

Bradway Bugle

In and around Bradway, Greenhill, Dore & Totley

Stepping out to Mend Our Mountains

Intrepid walkers braved the rain to explore the Peak District National Park's iconic Great Ridge – and launch the next phase of a major fundraising campaign.

The Peak District National Park is working with the British Mountaineering Council (BMC) and other UK national parks in the Mend Our Mountains: Make One Million campaign, which aims to raise £1 million for vital path-repair projects across the UK.

At the opening event in March, the Peak District National Park chief executive Sarah Fowler urged people to help protect special landscapes.

She said: "This campaign is about connecting people to places and caring for landscapes. We are standing in the footprints of those who, decades ago, campaigned for national parks to be created. National Parks and, importantly, the paths and routes we use tell the heritage stories of our nation. They are for all to enjoy together and, hopefully, inspire people to give back."

In the Peak District National Park, £140,000 is needed to fund path repairs on the Great Ridge, between Mam Tor

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Yorkshire Photographic Union - Exhibition

Sheffield Photographic Society is hosting the Yorkshire Photographic Union Annual Exhibition 2018 at Channing Hall, Surrey Street S1 2LG from 5th to 18th May 2018 where trophy winning and selected images from photographic clubs and societies from throughout Yorkshire will be on display.

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Who is keeping an eye on you ?



Peak District National Park access and rights of way manager Mike Rhodes explaining the importance of path repairs, to intrepid walkers who braved the rain on the iconic Great Ridge, to launch the next phase of a major fundraising campaign.

Buses For Sheffield

The Sheffield Bus Partnership has now become Buses for Sheffield. Buses for Sheffield brings all bus services under a new, common identity to re-engage the people of Sheffield with their local bus services and encourage bus use.

The aim is to promote Sheffield's bus service and encourage more people to catch the bus, under one common identity and unified voice. This will be done by simplifying ticket and service information, and helping customers to understand how the bus can be a viable alternative to using a car.

Key initiatives include introducing 44 new low-emission 'Euro VI' vehicles; upgrading 117 existing buses to meet the latest Euro VI engine emission standards; producing an integrated map to show Sheffield's high frequency services; improving customer consultation on any proposed route or major timetable changes; developing a single point of contact for customers; and coordinated on street traffic management.

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50th Anniversary Celebration

Sir Harold Jackson and Bradway Primary School

We had a wonderful 50th anniversary celebration on Thursday 22nd March, marking exactly 50 years since the school officially opened in 1968 as Sir Harold Jackson Primary. We recreated the original opening ceremony and invited previous teachers, governors and pupils to speak about their memories of the school. There were school tours in the afternoon for ex-pupils who wanted to have a look around the school.

Everybody was very complementary about the facilities that the school now offers and of course there were many comments about how things have changed over the years.

The school was originally named after Sir Harold Jackson who was chairman of the Sheffield Education Committee for fifty years and who was also Lord Mayor of Sheffield. The school opened to pupils in September 1967 but was not officially opened until 22nd March 1968 with a total of 330 children then attending.

In 2009 the name changed to Bradway Primary School in order to better reflect the school's close relationship with the community of Bradway.

There will be an afternoon picnic celebration on Friday 13th July 2018. All ex-pupils and staff are welcome to attend what should be a fun filled afternoon.

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Editorial

By the time you read this, the local elections will be over and our new representatives will have been elected, or re-elected. Our councillors have an established job to do, but what our Mayor for the Sheffield City Region will do (if anything) remains to be seen. Probably he or she will be just another tier in our failing democratic structure, moving our 'leaders' yet further from the people they are supposed to serve and the burningly obvious inequalities around us.

Talking of which I am attracted to the arguments presented in Robert Smith's article on page 16. He suggests that senior citizens could save this country by tackling the tasks they are eminently suited to.

Time for us mature citizens (sounds better than senior) to perhaps launch a pensioners party (political not celebration) or form ourselves into a limited company. Now that's a thought.

Looking elsewhere in our pages it seems we are on a health trip with articles on cycling, running and walking, alongside coverage of Peak District issues. With summer coming there is plenty to get out and see and plenty to care about, from badgers to bees.

One thing we tend to forget is the pressure and sheer wear on the Peak District landscape caused by its numerous visitors. It takes time and costs money to maintain facilities and to keep things looking good. As an example, our front page picture and related story, serves to highlight the impact of growing football on popular footpaths.

On a more positive note, as you would expect from our usual eccentric mix, we also take a refreshing look at beer festivals, visiting dinosaurs and delve into Bradway's recent past.

Enjoy!

John Baker, Editor

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Bus Services

The 218 bus from Sheffield to Bakewell via Totley had a timetable change at the end of April. As well as the usual improved Sunday service for the summer tourist season, the scheduled journey time between Sheffield Interchange and Totley has been increased to reflect the growing number of delays being encountered on Abbeydale Road because of traffic congestion.

Additionally the evening trip has been cancelled due to patronage being too low to be financially viable. (The daytime service operates commercially).

The more eagle eyed among you will have spotted the 'Buses for Sheffield' logo that has appeared on the front of many First and Stagecoach buses in Sheffield including those on the 24 and 25 to Bradway.

This is a new initiative of the Sheffield bus partnership with the various operators working together to promote the City's total bus network.

The soft launch has been about advertising the Citywide passes for travel on any bus or tram regardless of operator. However from the end of May there will be some timetable changes and the full 'Buses for Sheffield' launch will happen with new network maps and other improvements to information and ticketing.

Despite this there are still some cheaper offers for specific operators, for example on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays. Stagecoach continue to run their 'five for a fiver' group travel deal on their buses within Sheffield and Dronfield. Tickets for this are available from the bus driver or on the Stagecoach bus app.

Information on all public transport in Sheffield can be found at www.travelsouthyorkshire.com.

