station, which along with Norwich Station are the furthest extremities on the line for taking a through train.

possible. We've had, or are about to have, meetings with most of these interested parties.

We've submitted an application to Northern requesting seed corn funding to design a shelter to be added to the existing station building. We know £300,000 has been allocated by Northern to be spent on the five stations from Dore & Totley to Hope on the Hope Valley line. We don't know exactly what has to come out of that pot, and it may have to last up to 9 years. Surely the busiest of the 5 stations should get enough to pay for more shelter?

We've discovered the sub-contractors responsible for the Ticket machine (TVM) are allowed up to 8 hours to fix a fault. Their engineer told us it was very reliable. Really? What's not clear is how Northern are monitoring the machine to know when it's run out of tickets, or failed for any other reason. If nobody tells the sub-contractor they may well think the machine is reliable. If Northern aren't told their machine is out of order it seems it may take days before it gets flagged up!

There's no clear sign anywhere near the ticket machine to advise what to do when it doesn't work. If possible call 0800 200 60 60 and select option 9. Report the fault and request a fault reference number. If you're on Facebook post the detail on the FoDaTS page so we can all see the latest position. As Chair of FODaTS they have my email address and if I report it I'll get an email to confirm it, and another when it should have been cleared – or passed to that outsourced firm! Some operatives are very reluctant to provide a fault reference number, an example might look like NFM00021452.

Two people are now stationed on the platform for about 3 hours each weekday morning to back up the machine. Passengers expressed concern that only one had a ticket machine, that the poor souls have no protection in bad weather, nor do they have anywhere to take a comfort break. Northern accepted our suggestion that both should have machines and have been surprised by the

amount of revenue they now collect. The Summer House has been pleased to provide comfort break facilities.

Member Glynn Waite has been monitoring punctuality on the Hope Valley line. We know quite a lot of trains are late. However he's discovered quite a lot depart a minute early. That's not too much of an issue, but some are leaving as much as 4 minutes early. That could easily lead to many of us missing our train. We await Northern's comments on that.

The good news. Northern have advised that in May 2018 they hope to provide an hourly service down the Hope Valley. They can't confirm this yet, or if they will all stop at all stations. We'd expect them all to stop at Dore & Totley, but would probably settle for a Trans Pennine Express stopping instead. (We might like both, but that's for another year.) One way or another we think we'll get hourly trains at Dore & Totley next Spring!

We have a meeting arranged with SYPTE and Sheffield City Region officers on 12th May when station development and parking will be discussed.

Our Annual General Meeting is to be held at Totley Library at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 23rd May. We'll be very pleased to see all with an interest in the station and rail services. Refreshments will be available from 7.15.

We'll be giving more information on developments at the station, and our guest speaker Richard Isaac from Northern will answer as many questions as he can.

If you use the trains, or just have an interest in developments at our station, please join us by sending an email with your contact details to our Secretary; nj-barnes@outlook.com

You can also join us on Facebook - just search for FoDaTS. Look in from time to time to see the latest news - and to post constructive comments, please!

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Our Web site is up and running for more information about the club, forthcoming events including Walks and Live entertainment. You are most welcome to visit the club and see what we have to offer. www.bradwaybowling.org.uk

Ladies please!

Well done the Barbers of Britain! After years of disorderly thatch, the smart haircut is back again!

Of course men have it easy, much of their stuff is non-iron but jeans have never fitted better and sportswear is now high fashion. Under the influence of David Beckham, sharp suits are worn for work or weddings and, perhaps with a well-trimmed beard, young men are looking stylish again.

But what about the girls? Early morning drives through a city centre used to be

enlivened by a succession of smart young things on the way to work. They clicked along in their high heels, red lips, doe-eyed, all looking as smart as paint, elegant enough to grace the cover of a magazine. Today's parade of girls along the pavement, generally look as though they have just descended from lagging the loft.

Why does everyone wear grey? Trousers cut off at mid-calf do not flatter; must it be trainers with everything? That handbag that looks like a rucksack – come to think of it, it is a rucksack. Remember when girls used to wear glossy tights and smell nice? Remember when underwear was, well, under something? Little clutch purses were sufficient to hold lipstick, purse and perfume. Today, ladies on their way to work seem to need a full plumber's tool kit.

On the occasions when 'the fairer sex' make an effort: weddings, funerals, Friday nights out etc. they seem to go equipped for battle. Those high-spiked platform shoes should be confiscated as deadly weapons. And so much flesh on show that, as a grandfather, I hardly know where to look if I am not to steam up my glasses. I hardly dare read the tattoos for fear of what I might find.

What is a fascinator? Who has decided that a pair of dyed chicken-feathers constituted a hat?

I know that I shall be accused of being a dinosaur, ladies are not flattered by being regarded as 'dolly birds' any more,

but those slim-young-things under the bouffant hairdos and multi-layered paper-nylon petticoats went on to cope with holding down a job whilst bringing up children.

The high-heeled white shoes might not have done their feet much good but they have survived the years when most of British Industry was shipped abroad, we had rapid inflation, 15% mortgage rates, and they had to fight to get their voices heard at work, in schools and in hospitals. But they looked smart, graceful, attractive... have a look at pictures of your Mum when she was young.

Ladies, please make more of an effort. Try, at least, to be as smart as your Grannies.

Robert Smith

New members welcome

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Ring Ouzels on Sheffield Moors

Local climbers and walkers are helping ring ouzels from Africa to set up new homes on the edges of Stanage and Burbage. "The ring ouzel is a characterful bird, and easy to identify, like a blackbird with a white streak around its throat, some say it looks like a clergyman," said Henry Folkard of the BMC, the British Mountaineering Council.

Since 2000, Henry and around a dozen fellow climbers and ramblers have been working with the Peak District National Park Authority, the Eastern Moors Partnership and the Sheffield Bird Study Group to monitor mountain blackbirds (as ring ouzels are called in the Peak District) and help them rear their young.

After checking last year's nests over the winter, Henry and a team of new volunteers from the BMC (recruited by the National Park and the Eastern Moors Partnership) will be out on the moors identifying this season's nest sites. Where they're near busy climbing routes, they erect small signs asking climbers and walkers to take care around this season's ouzel homes.

John Mead from the Eastern Moors Partnership is full of praise for the volunteers, particularly since the bird is now on the UK's 'red list' of endangered birds. "The mountain blackbird is an ambassador for the wild high places of Britain," he said. "It's crucial we maintain this population here, these birds are part of the landscape as much as the rocks themselves."

Burbage and nearby moors are looked after to provide a 'mosaic' of habitats with a variety of food, which helps mountain blackbirds to fledge more young. Reducing sheep numbers and increasing cattle provides homes for



Henry Folkard (right) of the BMC and John Mead of the Eastern Moors Partnership looking at positioning of a sign near a potential nest site at Burbage Oaks



Male ring ouzel on the Sheffield Moors - photos by Bill Gordon

insects in varying heights of grassland, for example.

John Mead said "the public can help ring ouzels by keeping dogs on leads through the nesting season from March to July, and by always taking food waste home, as crows and weasels will eat nearby eggs and fledglings after being attracted by a discarded picnic. Visitors can also report mountain blackbird sightings using the free Moors for the Future 'MoorWild' app to help safeguard the population for future generations", said John.

The rambler's dog is a threat after nesting too, said Henry. "After the young have fledged they hide in bracken or heather, so a loose dog can just find them and eat them up, and when the dog gets back no-one will know it's happened."

Peak District ranger Bill Gordon has been monitoring (and recording) mountain blackbirds and found that the birds on the moors near Sheffield have a different accent to other UK ring ouzels. "He recorded one male bird a couple of years ago with a different intonation, perhaps from further north, and sing as he might, that bird didn't attract a mate," said Henry. "The females must have wanted a local lad."

Moors for the Future 'MoorWild' app www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk/moorapps

David Bocking

A vegan coming for dinner?

30 years ago, or so, the thought of a vegetarian coming around for dinner could probably be a scary thought. Now, even the most committed meat eaters would find it easy to adapt a menu. With all the high protein substitutes in the supermarkets, many that mimic meat, and the vast array of groceries and recipe books, it's finally normal to either be a vegetarian or to regularly enjoy vegetarian food. There are serious reasons to be vegan including animal welfare and climate change. And it can be a very healthy diet as long as it's done properly.

There are now so many good dairy free products in supermarkets, some better than others, but the variety and taste is improving all the time. Dairy free ice cream is good. But generally vegan puddings are still in short supply and sometimes a fruit salad is not enough or becomes too expected as the routine vegan pudding option. So here is a recipe for a vegan lime 'cheesecake' that I find tasty and less fatty than dairy cheesecakes. Poached pears make a great desert; see the recipe below from Sarah Brown. Also a tip on making simple quick chocolate truffles that are dairy free.

Dawn Biram

Vegan lime cheesecake Biscuit base

200g digestive biscuits (usually vegan but check)

100g dairy free margarine

Crush the biscuits to form crumbs. Gently melt the margarine. Mix together well and pour into a suitable tin (about 8 in diameter) lined with tinfoil or in individual tubs with no lining (as these won't need taking out and slicing). Press the base down level and smooth out using the back of a spoon.

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 300g or 350 gram block of Silken Tofu
 2 small or 1 large avocado
 2 limes
 70g Castor sugar

Put the juice and pulp of the limes into a pan with the creamed coconut and gently heat until the coconut is melted. Add the tofu, sugar and avocado and blend all together in a blender. Put the mixture on top of the base and leave in the fridge for 3 hours to set.

Pears Alhambra

4 pears (preferably Williams or Comice)
 275ml sweet red wine
 Grated rind of 1 orange
 1 tablespoon of crystallised ginger, finely chopped
 25g demerara sugar

Peel the pears, leaving the stalks on if possible and slice a small portion from the base so that they can stand upright. Bring the wine to the boil with the orange rind. Add the peeled pears and poach them gently for 20 min or may need a lot more until they are starting to soften through. Remove them from the pan and stand them in a serving dish.

Boil the remaining juice with the crystallised ginger and sugar until it is thick and syrupy, then spoon it carefully over the pears. Chill thoroughly and serve with dairy free ice cream or dairy free cream



Hedgehog inspired garden

The first permanent Hedgehog Street inspired garden in the UK has been unveiled at RHS Harlow Carr, North Yorkshire, created by award-winning garden designer Tracy Foster.

The new garden showcases a plethora of hedgehog friendly features, from nesting sites to hedgehog sized tunnels providing access to neighbouring gardens, all aiming to inspire visitors to adapt similar steps in their own gardens to help combat the ongoing plight of Britain's native hedgehogs.

The State of Britain's Hedgehogs 2015 report, produced by BHPS and PTES, revealed that hedgehog populations have declined by at least half in rural areas and by up to a third in urban areas since the year 2000. Since the creation of Hedgehog Street over 43,000 people across the UK have become 'Hedgehog Champions'. This army of citizen scientists have pledged to help combat the shocking decline of Britain's native

hedgehog (voted the UK's favourite mammal in a 2016 poll) by making simple changes in their own gardens, such as increase connectivity with neighbouring gardens, to improve hedgehogs' access to food, shelter and mates.

The reasons for the decline in UK hedgehog numbers are complex, but are thought to be associated with the loss of hedgerows and permanent grasslands; the intensification of agriculture and larger field sizes; and the use of pesticides which reduce the amount of prey available. Urban and suburban areas are becoming increasingly important for hedgehogs, but the move towards tidy, sterile gardens isolated from one another by impermeable boundaries has also contributed to their demise.

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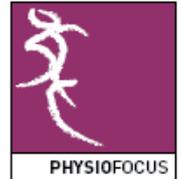
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So, after our fabulous cruise with NCL last September (Ed: see our Spring issue) we took a cab back to the airport and collected our rental car. We then had a mammoth drive north towards picturesque Portland, Maine to meet up with our 'Internet' friends Cindy & Bob and their family.

Having met Cindy when commenting on her TripAdvisor post, we quickly became friends picking each others brains on trips we had planned to the western side of America. It turned out she would be there the same time as us and we quickly decided we would meet up along both our road trips. Alas, this was not to be as the 'Government Shutdown' closed all National & State parks, therefore, as Cindy's trip allowed her to reschedule to a date when the parks were back open, we ploughed on with our trip alone.

Around 12 months later, after many exchanges via email and Facebook, it turned out that her rescheduled trip was in place and we were also heading back Stateside. This time our paths didn't really cross, however, due to another hand of fate our plans changed slightly and we met up for a morning at Walnut Canyon National Monument near Flagstaff en-route to Sedona. This then set our friendship up and last year Cindy invited us to stay on our East Coast trip.

With such a long drive we decided to take our first night just south of Portland at Old Orchard Beach, a traditional American seaside town. Our home for the night was the perfectly placed Beachwood Motel, where we had a room with kitchenette right on the beach. Perfection. We quickly took a stroll on the beach as the sun was starting to set and got some amazing photos of the sky lit up with a pink hue across the pier. This was the life!

Next morning we took a stroll around the resort, a typical seaside town similar to the UK with small amusement park, lots of gift shops and fast food places, one which we had to try as it offered deep fried Oreos! When in Rome as they say ... well they turned out to be a kind of doughnut surrounding the Oreo and surprisingly good! Who knew!

Once we had checked out of our previous night's abode, we headed along the coast making our way to picturesque Portland. This wouldn't take us too long and we planned to be with Cindy for mid-afternoon. Slowly we meandered through quaint colonial villages and along rugged coastal paths taking plenty of photos before arriving at the imposing Portland Head Lighthouse, with its coastal walk as well as many viewing areas for the lighthouse. I think I'm now the proud owner of photos of this beautiful landmark from every angle! It was lovely though.

Arriving at Cindy's she had a smorgasbord of nibbles ready for us to dig into and we chatted away for hours until her son, Mark and his girlfriend arrived for dinner. It was amazing to hear their stories and find out about how they felt about the presidential candidate, at that time, Donald Trump!