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Parkinson's Awareness

Each year the charity, Parkinson's UK, continues its incredible work to ensure that they use their annual event each April to reach more people that are affected by the condition – directly or through a loved one – and raise funds to provide better treatments, through ever more vital research.

Parkinson's disease is indiscriminate. It affects one in 500 people – that's just short of 130,000 people in the UK, and up to 14 million people worldwide.

There are three key symptoms of Parkinson's: an involuntary shaking movement in one or more parts of the body; stiff or inflexible muscles; and slower or less co-ordinated body movement.

If you think that you or a loved one have these signs, get in touch with your doctor immediately – it's something that can thankfully be managed by doctors, and you can continue to live a great quality of life.

Parkinson's Sheffield Branch offers information, friendship and support to local people with Parkinson's, their families and carers. They also organise regular events and social activities such as dance and singing to improve movement and balance.

You are welcome to join them and meet other people affected by Parkinson's in your area.

Local volunteer coordinator is Rose Crawley 0344 225 3634 rcrawley@parkinsons.org.uk

Life's mysteries:

Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?

Editorial & Advertising

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The YPU Exhibition is held at a different venue in the County each year and for the first time in over 50 years it is being held in Sheffield. Formed in 1899, the Yorkshire Photographic Union is the oldest regional photographic organisation in the UK, comprising of 73 Yorkshire clubs, each with 20 to 100 members.

The Exhibition is a wonderful showcase of the work of amateur photographers, many of whom are award winning and critically acclaimed for their photography. Last year there were almost 1400 print and 1700 digital images submitted. With only 200 print and 200 digital images selected by an independent panel of judges for the exhibition. Many of these images will go on to represent Yorkshire at national level and in turn at international level

Sheffield Photographic Society has a bumper entry with over 250 images submitted. The categories include land/seascape, portrait, travel, nature and wildlife, altered reality, action and architecture in both colour and monochrome. There is something for everyone with every genre of photography represented to enthuse and inspire visitors to the exhibition.

John Ferretti, President of Sheffield Photographic Society 2017/18 said "Members of the Sheffield Photographic Society have worked hard to raise sponsorship and bring the exhibition to Sheffield and we are very proud and excited to be hosting it.. Some of the best known independent local companies



Great Grey Owl, Finland - Judy Smith

have got behind us and we are very grateful for their support."

The Society, which meets each Tuesday at St Peter's Church, Reney Avenue, Greenhill, has almost 100 members.

The Exhibition is free and members of the general public are welcome. Stewards will be on hand during the day to answer questions or discuss photography in general.

Opening Hours: 7 to 18 May 11am – 4pm Closed Sundays

Further information at www.ypu.org.uk

Open Up 2018

Artists and makers in Sheffield have once again been opening their studios to the public and there is still an opportunity to visit some over the weekend of 12th to 13th May.

This is an chance to visit artists' and makers' private studios that are not normally open to the public and to discover the local talent of Sheffield-based creatives.

There is a wide variety of subject matter, styles of work, materials and presentations to appeal to everyone. Even if you have visited a studio previously this is a chance to see how personal projects have developed, look at new work and new dimensions with materials. There is usually work for sale but there is no pressure to buy.

Entry to the studios is free and the details are listed in the free Open Up Sheffield brochure which is available in libraries, local shops, galleries, art groups, community and garden centres. The brochure will give you all the information you need including times, dates and directions with information about the artists.

Visit www.openupsheffield.co.uk for more information and details on-line.

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and Lose Hill, and a further £70,000 for a stretch of the Cut Gate bridleway – known as the Bog of Doom - on the Derwent moors.

Peak District National Park access and rights of way manager Mike Rhodes said: “This is an opportunity for people who enjoy these popular paths to understand and contribute towards the costs of maintaining them.

“Popular paths become worn quickly and the weather can reduce a good path to a boggy mess very quickly. This can have impacts on the wider landscape and wildlife habitats. By helping towards the financial costs of maintenance, you are ensuring that the landscapes and habitats are protected for everyone to enjoy.”

For more information, email donations@peakdistrict.gov.uk or visit www.mendmountains.thebmc.co.uk



Members of the South Yorkshire and North East Derbyshire Area Ramblers present a £10,000 cheque to Peak District National Park access and rights of way manager Mike Rhodes (4th from right and holding the cheque)

Boost to Mend Our Mountains Campaign

The South Yorkshire and North East Derbyshire Area Ramblers have donated £10,000 to the Mend Our Mountains campaign for path repairs to the Great Ridge, between Mam Tor and Lose Hill.

Vice president Terry Howard said: “The Ramblers received a legacy and we thought it appropriate that part of the money should be invested in an area where it would benefit all walkers.

“The Great Ridge is an iconic route, loved by walkers, so it’s fitting that our donation will help to fund vital path repair work”.

“There is extra significance in that the Great Ridge leads to Lose Hill, also known as Ward’s Piece, after George Herbert Bridges (GHB) Ward, founder of the Clarion Ramblers which campaigned for public access to the moorland areas of the Dark Peak.”

In 1926, Ward founded the Sheffield and District Federation of the Ramblers Association and, in 1945, the Association bought an area of Lose Hill, named it Ward’s Piece and gave it to their founder. Ward then presented it to the National Trust.

to use weed killer in case it encroaches onto the flower beds and kills the plants (I’d never hear the last of it!)

I usually knuckle down and do the job the hard way: crawling about on my hands and knees scraping weeds and moss out every joint. But as I get older, it’s my own joints that are the bigger problem. Even if I manage to get down on my knees in the first place, the chances are I’ll never get back up again!

I once tried using one of those “wire-brush-on-a-stick” things, but they just take the top growth off and leave the roots intact. The whole job needed doing again within a few weeks.