Portland Head Lighthouse



Bubble Rock, a strange huge rock perched on the cliff, from the ice age.

The next day we were up and off to enjoy a walk Cindy had recommended close to town, we would then return for lunch before heading to the Cumberland Fair where Cindy and Bob were headline act in the evening with their group, The Bob Charest Band. Cumberland Fair is similar to our very own Yorkshire Show, but on a much smaller scale. With animals, a fair ground, lots of farming equipment, stalls, competitions and harness racing, as well as a demolition derby, it sure ticked every box.

Cindy and her daughter Leigh took us around while Bob set up for the evening concert. The food stalls were something to behold, with everything and anything deep fried! We eventually plumped for a huge dish of deep fried onion rings and as the oreo before, the batter was more doughnut than we would imagine deep frying to be, but they tasted amazing, so

no complaints from me!

After a few technical issues with the sound, as the fair organisers had blown a fuse somewhere, The BCB were soon belting out some top choonz! Everything for Bruno Mars to Toto ... wow, they knew how to sing!

Waving goodbye to Cindy and Bob we headed north travelling US Route 1 along the coast of Maine which may well be the most interesting and scenic road trip in America. Maine has an abundance of natural attractions, including an estimated 5,000 miles of coastline (more than California!), Acadia National Park (2nd most visited park in USA), 65 lighthouses, and largest harvests of lobsters and blueberries in the United States! Wow! After a day's travelling and sightseeing we settled in Ellsworth for and early night ready to explore Acadia NP the next day

If you have read my previous posts, then you'll know we had a fleeting visit to Acadia NP from our cruise ship, over the next couple of days we would be able to see the whole area in more detail and take a few hikes, yay!

First stop was Bass Harbor where we meandered along the scenic coastal roads making various photo stops before heading towards Southwest Harbor with its quaint art galleries and more amazing views! Finally Northwest Harbor before heading into Acadia NP proper and driving the scenic trail to Cadillac Mountain ready for sunset. Unfortunately, the sunset wasn't as impressive as we hoped, but still pleased we had done it. With the fall air turning chilly we headed back to town.

Schoodic Peninsular, still part of the National Park, but a little less travelled was our next adventure. The rugged scenery had us in awe and my camera in overdrive. I cannot explain how beautiful this area is, it certainly needs a visit and should be on everyone's wishlist!

Back in the main park area we parked and headed to the Thunder Hole, a natural phenomenon created when the rising or falling tide rushes through a gap in the rugged coastline ... and boom, thunder! Hence the name. From here we walked to one of the only sandy coves in the area as where the sea hits the land in most areas around here it hits the rocky coast.

Another day over and the plan for our final day was to take the trail to Bubble Rock, a strange huge rock perched on the cliff, left there from a previous ice age as it was pushed along the coast! This unusual rock can be seen from the parking lot like a small pebble, however, once you make the uphill journey you can see first hand how large it is. We also tried to give it a push, but it didn't budge!

From this stunning vantage point the view was breathtaking one side looking towards the ocean, the other to Jordan Pond, a large body of water.

All too soon it was time to head back to

Cindy's for one last night before returning to JFK for our flight home! These trips always end too soon, but thankfully I have many, so don't feel too sorry for me ... and now I'm back within the travel industry I'm sure I can fit in a few more :)

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Stay Vacationed!

Lindsay Allen



Peak District Boundary Walk

Contrary to the media myth, national parks did not come about just because of the Kinder Mass Trespass of 1932. The idea of national parks dates back to Wordsworth in the early 1800s and then began to take hold elsewhere in the world, notably in the USA where the first to be created was Yellowstone in 1872. Here public pressure became more focused in the 1930s when CPRE, the Ramblers and the YHA formed the Standing Committee for National Parks

to argue the case.

In November 1938, a group of organisations, including CPRE, the Ramblers and the Peak & Northern Footpaths Society, met at the Rambler Inn in Edale to begin the campaign for the Peak District National Park. But, even before this, a group of campaigners, led by the Friends' founder, Ethel Haythornthwaite (then Gallimore), had already drawn up a proposed boundary for a national park in the Peak District which is almost identical to the one we have today.

After agreeing that national parks were not going to be 'merely a national playground for townspeople' and that landscape preservation, access and open-air recreation and protection of wildlife were all of equal importance, the campaigners examined maps, explored the proposed boundary on the ground and engaged in many discussions and disputes before the boundary was finally agreed.

The new Peak District Boundary Walk, which follows existing paths, tracks and quiet lanes and never strays far from the official park boundary, celebrates not only the huge diversity of our first national park but also its historical significance. We hope it will also increase awareness of the Peak District's beautiful landscape and encourage people to cherish and protect it.

As with the original, there are likely to be many debates and disputes as to where the route for this boundary should and

should not go. But at the moment it's where the Friends of the Peak District, like our founders before us, say so!

Our official guide to the new Peak District Boundary Walk, edited by Andrew McCloy, not only includes detailed Ordnance Survey maps and route directions, it also contains articles about the issues and campaigns faced by the Friends of the Peak District and our predecessors.

Long distance walkers may enjoy the challenge of walking all 190 miles in one go, but we have divided the route into 20 stages which are more accessible to walkers who prefer to explore the Park boundary in manageable day-long walks.

The stages have been designed so that they start and finish at locations convenient for public transport connections, car parks, toilets, local shops, cafes and pubs; but given the sometimes remote nature of the Peak District, this hasn't always proved possible.

The launch of the book and the UK's newest long-distance walk takes place on Saturday 17 June at the Buxton Market Place, the official start and end of the route.

The official guide, the Peak District Boundary Walk, will be available on our website for £10. For more information about the walk, and to buy your copy of the book, please contact julie@friendsofthepeak.org.uk or visit www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk

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Longshaw on the national stage

1827 and Longshaw's small part in our political history

When leading a guided walk at Longshaw recently I was asked why an area of woodland to the south-west of Ringinglow village was called Lady Canning's Plantation. In 1927 it was sold to Sheffield City Council, along with a substantial part of the Duke of Rutland's Longshaw Lodge Estate. As tends to happen the answer led to further questions.

The enclosure map of 1822 shows that parcel of land in the ownership of George Canning. The first Ordnance Survey map of 1840-44 shows it with a different name, hard to make out, but probably Kenyon's Plantation. Burdett's less detailed map of 1791 shows no plantation in that area. Was the George Canning the man who became Tory Prime Minister in 1827? Probably. Was Kenyon Lord Kenyon, a staunch Tory from Lancashire? That remains to be proved, but they were at opposite extremes of the party.

In 1826 the Duke of Rutland had bought a shooting lodge at Longshaw and was planning to extend both the building and the estate. His main residence was at Belvoir Castle, but he also owned Haddon Hall which was becoming dilapidated at this time, possibly no longer habitable by a Duke.