But this year I had a new toy to play with – a weed burner fire gun, kindly presented to me by Mrs B in the hope of making my task easier. Now, me being let loose with a fire gun is akin to trusting my son with a chainsaw. But I figured if it got the job done it was worth the risk.

In the event, it wasn’t too scary at all. About 80cm long and with an automatic ignition, it was simple enough to operate. I had to be careful not to get too close to plastic drain covers and down-pipes, the log store and bits of flammable undergrowth (I set the hedge alight at one point but soon managed to extinguish it!).

But would it do the job? The instructions claimed that the intense heat “instantly destroys the weed’s internal cell structures causing them to wither and die within 1-2 days”.....

..... Two days later I found that the weeds did indeed seem to have perished. But of course, they were still there, albeit less prominent than when they were bright green. A good stiff brush got rid of most of the surface growth. Only time will tell if the roots managed to survive or not. But the whole thing is a bit of a faff, and I suspect crawling about on my hands and knees achieves a better job.

If you hear the “nee-naw” of an emergency vehicle rushing up Bradway Road anytime soon, the chances are it’ll either be me unable to get back on my feet, or the house going up in flames!

The Bradway Bodger

Blazing Bodgers!

At the time of writing, it’s mid-April and at long last spring has arrived. The crocuses have come and gone on the verge, and now the daffodils are in full bloom.

With its profusion of spring flowers - daffodils, primulas, bluebells and tulips, and even the azaleas starting to flower - our garden is always at its best at this time of the year, apart perhaps from those occasions in the depths of winter when it is covered by an all concealing blanket of snow!

Unfortunately, it’s also a time when the weeds go on the rampage. Not being too confident at spotting the difference between plants and weeds in the flower beds, I leave that side of things to Mrs B and concentrate instead on the hard surfaces – the block paved driveway, patios, paths, etc.

We have quite a lot of paved surfaces, and I find they need attention at least two or three times a year. Being a bit reluctant

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Spring is now upon us, so along with high quality fresh fruit, veg, bouquets & lovely treats, the shop will also be offering a fantastic range of Bedding plants, Hanging baskets, compost and other quality gardening products, extending the range in Bradway for the coming season.

All the family, and by the time you read this Cheryl and Mark will be married, believe supporting local communities and building a safe environment for all to live in, is paramount to their business strategy.

As Mark says "all of us need support at some time in our lives and if we've 'took nowt' but made a lonely person smile, given a mum two minutes to get the shopping whilst we look after the baby, then we've made a difference!"

As we have said before, supporting local businesses is in everybody's long term interest. So let's support our local shops so that they are around in the future to support us and our families.



Three Valleys Beer Festival

This annual event sees a number of pubs, clubs and breweries in and near Dronfield working together on one day – Saturday 2nd June - to make a special effort with a great range of craft beers and other drinks, food, live music and more.

A free bus service will run between all the venues every 20 minutes from midday until about 10pm, this also calls at Dronfield railway Station and Halfway

tram terminus. You can hop on and off the bus and experience what is on offer at the various locations.

Whilst there are no Bradway pubs taking part in the festival these days (the nearest venue being the Miners Arms at Dronfield Woodhouse), a free bus will be provided from Bradway bus terminus to Dronfield at 11:43 and 12:03, returning to Bradway from Dronfield Station at the end of the evening departing at 22:27.

The buses will this year be operated by TM Travel with the vast majority of services being low floor vehicles providing step free access – therefore able to accommodate wheelchairs and pushchairs. A select number of venues will be providing family friendly activities in the afternoon.

The 2018 festival venues are:

Barrack, Apperknowle; Blue Stoops, Dronfield; Butchers Arms, Marsh Lane; Coach & Horses, Dronfield; Devonshire Arms, Middle Handley; Drone Valley Brewery, Unstone; Dronfield Arms; Fuggle Bunny Brewhouse, Holbrook (nr Halfway); Green Dragon, Dronfield; Hill Top Club; Hyde Park Inn, Hill Top; Jolly Farmer, Dronfield Woodhouse; Manor House Hotel, Dronfield; Miners Arms, Dronfield Woodhouse; Miners Arms, Hundall; Pioneer Club, Dronfield;

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Driving Forces

Though I often extol the quiet pleasures of local shopping and local libraries, especially those within 10,000 daily steps, such enjoyment is often skittled by Nature's curve ball in the current season. Dragging heavy shopping home on foot in the teeth of an April shower has a tendency to dampen any enthusiasm, not to say nether-ware if one's outer layers are fasted improperly. The very terminological contradiction of horizontal downpours are a hint that they should really be investigated by physicists, especially as they are now somewhat easier to spot than a Higgs boson elementary particle.

In the light of such meteorological dice-rolling, it seems only fair to point out a contributing factor in my family's decision to shop locally in my heady Bradway childhood of the 50's and 60's; my Mother didn't drive. I'll go further and hazard that wheels of all sorts were the bane of her young life back then. Even when it came to an innocuous pram, (to me at the time, a seemingly vast pressed steel boat of a thing with a separate chassis and like most convertible vehicles, an inadequate hood) my Mother soon learnt to be cautious around wheels.

The day she left me in the pram outside Froggatt's the Greengrocers at the top of



Take your Fill: Motorists could top up while enjoying enjoy the architectural mash-up of Modernist meets Tudorbethan meets Minimalist Functional.

Twentywell Lane remained particularly burnt into her memory. Though her commercial transaction was swift, when she returned to the pavement, the pram was not where she left it, this despite her application of a hefty spring-loaded footbrake that operated with the snap of a bear-trap.

I had not made it far; just a couple of shop fronts, my progress emanating from the discovery that rocking to and fro caused the pram to inch forwards, footbrake or no. The joy of self-directed wheeled motion was clearly intoxicating me even as I bounced gently and it

seemed unheeding towards the steep gradient that would have accelerated progress towards Dore & Topley station beyond my wildest baby dreams.