Canning was a Tory to the more progressive side of the party. He led a faction known as Canningites. Lord Kenyon was described as an ultra-Tory in a group courting the Duke of Wellington, and possibly the Duke of Rutland, in opposition within the party to Canning. They were clearly very well known to each other and I'd not be surprised if George Canning bought the plantation



Longshaw House West Front. This postcard dates from about the time the Lodge and estate were sold in 1927 as later shots show an iron railing, later still a hedge, across this view.

from Kenyon.

Canning died in 1827 and had relatively few assets. His widow was created Viscountess Kilbraham in January 1828. It seems almost certain that Lady Canning inherited the plantation, but she died in 1837. We don't know exactly when the Duke of Rutland bought it, but it seems reasonable to think it became known as Lady Canning's Plantation about that time. It had been planted to grow timber commercially, possibly to make charcoal for the furnaces in Sheffield, pit props for mines, and timber for house building.

Lord Liverpool had been Tory Prime Minister from May 1812 until 9th April 1827 and George Canning took over on the 10th April. (It's worth reading through this period if you think it's complicated today!) Canning's health wasn't up to the strain and he died on 8th August after only 119 days in office, the shortest tenure of any PM to this day. There was then a period of what appears to have been confusion as various parties tried to form a new government! Lord Goderich emerged as a front runner fairly early, but couldn't count on a majority.

The Duke of Wellington's name was very much in the frame, but he backed away, as did Robert Peel. The Duke of Rutland may have been suggested as a compromise, but probably not too seriously. On 17th August Wellington was made Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, but had conveniently left London for the north, and seems to have been out of London prior to that date. Was that to keep him sweet? Was his a diplomatic absence, or just normal activity over the summer? A chance to get in some shooting and visit friends? Subsequent events show that he was keeping close to potential allies.

On 24th August it was announced in The Times that Wellington was at Longshaw Lodge with the Duke of Rutland and would be there for 8-10 days before going to Bretton Hall, the seat of Tory MP Colonel Beaumont. Both Dukes

were invited to the Cutlers Feast on 6th September, but said they had prior engagements. The Times reported that Wellington had arrived back in London from the north on the 31st.

Frederick John Robinson had been created Viscount Goderich in April 1827 and became Prime Minister on 31st August 1827. He didn't last much longer in office than Canning, his government falling on 21st January 1828. The Duke of Wellington then finally got his hands on the position!

So, what were they talking about at Longshaw in late August 1827? What may have been plotted? Were grouse the main topic of conversation? Were they merely reviewing Rutland's ideas and plans to expand his house and estate? Somehow we may doubt that. No emails then. Coaches and riders must have been very busy conveying communications back and forth along the turnpikes in all directions. 3 weeks without a Prime Minister. Think how that would have been news today, and it was then too.

That's the bare bones of it. There's a lot more that could have been told at the time. There's probably a lot archived away in various libraries and record offices.

Moving forward, the Prince and Princess of Wales stayed at Longshaw in August 1875 and also enjoyed some good shooting. It would be another 26 years before he became King Edward VII.

There's more to be found so all the above is subject to revision. Plenty of food for thought and research?

Chris Morgan
Volunteer with National Trust at Longshaw

I've now seen proof that the Duke of Rutland bought the Shooting box and upwards of 200 acres of arable, pasture and planted land abounding with game of all sorts and rabbits from Mr Tricket of Wilby near Doncaster. It was so advertised on 18th March 1825 as adjoining the Duke's reserves of grouse so he already had land in that area.

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Robert Tricket purchased land between 1808 and 1812 and a shooting box may have been built by 1814. He was probably the father of the man who sold it to the Duke.

The chapel at Longshaw was dedicated by the Rev Ravenscroft Stewart of London in August 1891.

New Woodland Path

Rangers at Longshaw are preparing to open a new path for older people and visitors with wheelchairs and pushchairs. The new family-friendly trail should be open from May, and will take visitors who might struggle on a longer walk on a half kilometre route from the car park through Lodge Woods, passing the remains of a Victorian ice house, and over two new rustic bridges.

“The new trail will be readily accessible for young children and people with limited mobility who might not ordinarily have the chance to explore a woodland with a stream, and see all the wildlife associated with it,” said Rachel Bennett, Lead Ranger for the National Trust at Longshaw.

The woods at Longshaw include trees planted in the past by estate staff, such as beech, firs and sycamore not native to the area, some of which have started to die and struggle after climate change has turned once-dry areas of woodland much wetter. Some trees have also been damaged by the Longshaw grey squirrel population.

“Adolescent grey squirrels who have no territory seem to take their frustration out by gnawing bark, and sometimes ‘ring barking’ all the way round, which can kill off a tree or a branch,” said ranger Chris Milner.

Around twenty trees have been removed or cut back near the new path and around a children’s play and den building area, and an old squirrel-gnawed beech hedge will be replaced by hundreds of hazels, hawthorns and hollies, all native upland Peak District species. Ten more beech trees were removed near paths and tracks, with species like willow and alder (which should cope better with wetter soil) to be planted nearby.

In a more natural English woodland



Path and tree work at Longshaw: Ranger Rachel Bennett (right) and colleague Helen Tuck on the new path under construction in Lodge Woods

fallen trees leave gaps of sunlight for flowers and insects to thrive along with new seedlings from the fallen tree, and staff are aiming to replicate that process with a mixture of younger and older trees in the estate’s woods which will encourage a wide variety of birds, insects and flowers - and squirrels.

David Bocking

Friends of the Botanical Gardens

Forthcoming plant sales this year:

Spring plant sale 30th April, 11am-3pm
Plus 2nd hand books, cards and refreshments.

Summer plant sale 25th June, 2-4pm

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Sales in the Greenhouse adjacent to the Education Centre, Thompson Road Entrance (off Ecclesall Road)

Can we talk?

That’s one thing we’re very happy to do at the Conversation Club for women who want to improve their English and make new friends.

I started as a volunteer at the Club, Tuesdays, 1-3pm, held at the Michael United Reformed Church, Lowedges Road, about 18 months ago and I love it. I was nervous at first but it’s so enjoyable. The women who come, of many different nationalities, are friendly and often inspirational. The first few times, I just washed up and mostly kept quiet, but I soon felt at home. Now I chat (and listen!) with the best of them.

We often have a visiting lady speaker; from crafts to childcare, money management to mental health, baking to beauty and belly dancing! Anything and everything can provide opportunities for learning about English language and culture. (If you have any skills you would be willing to share with a small appreciative audience, we would love to hear from you.)

I have also enjoyed finding out more about other countries and cultures - and tasting some delicious food when we have international meals.

If you are from another country and would like to join us, please just come along on a Tuesday afternoon or contact us on the details given below. You would be very welcome. We are part of the Terminus Initiative and our regular activities are free of charge.

If you think you might be interested in helping us as a female volunteer, even if only occasionally, we would also be delighted to hear from you. We have particular need at the moment of assistant Crèche volunteer helpers (with mainly pre-school children from other countries) but welcome all offers of help. We can arrange for you to come along and see what we do – no obligation. I’m confident you will love it as much as I do though!

Jill Wagg

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A Garden Makeover

Tucked away behind the lily pond in Whirlowbrook Park is a garden well worth a visit. Seven years ago this part of the lovely park was a wasteland, full of bramble, nettle and debris. The pond and its feeder channels were totally silted up. The Victorian rock garden was covered in weeds. The woodland paths were hidden by fallen branches. Adults who as children had enjoyed playing hide and seek in the garden and building dens in the woodland were now keeping their own children away. I expect you have guessed the reason for the decline!

Back in the early twentieth century the owner of Whirlowbrook Hall used to employ up to eight gardeners. The City Council could never hope to match that figure but they did have a sizeable team based there until the cuts started to bite. The current team of six have responsibility for four parks, four housing estates and nine other open spaces, so it is no wonder that things got neglected. And although many Sheffield parks now have a friends' group helping with maintenance, there is no such group at Whirlowbrook.

Things started to change in 2010. Sheffield University of the Third Age (SU3A) were looking for a way of commemorating their silver jubilee in 2011. We visited the park, thinking that we might plant a tree or donate a bench, and had the good fortune to bump into two of the Council gardeners. We explained our ideas and they took us over to the derelict area by the lily pond. This would make a wonderful woodland garden, they said, and they could help us with the design and clearing the land.

The seed was sown and several months later we had all the approvals in place, a planting plan and an enthusiastic group of members willing to get stuck in. It was designated as a commemorative garden, with all the plants to be donated by U3A members in memory of loved ones and the donations duly recorded in an illustrated book.

The first task was to get rid of some huge laurel bushes, some dying shrubs and of course all the nettle and bramble. Danny from Parks brought a small digger and the laurels were literally towed out of the ground! Once the ground was clear and dug over the paths were marked out. By this time the donations were starting to come in and we were able to plant up each of four areas in the following four years.

Bulbs and ground-cover plants were added as and when resources allowed. The soil is mainly slightly acid, so azalea, camellia, magnolia, pieris and rhododendron do really well, but we also have hellebore, hydrangea, cornus, tree peony, weigelia. Spring and autumn bulbs are gradually establishing themselves but sadly for us the rabbits make short work of any crocus!

Now that most of the heavy work is over we enjoy maintaining the garden and we also look after surrounding areas:



Above: Routine U3A maintenance at Whirlowbrook Gardens.

Left: A colourful show of Primulas

one of the many benches? By August the proposed cafe may be up and running in the former shelter half way up the drive. And if you feel inspired to join our friendly SU3A group please contact Shelagh Woolliscroft on 255 8948 or shelagh.woolliscroft@gmail.com



The Wildlife Garden

Many of you will have seen last year's Autumnwatch and this year's Springwatch on TV. These excellent programs make us aware of our wonderful countryside, its wildlife and the amazing work done on nature reserves to establish good habitats for threatened species. The presenter, Chris Packham, is extremely knowledgeable and clearly explains the often complicated lives of plants and animals in their efforts to survive.

Some of you will also have taken part in the Great British Birdwatch which is organised by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). The final results show whether and where birds are increasing or decreasing in numbers and the possible reasons why.

My daughter and I did the Birdwatch on different days and, whilst usually the birds seem to know what we are doing and, frustratingly, keep away, this year we saw plenty and both of us had the joy of a small flock of Waxwings which were resting on an overhanging Silver Birch tree.

Generally, there have been less Greenfinches, Bluetits and Starlings than in recent years, but we have lots of Goldfinches and Blackbirds, together with visits from Siskins, Bullfinches, a Goldcrest on a nearby conifer and, currently, a pair of Woodpeckers visiting the feeders every day. It is important to feed birds and provide water. The Blackbirds are using the water dish for

the Japanese rock garden, the pond-side and the woodland that leads up to the Hall. We can be found working there on two Wednesday mornings a month, cum rain or shine, (though it must be said that on a sleety morning in January we might only manage half an hour before needing to thaw out in the gardeners' hut over a mug of hot coffee!)

We weed, sweep and prune during the summer, then gather leaves, clear the water courses and generally keep the garden tidy in the winter. Planting and feeding takes place in spring and autumn. By mulching regularly with chipped bark we are controlling the weeds and conserving moisture.

Twice a year we clear silt and rubbish from the lily pond and for this we are joined by other SU3A members, the Council's rangers, volunteers from Abbeydale Rotary, and Saxon Hotels (the tenants of Whirlowbrook Hall). This exercise results in mountains of sludgy rubbish which are taken away by our friends in the Parks department.

May and June are the best months in the garden, so why not come and have a wander round, or relax with a book on

a bath, but it is good to see them splashing at the edge of the ponds too. We should discourage Grey Squirrels, though. They do a great deal of harm to trees and have driven our native Red Squirrels out of most of the British Isles. My spring wild flowers have looked lovely this year and are all spreading and finding new places to grow. The Winter Aconites come first, followed in Feb/Mar by Primroses, Lungwort and Snowdrops, all of which were visited by early bees. By March, the Lesser Celandines, Wood Sorrel and Daffodils were blooming and, later, Wood Anemones as well.

I have only recently become aware that Snowdrops are not native to Britain, but were introduced from France and Germany by the Victorians. I believe that mine are, at least, the original European natives, but there are now many cultivated varieties, some of which are very "spectacular" . . . so much so that clumps of them are being stolen from gardens and sold on at inflated prices. Whichever way I look at this, "greedy", "pathetic" and "ridiculous" are some of the words which spring to mind; frankly, it beggars belief.

On Sky News recently, the subject of Spring came up and "the lovely daffodils", but the presenter, Sarah-Jane Mee, said that they smell horrible. I checked my wild ones and, whilst it was not a strong smell, it was certainly not horrible - quite sweet, in fact. About that time, my daughter received a large bunch of several varieties of daffodils and they

did smell really awful, so much so that they had to be removed from the room. I much prefer the wild, indigenous ones with under-stated pale yellow flowers.

By the end of March, the delicate white flowers appeared on a recently-planted Blackthorn shrub. It looks spectacular where it is used for hedging on farmland throughout the Yorkshire Wolds and in Derbyshire. The leaves come later and it supports a considerable variety of wildlife, also providing a safe haven for birds.

In early April, the Hawthorn trees and hedges suddenly become that lovely fresh green colour. I now have four trees and they support more wildlife than all other trees in this country, apart from our English Oak. I have a very old Midland Hawthorn which was planted before we lived here, which has deep pink blossom, but all the others are the native white blossom variety. Our native trees are so important to the environment and to our own health. They clean the air, purify the soil, support a wide variety of pollinators and other species/organisms - some of them very rare or even specific to the tree - and help stop flooding and soil erosion.

We are all aware that advertisements can be very persuasive, but I have no respect for garden centres which show pretty wild flowers in their adverts and, while you might find a packet of wildflower seeds, if you search for them, the rest of the store is full of imported cultivated plants and the chemical fertilisers to make them grow!