Tricycles, scooters, wagons - wheels came to dominate my Mother's life, yet strangely, though she had not passed her driving test, it was not the lack of vehicular access that was the problem. Through his work, my Father was the proud possessor of a Ford Consul (Mk2); this at a time when cars were sufficiently few in number that books for number plate collectors seemed like a feasible publishing idea (it had worked for trains

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hadn't it?). It was still an age of starting handles, opening quarter light side windows and for that real touch of Hollywood in Yorkshire, white wall tyres.

It wasn't as though she hadn't tried to get the upper hand in this brave new frontier of mobility. I dimly remember my Father giving my Mother a driving lesson up on the lonely moor roads of 1962. All four of the family sat in the front of the car on the red leather bench. This was our favourite travelling arrangement and suited both six year old me and my nine year old sister very well, blessed as that vehicle was with a column mounted gear change and no seat belts. Indeed, my Father was heard to opine that the manufacturers needn't have bothered with a rear seat, so little was it used.

As we sat that day, we drifted to a halt at a high, deserted T Junction. 'Turn left' directed my Father, then correcting himself immediately, 'No, right.' In the confusion, my mother duly obliged by nosing the car slowly, but I like to think, gracefully through an open gateway in the dry stone wall straight in front of us on the other side of the road. Oaths, tears, recriminations and a change of driver followed.

Driving, I learnt that day, is a hard won skill, not an intuitive competency. Like many elements of the adult world, things were obviously not as easy and straightforward as they seemed. I also learnt that if you truly love someone, you

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will never allow driving lessons to come between you.

Even though the majority of the family was functionally carless during weekdays, I think I'm very grateful that we didn't roam further afield. It led directly to a gift that I treasure still; getting to know the small but to me perfectly formed topography of Bradway so well that I felt I possessed it. I was King of all I surveyed, even if what I surveyed didn't amount to anything more than a few streets and the 'recce'.

Today, writers, artists and general creative types have to go to endless lengths to trick themselves into having an experience similar to that guileless enjoyment I had as a child. It even has a name to match its modernity; psycho-geography.

In attempting to uncover the effect of the placement of buildings and natural landscape on ones emotions and thoughts, there are now a host of 'exercises' to undertake in the hope that they will reintroduce the modern urban

and sub-urban dweller to that most elusive of qualities, a sense of place.

Oddly enough, none of these exercises involve driving. Our collective access to personalised transport is now sufficiently developed that 'Mobility' is close to being regarded as an inalienable human right. Therein lies the rub.

The hunger for car ownership that initially had no greater goal than 'a run in the country' has turned little by little into a love of movement for its own sake. No surprise that in such an ambivalent world, 'being driven' is positive, but 'being a passenger' is somewhat less so.

The fact that we seem to need something like psycho-geography is itself a clue. The realisation seems to be growing that perhaps we are all just rocking in our prams, unable to see our destination but in love with the sensation of getting somewhere, anywhere. It's easy to forget that if we choose not to move around quite so much, building a sense of place helps our own place make sense.

Chris Sheldon

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An interest in time

There are a number of known antique Long Case Clocks made by a local clock maker Henry Pearson of Dore. He was probably born at Dronfield Derbyshire in 1703, apprenticed to the cutlery trade in 1716 and eventually worked as clockmaker in Dore until around 1750. It was only recently that a clock without a cabinet has come to light, as pictured on this page.

This is known as a hook & spike wall clock. It refers to a certain type of relatively simple clock designed to hang on the wall. In this case the brass movement has 4 pillars, cut out plates, anchor escapement and its original wheel and metal work. It strikes the hours on a large bell via an outside count wheel.

The 10" brass dial has cherub and crown spandrels, a silvered chapter ring with ½ hour markers and retains its original hand. The dial was made of brass as the part that was the most visible. Brass was the engineer's gold, it looked well and remained bright and shiny and was so hard-wearing it was virtually indestructible.

Although unsigned this clock is probably by Henry Pearson as the centre engraving with 2 doves and foliage is identical to other work by him.

Some hook-and-spike clocks were signed, and such clocks were at times made by even the finest London makers, but many were rustic affairs made by country clocksmiths.

They would often leave their work unsigned - for the very good reason that they might take their products to sell in local market towns contrary to by-laws, and the absence of a maker's name made it harder to track down the culprits. So not for nothing were many unsigned.

One particular form of hook-and-spike clock went unsigned for a quite different reason. There were certain groups of Quaker clockmakers, who felt that to sign one's name on possessions, or on manufactured products, was a mark of vanity. They felt that when a Quaker died, all trace of his existence should be



A Henry Pearson hook & spike wall clock dating from the 1700s.

totally lost, and for this reason some Quakers even refused to put up tombstones.

Quakers included many clockmakers amongst their following, some of whom made it a regular practice not to sign their clocks. A few felt it might be permissible to sign an object in a concealed spot, as if hidden vanity was not vanity at all. And yet other Quaker clockmakers, particularly Quakers in Northern England, did regularly sign their work.

Perhaps vanity sat more easily on northern shoulders, where the living was harder.

These hook & spike wall clocks were made from the late seventeenth century, but examples of that age are exceptionally rare. More likely to be found are clocks from the second and third quarters of the eighteenth century.

By the 1790s they had fallen pretty well out of favour, probably giving way to clocks of a slightly more sophisticated nature. The earliest are the most prized, not only because of the sheer age, but also because the earliest are often the more quirky and unusual.

Ed. We would be interested to hear from anyone who thinks they own or may own a Pearson clock of any form.