I am also singularly unimpressed with the adverts from lawn care companies. The company name often includes the word "green" which I think can only apply to the fact that grass is that colour, rather than anything to do with the actual health of the lawn and the soil in which it grows. One company will "paint" your grass green with a pigment that will give you instant and quite long-lasting perfectly green grass and yet, allegedly, "does no harm". Really? Another promises a green, weed-free lawn which your neighbours will envy. Oh, please!! Neither shows a responsible attitude towards the health of our environment.

In the shadier area of my garden, I now have some new chairs and a little "coffee table" made from recycled wood pallets by my gardener. They have been treated with a completely environmentally-safe preservative from Canada where it is used to preserve the log cabins in their forests. I am delighted with the chairs - they look just right at the top of my garden and I look forward to enjoying a cup of tea there (after a gardening session) during the Summer - weather permitting, of course!

Finally, a quote from Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring":

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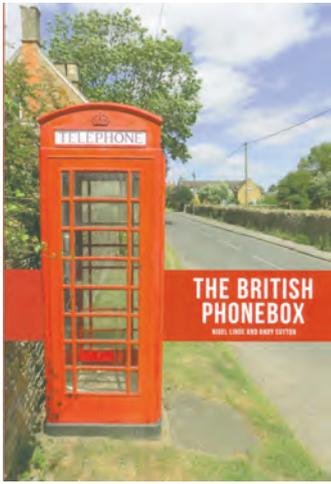
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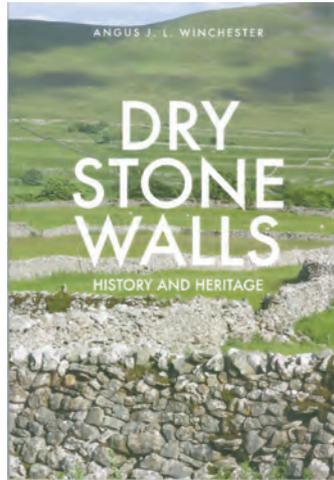
If anyone mentions a phonebox in a conversation, then ten to one it will be the iconic red box that comes to mind. But this was not the first British phonebox, nor the last. Now a generously illustrated new book by Nigel Linge and Andy Sutton looks at the history and evolution of the British phonebox through all of its major models, including those that have been given a new lease of life as something completely different, and finally at the exciting new designs that are intended to extend the life of the phonebox well into the twenty-first century.

The British phonebox or, more correctly kiosk, began life as the silence cabinet in the late 1800s, but started to establish itself firmly as part of the landscape in the 1920s when the first standardised K1 model was introduced. However, it was the K2 design by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, and then his more numerous K6 design, that established the now familiar and iconic red box on our streets. Today the mobile-phone generation have probably never stepped inside a phonebox, let alone used one. Nevertheless, there they

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remain as an essential part of what makes Britain, Britain!

The British Phonebox is published by Amberley Books in paperback, 96 pages price £14.99 ISBN 9781445663081



Ask anyone what is the defining feature of the White Peak and the chances are they will say the dry stone walls. Yet no two stone walls are the same, determined by when they were built, why they were built and the materials from which they were made. Large boulders pulled to the edge of cultivated land, clearance of stones to improve cultivation or stone quarried deliberately. Now a new book seeks to answer the questions as to why they were built and the history they reveal. It begins by tracing the history of dry stone walls from medieval times to the present. The standard form of most dry stone walls probably dates from Tudor times but the great era of wall-building in the uplands took place comparatively recently, in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

There are numerous regional variations: 'Galloway dykes' in south-west Scotland; stone slab fences, found from Orkney to mid-Wales; 'consumption' walls, built to absorb vast quantities of stone from the fields. The book then moves on to consider dry stone walls as part of Britain's cultural heritage. The walls themselves contain evidence of why they were built and how they functioned as part of the hill farming system. Sometimes they even preserve information about their builders and owners or evidence of lost features in the landscape.

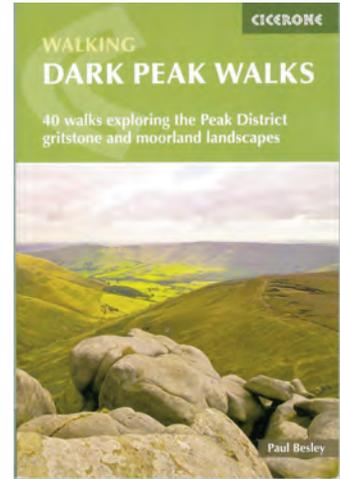
Dry Stone Walls is published by Amberley Books in paperback, 96 pages price £14.99 ISBN 781445651484

The beauty of the gritstone Dark Peak is a distinct magnet to walkers from the conurbations which surround it. Now a new book by volunteer Peak Ranger Paul Besley offers guides to 35 circular half and full day walks from 8km to 19km along with 5 longer routes of 25km to 45km. As you would expect from Cicerone, each walk is clearly detailed including distance, terrain and local

points of interest. Some walks are easy, some more challenging, providing a range of difficulties for all.

Treading these you will be able to feast on the areas dramatic scenery varying as it does with the seasons, catch a glimpse of man's footprint from archaeological sites to sadly derelict industrial remains from not so long ago and discover some fascinating local stories. This is an excellent if thick pocked guide, illustrated in colour with OS extract maps of the walks it contains.

Dark Peak Walks is published by Cicerone Press in paperback, 224 pages, price £12.95 ISBN 9781852845193



Over the last decade in particular, we have seen a dramatic decline in the number of public houses as they struggle financially to keep up with changing public tastes and the profit motive of group holdings. Just in time a new book reflects on some of the pubs we have lost and the fate of their buildings or land they were on. With over 100 colour images (some published for the first time), it tries to find the exact locations of demolished drinking establishments to produce a then and now format book.

Places like the Broughton Inn which was sited where the corner of the Sheffield Motorpoint Arena car park now stands - The Hole in the Wall now literally, itself, a hole in the wall just before the Wicker. The Beehive in Wadsley, now a Tesco supermarket, which the last landlady stated was the very reason for the closure - cheap alcohol.

Other now defunct old pubs are being used as businesses, turned into apartments, flats and houses. A prime example is the Haychatter Inn in Bradfield which is now a private dwelling known as the Haychatter House. The list within the book is in alphabetical order A to L of Sheffield public houses. List M to Y will be in volume two

Closing Times is published in A4 portrait, 116 pages full colour throughout, cost £10 from Waterstones, Sheffield Scene, WH Smith or email mliversidge@pickards.org.uk or Telephone 0114 275 7222 ext 512

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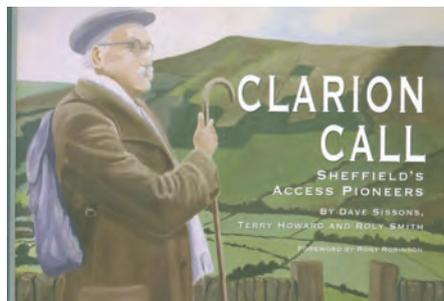


Sad to say the Sheffield Clarion Ramblers are no more, overtaken by time and fashion, but a new book now celebrates Sheffield's place in the fight for access to the Peak District moors. Written by Dave Sissons, Terry Howard and Roly Smith, all committed local access campaigners for many years, the book includes many previously-unseen photographs of the early days of the group and their charismatic leader GHB Ward.

These photographs show the men in their Sunday suits and women in long dresses and hats, all wearing hob-nailed boots, on rambles organised by the Clarion Club, one of the first working class rambling clubs in the country, founded by Ward in 1900. Many of the

photographs are linked with actual walks as recorded in the famous and now avidly-collected Clarion Club Handbooks, which Ward single-handedly edited for 50 years. The book also records the leading role in the fight for access to mountain and moorland which Sheffield has played over the years.

This is a fascinating book for anyone interested in the history of rambling and the key characters involved. **Clarion Call** is available from local bookshops and information centres price £7.99. ISBN 9780993539329



East Peak Outdoors 2017

This year's annual East Peak Outdoors walking festival will take place from 17th - 25th June 2017.

This is an East Peak Innovation Partnership project aimed at celebrating the outstanding natural environment surrounding the East Peak area of Penistone, Denby Dale, Kirkburton and

North Sheffield. The festival has proved popular with both novice and experienced walkers wanting to enjoy the area's fabulous views, contrasting countryside, industrial heritage and attractive towns and villages.

The walks are led by local volunteers keen to share knowledge and experience of local walks, enabling participants to discover a wide variety of local heritage, natural history and wildlife. All walks are FREE OF CHARGE. However any parking charges will need to be made where applicable.

A full programme of the festival walks is published at: www.epip.org.uk/leader-2015-2019/east-peak-outdoors-2016.php

Classic & Performance Car Show

Dore Club, Townhead Road, Dore, once again hosts the Dore Classic Car Show as part of the opening weekend of the Dore Festival on July 1st from 1pm.

It's when the locals can bring out their gleaming pride and joy for all to see. There'll be the usual mix of interesting modern classics, high-performance sports cars and some very special old rarities, plus the motorbike section. The club bar will be open with its real ales for the spectators.

Any readers interested in displaying their vehicles please contact Dore Club via president@doreclub.co.uk for details.

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More local events

Bradway Agewell Leisure Club

Meet on the first Tuesday in the month at The South Sheffield Evangelical Church, Greenhill Parkway (next to fire station) Coffee and biscuits are served from 09.45am to 10.10am, followed by a talk from an invited speaker between 10.20am and 11.30am. Visitors £4 admission. New members welcome.

June 6th. Antiques - Talk and valuations by Vivienne Milburn.

July 4th. Urban Myth? Sheffield's underground passages – Talk by Ron Clayton

Aug 1st. The lives of Laurel and Hardy - Talk by John Burton

More information from Stuart Sawyer. Tel. 236 9830

Bradway Community Association

June 3rd. Crazy Card Night

June 4th. Ramble

July 1st. Summer Garden Party

July 2nd. Ramble

Aug 6th. May Ramble

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

Walks: Peter Smithson 236 9876

Social Secretary Jean Hunter 236 4922.

Totley (M) Townswomen's Guild

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

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

June 20th. The Three Queens. Talk by Murray Wilson

July 18th. High Street to 'I' Street. Talk by Suzanne Bingham.

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

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

Dore Gibert & Sullivan Society

July 1st. Summer Concert at 7:30pm Dore Church Hall, Townhead Road, S17 3GA. Tickets £7 each from Derek Habberjam Tel 0114 236 2299.

Totley History Group

May 24th. Refractories and Ganister Mining: the Forgotten Industries. Talk by Graham Shepherd.

June 28th. Days of Sunshine and Rain: Peak District Rambling in the 1920s. Talk by Ann Beedham.

Meetings 7.30pm at Totley Library.

www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk



Sheffield & District Orchid Society

Annual Show

Sunday May 28th

10.30am - 4pm

Cavendish Hall, Edensor,
Chatsworth Estate, DE45 1PJ

John Wade Singers

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

Friends of the Botanical Gardens

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

Volunteers working days continue on Wednesdays throughout the year

Holmesfield Flower Club

May 17th Demonstration of flower arranging by Jo Marshall (NAFAS Area demonstrator entitled "Summer Love". Visitors £8, members £4 includes refreshments. The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening.

June 21st Evening Workshop with tutor Jean Wilson entitled "Summer Begins". Visitors £4, includes refreshments. Contact Sandra for further details and list of materials required: 01709 541187.

July 18th Demonstration of flower arranging by Roma Berridge (NAFAS Area Demonstrator) entitled "Hop, Skip, Jump". Visitors £8, members £4 includes refreshments. The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening

Meetings at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield, S18 7WZ – ample parking. Tickets available at the door. All are welcome.

British Cactus & Succulent Society

June 3rd & 4th. Annual Show Sheffield Branch - Sheffield Botanical Gardens Sat 12noon-5pm & Sun 10am-4pm. Free admission, plant sales & tombola. Contact Mike Thewles 0114 255 1756 or you can visit www.sheffield.bcss.org.uk

The Sheffield branch meets on the second Friday monthly at 7.30 pm in the Scout Headquarters on Trippet Lane, Sheffield 1

Friends of Sheffield Manor Lodge:

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

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

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

www.fosml.org.uk

Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet

May 13th & 14th Festival Forge. See blacksmiths forge hot metal! Our exciting gathering of traditional crafts and skills and have-a-go activities. Watch the four waterwheels turn as part of National Mills Weekend.

May 31st Make your own stick monster.

June 25th Women Engineers History Trail. Marking International Women in Engineering Day.

July 23rd UK Homefront present a Living History weekend revealing life during the Second World War.

Singers Unlimited

May 13th. Songs from the Shows, concert, Lecture Theatre, Tupton Hall on Shore Lane, at 7.30pm featuring songs from West Side Story, Les Miserables, Showboat, High Society and Kiss Me Kate as well as the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein, Ivor Novello, George Gershwin - and more! In aid of Macmillan. Tickets £15, incl refreshments from 01142 365 740 or singers.unlimited@hotmail.com

Friends of Gillfield Wood

May 15th: Water Voles of Derbyshire, an illustrated talk by Christine Gregory. Totley library, Baslow Road at 7:30pm.

May 8th, 15th and 22nd: Woodland & Hedgerow Workshops with Paul Ardron & Barry Wright as part of the Phase 2 activities.

May 28th: Practical Conservation Morning with Sheffield Ranger Services.

June 5th: Woodland & Hedgerow Workshops from 10:30am to 1:30pm with Paul Ardron & Barry Wright as part of the Phase 2 activities.

July 23rd: Practical Conservation Morning with Sheffield Ranger Services.

Aug 1st: Bird Walk with Chris Measures.
For Practical Conservation sessions meet 10am at the bus terminus, Baslow Road, Totley. Please check website at www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com - for any late changes.



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Friends of Ecclesall Woods

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Totley Probus Club

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Rise Methodist Church for 2 hours each
second and fourth Wednesday each
month. We have guest speakers who give
talks on a variety of subjects and also
have occasional lunches and days out.