Neighbourhood Watch

Changes are afoot at National and local level, but will not affect the service which we give in Dore, Totley, and Bradway. However, the new Data Protection Act will, we understand, mean that we shall need new membership applications from members, to ensure that we comply in keeping your personal data (name address, email, phone number(s), and what we do with it.

You will probably have already received such requests from other organisations and companies with whom you deal. There is no charge for joining, and discounts are available if you do, particularly on house insurance (Co-op Insurance are currently sponsoring NHW National Office)

South Yorkshire Police are now well into using their new 'Alert' system and it is possible to get daily information about burglaries and car offences in your chosen area.

We are still seeing reports of Euro locks being broken (we do a free check to see if you have a vulnerable one), and a few of contents being stolen from insecure (unlocked) cars. Cars with "Keyless" security systems are being targeted. Ironically, a key is needed, but these have a radio code, and thieves, can, if they buy a reader, get the code from your key, even if it is in your bedroom, and help themselves to your car, in less than 30 seconds.

I have read that the keys can be put in a Faraday bag (a bag lined with foil). If the thieves do not have a reader, they will break in to steal the keys. Two thieves, who did this on Longford Road, have been gaoled for 10 years for that and other offences. Thanks to those neighbours who contacted the Police when they heard vehicles driving around the estate.

Roads. Amey have been doing some preliminary works in the area, and are supposed to be starting the major works very soon (it may have happened by the time you read this), but, we understand, there has been yet another delay, this time due to a change of contractor.

I am not entering the controversy, about trees, but there was an irony, at Easter, when 4 new properly supported trees, on The Grove, in Totley, were snapped off, level with their supports. For all their faults, Amey were out on Easter Sunday morning, to cut the damage clean and remove the broken branches.

Roger Hart

Stop Hate UK

Sheffield is now providing a Stop Hate UK reporting line for people to report hate crimes and incidents, if they don't wish to contact South Yorkshire Police directly. Ring 0800 138 1625 – it is confidential. You can also report online, via interactive BSL, live chat or text – visit www.stophateuk.org/talk for more information.

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Bradway Scout news

Following the article in the Spring issue of the Bugle, it's good to report that a few adults have taken a keen interest in helping to run the Cubs Section. It is always useful for us to have more than a couple of leaders so that not only can they consider working on a rota basis rather than having to be at every weekly meeting, but they can also be confident that there is cover for them if they have to miss a weekly meeting. And of course the newcomers may help to attract yet more adults to help.

A little-known Scouting fact concerns the Group Council, described on the Scout HQ website as consisting "of all the adult Members of the Group, as well as the children's parents." Obviously, parents and guardians are opted in, and don't have the option of declining. They do not automatically have any responsibility within the Group; however the aim of the Scout Association is to help them to feel part of "the worldwide movement".

Parents are also the pool from which

members of the management committee known as the Group Executive Council (more familiarly called the Group Exec) should be drawn. This fine body has a number of responsibilities including looking after the fabric of the building and making sure that the Group is financially sound. Our current treasurer intends to retire at this year's AGM, so we are looking for a replacement to take over this fairly straightforward book-keeping task.

A different member of the Group Exec handles bookings for use of the Scout Centre. The building can be booked for one-off events such as birthday parties (it is big enough to take a bouncy castle indoors), or for regular weekly or monthly activities. Currently it is available on Wednesday evenings and most Sundays. £10 secures a booking, then the cost is an additional £7 per hour.

Although not located in Bradway, the Sheffield Scout & Guide Shop is key to our Scouts as the supplier of uniforms, badges, manuals, maps and all sorts of camping equipment. We don't even have to go down to Trippett Lane to buy stuff

because the bulk of their business is now conducted on-line through their website www.scout-and-guide-shop.co.uk.

The shop stocks an extensive range of outdoor equipment and not just things that carry the Scout badge. You don't have to have a connection with Scouts to take advantage of this.

Meanwhile, a team of 4 culinarily gifted Scouts took part in the annual District Indoor Cooking Competition, where they came 5th. This competition always produces a high standard of entries, and that was the case again this year when the winning team achieved 86 points out of a possible 120. The lowest mark was 70, and our team were only 9 points behind the winners with 77.

Beavers had a keep fit evening on the 19th March for Sports relief which included a variety of keep fit activities and football skills. So far we have raised £79 from this.

Frank Richardson

Step Out Sheffield

Getting active can be difficult but Step Out Sheffield is here to help. With the walking for health scheme you can take part in free short walks near where you live.

Step Out Sheffield started in 1999 as a pilot scheme between the Ranger Service and the Medical Centre. People with various medical conditions were given 'prescriptions' for a weekly walk by Rangers trained by Walking for Health.

There are now walks at 25 locations across the city each week and most venues offer a choice of walks to cover all levels of ability. Walks run throughout the year, we do not stop for school holidays and, like all health walks, our walks, which are accredited by Walking for Health, are free. The walks are open to all, you don't need a medical condition in order to join one. Socializing is as important as the exercise. Come along and meet new friends.

Walks typically last from 30 minutes to an hour. If you can't manage to walk for 30 minutes initially, don't worry. We'll start where you are at and help you progress week by week. 125 trained walk leaders volunteer across the 25 weekly walks on the Sheffield scheme, some volunteering two or three times every week. These volunteers help make the walks enjoyable and keep you safe.

Step out Sheffield is one of the biggest health walk schemes in the country and we are the biggest completely self-managed scheme.

If you would like to take part all you have to do is come along to the start point of one of the walks a few minutes early and one of the trained leaders will take your details. You can join as many walks as you like as often as you like.

This scheme is funded by the National Lottery. To find out more about walking in Sheffield please visit www.healthwalksinffield.btck.co.uk or ring 075 0563 9524



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FAMtastic Canada!