May 24th - Prehistoric England.
Speaker Pat McLaughlin

June 14th - Bees, Wasps, & Ants.
Speaker John Kirkman

June 28th - Why Hitler. Speaker
Richard Wimpenny

July 12th - The NHS Then & Now.
Speaker Dr. Andrew Raftery

July 26th - Waterways of the Russian
Tsars. Speaker Melvyn Cook

August 9th - An Unexpected Family
History. Speaker Silvia Atkinson

August 23rd - Route 66. Speaker
Richard Booth

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

Totley Rise Methodist Church

Community Activities

Sheffield Citizens Advice Bureau

A free advice service on personal and
community issues, including benefits,

employment, housing, debt, relationships
etc. No booking necessary - it is a free
walk-in service on Tuesdays at 10am to
12 noon in the Totley Rise Methodist
Church Centre.

Tuesday Coffee Morning

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

Knit, Natter, Craft and Chatter

Meets in the Church Lounge every
Tuesday between noon and 3pm. Bring
your own packed lunch. A variety of
activities. Maxine, the organiser, says
that all the ladies love coming. Men are
also welcome. You can stay for as long as
you like up to three hours. We offer tea,
coffee, biscuits and, most importantly,
friendship.

Lego Walk

A walking group for those who enjoy a
day out in the countryside with friends.
Meets every second Friday of the month
and a typical walk is about 8 miles with
pace and terrain carefully chosen!

Lunch break is planned to take account
of the season. A half day walk before or
after lunch is often possible. Call Terry
on 0114 236 7746

Tuesday Ladies

Listen to talks or take part in a wide
variety of events for ladies. The group
meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month
at 8pm. For more information call Janet
Savage on 0114 236 9002

Kirkman on 0114 236 1971

Pushchair Club

For Mums, Dads, Grandparents and

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

Messy Church

Watch your children enjoy crafts, games
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Light refreshments served. Suitable for
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Generally every 2nd Saturday of the
month between 3pm - 5pm.

Contact Rachel Wilson on 07912
352543 or rachel-trm@yahoo.com for
details and how to book.

Little Lights A chance for
Mums/carers, babies and pre-school
children to meet for songs, fun, snacks
and crafts all based on a bible story.
Wednesdays 1.30pm-2.30pm during term
time. Contact Rachel on 07912 352543
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garden plant and easily hybridises with our native variety. The result is fewer native bluebells and more Spanish and hybrid bluebells with a paler complexion, stouter stance and less scent.

Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust is asking the general public to help map the spread of these Spanish bluebells and their hybrids which will allow them to direct their conservation efforts to protecting important native bluebell populations. To get involved, all you have to do is visit your local woodland and use the Trust's handy bluebell ID guide to tell the difference between native, Spanish and hybrid varieties. When you see a bluebell, take a close-up photo and upload it to the Trust's bluebell map – you will be helping to protect Sheffield's native bluebell woods for years to come!

The project is part of the Trust's Nature Counts initiative, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, which aims to promote citizen science by training, educating, guiding and inspiring more people to record wildlife sightings around Sheffield.

Sara Blackburn, Project Coordinator for Nature Counts, said: "A bluebell carpet in an ancient woodland is one of the most

wonderful sights of the British countryside. We want people to get out there and not only enjoy them but help us ensure that they are around for future generations.

For more information, including where to spot bluebells, what to look out for (including the bluebell ID guide), how to submit your findings and the Trust's special programme of bluebell events, please visit wildsheffield.com/bluebells

What else can you do to protect native bluebells?

Buy British: if you're planting new bluebells in your garden, make sure that they are of the native variety. Be careful – some bulbs are incorrectly labelled. If possible, ask for advice or check the country of origin – bulbs coming from Europe are most likely Spanish plants.

Get rid of invasives: if you do have Spanish bluebells in your garden, why not replace them with native British bluebells? They're perfect for bees and butterflies and carry a wonderful scent that the Spanish bluebells lack.

Compost carefully: if you do uproot Spanish plants, it's essential that you dispose of them carefully. Dig up the whole plant, including the bulb and leaves, and leave it to dry out. Don't throw it in the green waste bin as this could allow the plants to spread to other areas. Instead, tie them in a black plastic bag and leave them for a year to rot down.

Join Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust. Find out more at wildsheffield.com Did you know?

Bluebells are protected by law by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – with a hefty £5,000 fine for digging up native bluebells.

According to Plantlife, sightings of Spanish bluebells have increased by 52 per cent in the past 15 years, and those of hybrid bluebells have risen by 55 per cent, with many sightings found in urban areas like Sheffield and Rotherham.

The unique supply of light and damp of healthy woodland allows native bluebells to flower for a fleeting month usually between late-April and late-May.

Native bluebells take at least five years to grow from seed to bulb and typically take 35 years to spread just 50 metres.



An early source of nectar for bees

Norton's Flying Legacy

The project to record the story of RFC Coal Aston, Norton, continues with research by group members now well underway. We have set up a drop box account which has already attracted considerable content.

Group members are currently researching the vintage aviation journals (The Aeroplane & Flight, for example), whilst others are searching the local archives, collections and online sources and newspapers which are extending the site's story well beyond WW1 into the inter-war period and the airfield's role in peace-time Sheffield and beyond.

This use includes the remarkable Painted Fabrics - a project used for rehabilitation for wounded WW1 veterans. A major research visit to the National Archives at Kew is now scheduled for early May which looks to yield results to further expand the story of this fascinating site.

This HLF-fund project is open to anyone with an interest in the area and the era. To find out more email info@hallamec.plus.com

The top to bottom of local Rugby.

Sheffield Ladies promoted, Sheffield Men secure tough playoff spot, and Tigers take it to the wire.

As the rugby season comes to its close, Sheffield Ladies were already the league champions going into their last game, however, they were chasing a new milestone of being unbeaten all the season and they didn't disappoint, beating Sefton Ladies 19-0 at home to finish the season in style.

They now head up to the Championship North 1 Division, the second tier of the national leagues cementing their position as the highest positioned rugby team in

Sheffield. Their impressive record of Played 16, Won 16, with 590 points for, just 78 against and scoring bonus points in half their games, this is a season record any team would be proud of, well done Ladies that was an absolutely stunning season.

Also at Abbeydale Park the Sheffield men's 1st XV have spent the majority of the season in the top two places and as it all came down to the last game on the 22nd of April, the top three sides in Midland 3 were separated by just four points. Sheffield came out victors beating Bridgenorth 24 - 3 and cemented a very tough playoff game against Rossendale; who only lost their first two matches and then both fixtures against

their leagues' run away leaders the unbeaten Huddersfield.

Sheffield Tigers up the road at Dore Moor had a pretty miserable start to the season in National 2 North until they fired their head coach in February and their fortunes brightened, This new glimmer of hope produced a 75% win rate for their closing fixtures, digging them off the bottom of the league and putting them just out of the relegation zone but still only one point clear. Their last game away at Luctonians, Hereford is a must win match without relying on other results Tiger must secure at least four points to save their season and avoid relegation.

Richard Joel