With Canada celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2017, I was lucky enough to be included in Destination Canada's familiarisation visit for the top 60 agents from across the UK and many more Worldwide ... I was beyond excited!

Receiving my itinerary I was pleasantly surprised with the amazing adventures in store starting in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan ... where I hear you cry ... that was my thought exactly!

Saskatchewan borders the US to the south, where grassland covers its southern plains, and to the north are the rugged rocks of the Canadian Shield plateau, coniferous forests, rivers and lakes, with an emphasis on the people of Canada's First Nations. This was going to be something completely new for me and I was very happy to find out more.

My journey got off to an amazing start as I was upgraded to Business Class with Air Canada, wow! Having never had the pleasure of a higher flight class than Premium Economy this was a real treat ... would I ever be able to slum it again! Sadly, yes! Ha-ha!

Arriving in the land of living skies, an outdoor lover's dream-come true, we headed for our first hotel, The James, in vibrant downtown Saskatoon. The James (www.thejameshotel.ca) is a contemporary boutique hotel centrally located on the banks of the South Saskatchewan River with stunning views. My spacious suite was amazing ... what a truly memorable start to the itinerary ... this trip could not get any better!

After a gut-busting breakfast our first day proper took us to The Western Development Museum, where they showcase Saskatchewan history, giving us a glimpse into the past visiting the replica 1910 Boomtown, North

America's longest indoor museum street. We strolled through buildings of times gone by and followed the story of a family's settlement on the prairies with our informative guide Bob. This unique experience wasn't something I would normally do, however, I was pleasantly surprised by the information shared by Bob and his enthusiasm. It always helps when you're with a great group of agents too ... and they were!



The Toronto waterfront and the revolving restaurant on the CN Tower.

Next stop lunch! They love to feed us on these hosted tours and after a delicious BLT sandwich at Drift's Vista Lounge we had free time in the Farmer's Market before departing for Elk Ridge Resort.

Arriving at the stunning Elk Ridge Resort (www.elkridgeresort.com) surrounded by natural beauty, we quickly checked into our room, then headed out to explore the resort on golf carts. Elk Ridge has a mix of accommodation from cosy hotel rooms in the main lodge to luxury cottages ... and everything in between. Our final event for the day was an amazing Camp-out Dinner, Elk Ridge Style, with wieners, sauerkraut and s'mores, topped off with a nice glass or 2 of Shiraz! Mmmmm!

This beautiful lodge overlooking the lake and surrounded by boreal forest certainly gets my vote, one of the group even saw elk the next morning in the mist ... sadly I had kept my eyes peeled all night in search of Northern Lights, so

missed this as I was still fast asleep in bed! The Northern Lights eluded me too as the clouds had rolled in! Something for next visit, ha-ha!

The next day took us to Waskesiu, located within Prince Albert National Park ... although the weather was against us, we enjoyed a scavenger hunt in teams and some geocaching and exploring before heading to Boundary Bog to take the short 2km trail to learn more about the eco-system of the bog with Brad from Sundog Excursions.

Brad's enthusiasm for the area was infectious, making our wet trail walk more than enjoyable, relaying tales of the area and sharing information about the flora and fauna which made this area so special.

Back at beautiful Elk Ridge we changed for pre-dinner drinks and nibbles at one of the luxury cottages, before taking our seats at the Fireside Terrace to tuck into the most delicious prime rib and Yorkshire pudding, yum! Almost as good as mine!

Breakfast was on the go the next day, as we headed to Wanuskewin Heritage Park, sat on the banks of the South Saskatchewan River overlooking the valley where the Opimihaw Creek flows into the River. For more than 6,000 years, First Nations people gathered on this site of natural beauty where today visitors can relive stories of people who came here to hunt bison, gather food and escape the winter winds. Walking in their footsteps, you understand why this site was a place of worship, celebration and deep spirituality.

After exploring the museum, our next experience was an amazing 'Hoop Dance' by one of the First Nations people. This very emotional tribute was a fabulous celebration of their nation and we were lucky enough to be taught how to do it too! Finally we headed outside to follow one of the trails at the heritage park, taking in the stunning vistas, the bison jumps and a medicine wheel. A perfect conclusion to our visit

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The afternoon took us the strangely named 'Lucky Bastard Distillery' one of Saskatchewan's premium micro distillers to taste some of their hand crafted, award winning spirits and liqueurs. The owner gave us a hands on tour of the distillery and explained the reason for the name ... and he sure was a LB as he had won the lottery and decided to set up this personal business. Delicious too!

I think I need to play my lotto numbers from now on ... you've gotta be in it to win it! So be lucky.

Our final meal in Saskatchewan was the best yet, a mouth-watering take on Canadian-Asian dishes at Odd Couple (www.oddcouple.ca) from proprietors Andy & Rachel with their ultra-contemporary take, yum indeed!

Next stop Toronto for the finale with the other groups travelling on different itineraries throughout Canada. This magical city provided a great base to mix with the many Worldwide agents and explore.

Our whistle-stop adventure would soon come to an end, but first it was time to take in the sights. Our hosts took us on an interactive city tour, including a fabulous cruise on the lake with the city skyline as a beautiful back drop, before dropping us back at our base The Chelsea Hotel to change for dinner ... we were soon heading to the revolving restaurant in the CN Tower.

What a very special experience this was. I was so thrilled to be included and to have an itinerary of somewhere I had not visited before. Canada is so diverse



Raised trail through the Boundary Bog in Prince Albert National Park.

with mountains, lakes, prairies and cities, as well as an abundance of wildlife, there is definitely something for everyone and even I may change my allegiance from the US to Canada for our next vacation! Shhhh, don't tell anyone!!

For more information, please feel free to contact me at: Worldchoice Sheffield, 0114 268 4146 (formerly Adeona Travel) - Happy travels everyone.

Lindsay Allen

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Make sure that you get it in the diary and please share with any ex-pupils or members of staff who you may be in contact with.
As part of the celebrations we invited past and current members of staff, parents and pupils and asked for their memories:



Left: Mrs Dorothy Mosely, who was a teacher at Sir Harold Jackson when it opened, pictured with current Year 1 pupils in the classroom she used to teach in. She said that, although it had changed, it still felt very familiar. She still had a magical way with the children and, although the technology might prove tricky to start with, I am sure that she would have no problem organising and teaching a class in 2018!



Left: Mr Driskell (headteacher from 1980-1998) returns to the school hall in which he took many assemblies. Other speakers included previous teachers Mr Julian, and Mrs Freeman, ex-governor and parent Mr Jackson, and ex-pupil. David Green. We also heard from Millie McAssey who was in Mr Stockley's class in 2001 before he became Headteacher at the school.



Left: Four generations of the same family came to our 50th anniversary assembly, all of whom have connections with the school. There is Zara Rehman who is a current pupil, her mother, Sarah Rehman, her grandmother Anne Anderson who came to Sir Harold Jackson school in 1967 when it opened and then her great grandfather Robert Jackson who was a governor during the early days of the school.

Pupils' interview with Mrs Oxendale, lunchtime supervisor from 1987 until the present day.

1. How long have you been working at Bradway Primary School? "31 years"
2. What is your favourite thing about Bradway? "All the lovely children"
3. What is your favourite thing to do at Bradway? "To make the children smile"
4. What is your favourite performance that Bradway has done? "The Christmas play and leavers assembly"
5. What is the best thing that happens?
"Seeing the children come into school the first time"
6. Have you had any other job?

"Yes I have worked at a sweet company for five years and at an engineering company."

7. Do you have fun at Bradway? "Yes every day"
 8. What is your favourite year at Bradway? "All of them"
 9. Have you ever been a class teacher?
"No but I have been a librarian every afternoon after school"
- By - Izzy and Kaitlin

Bradway Birds

All through a fairly cold February, the blood was up in several of our garden species. Our male blackbird was in repeated and frequent conflict with another male, one behind us on Rosamund Avenue. It was too early in the year for singing to play much part in their competition; they were managing only a few thin and brief tunes.

Instead, affairs were heavily physical. The interloper would appear on our fence, or even land on the lawn. He was aggressive but also apprehensive, making himself sleek, and raising his head feathers. Our bird had bulked himself up, but with lifted body feathers rather than steroids.

They would pace in parallel, strut at an angle then our bird would charge. A garden chase would follow, and always the would-be invader zoomed back to his garden. Ours might stand on our hedge and huff/puff in self-congratulation or he might pursue into the foreign garden.

Of course, ours would reciprocate by pacing and flaunting himself across the road, but over there he didn't win either. The territory holder generally wins. Nor was any physical contact made. Blackbirds rarely risk physical injury in the way that robin will.

But the days are short; there is little time to gather food, and little to gather. In cold weather, worms dig downwards and are harder to find. Why then expend all these calories on daily chasing in these dark times? The answer must be that breeding territories need to be set up and maintained.

This is done before nest building and mating, and is essential to both. A blackbird with no territory lives a poor hole-in-the-corner life, never able to breed and constantly harassed by territory holders. So to the birds it is a major energy investment rather than a waste. A feeble bird in February will lose his territory and get nowhere.

The blackbirds also chase the song thrushes that don't live in our garden, but know that it contains food. The thrushes are only a little smaller than their pursuer, but they never resist. They find food if they skulk, but the blackbirds are pretty good at spotting them.

The blackbirds chase nothing else, so the thrush's genetic closeness must represent a threat, even though our robin probably eats more of the blackbirds' sort of food than the thrush does. When our blackbird is scrapping with its enemy, the thrushes are free to feed and then they bully the chaffinches.

Plenty of other birds were flying much of the time. Chaffinches, sparrows, dunnocks, blue and great-tits spent a lot of time on the move, each flight short but repeated a great many times. Much of it seemed to be social rather than aggressive: bonding as a group, sizing up potential mates for the coming season.

Watching the sparrows makes you realise what under-estimated flyers they are, capable of speed, spins, and very

Dates for your diary

28th May – 1st June: Summer
Half term holiday:
13th July: Bradway community
Golden Anniversary Picnic
20th July: End of term

rapid twists and turns. Blue tits in threes or fours spent hours in chases to and fro.

Five or six dunnocks behaved in the same way, with the constant wing flicking they use in display. All these birds were using hard won calories, but I have to assume it was worth it from the birds' perspective.

The robin was as determined as the blackbird in removing any other male but he accepted a female, and they spent time sitting together in the bushes. The robin chased no other species.

Wood pigeons were present in double figures. They also did a little chasing in anger, there was also courtship flying, walking and running. The females often make short escape flights all round the garden, which is a "come-on" sign. Flying out of sight is proper rejection.

Repeated short escape flights seem to test the males' seriousness. If she stops, the pair might sit together, touch beaks, gently nibble each others' neck and head feathers. Clearly matters can go all the way, because we have had juveniles from January to March. Pigeons are very unusual in that some eggs can be laid in any month, but the winter success is only occasional. The juveniles are all as big as their parents.

The vicious weather in March reduced blackbird animosity but did not finish it. I fed the birds several times a day, partly because new snow kept covering the food. Our bird took some time to get up to speed, and clearly so did the one on Rosamund Avenue. People over the road must have been feeding birds to, as ours

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would never let theirs eat in our garden.

Anyway, in driving snow and cold feeling like minus 8, by mid-morning the birds had enough energy and drive to resume full scrapping and chasing. Clearly a territory has to be maintained, miserable and snow-blasted or not.

A small mystery concerns last year's crow baby. Our local parent crows brought only one youngster to feed and learn the tricks of the crow trade, and not until August, or two months later than usual. During autumn the young will leave, unwillingly and because of parental aggression. (Ring any bells, parents?) The young have to find their own patch or fail to breed and probably die.

This spring, the young bird is still with parents, the trio spending time in our garden every single day. The parents are showing little aggression. The young adult seems quite uninterested in leaving or in finding a mate. When our adults start to breed, family fireworks seem inevitable

John Kirkman

Pull!

Over the Summer Ringinglow Archery will be introducing the archery equivalent of clay pigeon shooting with bow and arrow! The Laporte Archery trap is a new and exciting form of archery, launching foam discs into the air these challenging archery targets are addictive, fun and extremely satisfying when you manage to hit one mid air.

The new event, which will be called Sky Shoot, will be open to new and experienced archers and will be the ultimate test to bring down a moving target with an arrow.

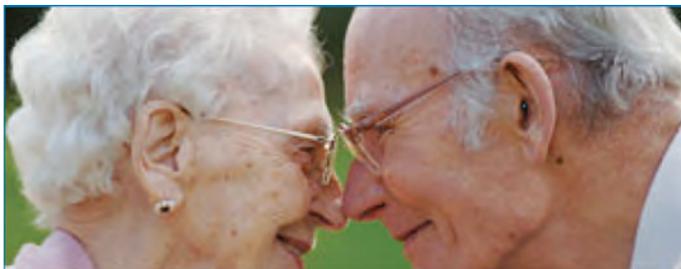
Also new this year is their purpose built air gun range. The covered shooting area, attached to their shooting lodge, will offer participants shelter whilst shooting out towards targets on the air gun range.

Its unique open but sheltered aspect will offer shooters a relaxed and comfortable environment to test their air gun skills, whilst also having access to drinks and refreshments in the shooting lodge.

For more details and information about all the activities available at Ringinglow Archery, for all sorts of occasions, check out their website at www.ringinglow-archery.co.uk.

Ed. The young crow in John Kirkman's article on the left reminds me of some of today's youngsters, who for one reason or another stay with their parents into their thirties.

I wonder how common this is in the rest of the animal kingdom?



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Bradway Action Group

Old School Field

– Bradway Village Green

Finally, we can report that the playground is complete, although there may need to be some tidying up once the weather improves for more than a few days. We're pleased to see children happily enjoying all the facilities, modest though they may be, proving they were really needed.

We must thank both the Education and Parks and Open Spaces teams from the Council for working to make this happen. It has all been possible thanks to a large donation from a long standing Bradway resident topped up by the Bradway Action Group.

Shops etc. Good to see S17 now settled into their altered premises. At the time of writing there seems to be nothing yet certain about the old Select Convenience store at the top of Twentywell. The Old Mother Redcap is one of many Sam Smith's pubs currently empty and seeking a live-in management couple. If anyone's interested the number to call is on the door.

Vandalism on Recreation Ground behind Sainsbury's

The old bench beside the football pitch has been replaced by members of the Beauchief Environment Group, not BAG, although some Bradway residents are involved with both. Since the last Bugle the bench at the top of the far field, offering views over towards Dore Moor and Totley Moss, has suffered a second and more severe arson attack. Youths set fire to tyres found behind M&T Transmissions, apparently using the bench as the centre piece.

Sadly, it isn't worthwhile replacing this with a wooden seat that might soon suffer the same fate. Suggestions for any further wooden benches around Bradway must take possible vandalism very much into account, which is a great pity. A stone slab, perhaps? Watch that space.

Zebra crossings. Several members have drawn attention to the dangerous crossings in Bradway, particularly on Prospect Road at school arrival and leaving times. It was quite few years ago that we had a lollipop lady there, but she gave up after feeling intimidated by impatient drivers, and occasionally by impatient parents too. Traffic direction in

such a crowded spot is challenging.

Nobody has come up with a better idea than having a school patrol. Before anything will get done facts are needed. Accident statistics don't show lots of serious injuries. Today that's what bring matters to the top of the pile for action. School patrols cost money and cash is tight. We'd need a willing person to take on the role if it were sanctioned.

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So far, we've only evidence of near misses. We don't want any martyrs. We may need to video the crossing/s for a period and examine what actually happens.

It's not every car that's at fault. Sometimes a driver's impatience can grow as parents and relatives stand chatting beside the crossing to confuse as to their intentions to cross. Sometimes pedestrians keep on crossing in a constant stream, not allowing a break for vehicles to get by.

A 20-mph zone has been suggested. The reality is that the most dangerous incidents may be caused by vehicles suddenly accelerating to no more than 20 when they see an apparently clear opportunity to move on. In the meantime, let's ensure as pedestrians we're good role models for safety. As motorists we must curb our impatience.

Amey and Streets Ahead. The latest we have from Amey's spokesperson is this statement. "With regards to the programme of resurfacing works for B53 Totley area this is still being assessed and

as soon as I have a more definite programme I will be able to share the information with you. Due to the bad winter we have experienced etc., the road resurfacing is now programmed to start in early July, I am just awaiting a programmed date for footways. Until that time we will continue to monitor the roads in the area with more definite information on which roads and pavements will be included in the work for this year.

As we have mentioned before not all roads and pavements across Sheffield are to be resurfaced, in the first 5 years we resurfaced 65 to 70% of the road. The remainder of them will be added to future programmes should they require treatment at a later date. We do continue however to safety inspect roads and pavements and any remedial works found are treated accordingly."

Defibrillator. We have had several requests to provide a defibrillator for Bradway. Broadly BAG is in favour of the idea as very many areas have them. At our last open meeting the subject was raised and a contrary view was expressed pointing out that they're useful at somewhere like Abbeydale Park or Meadowhall where there are lots of active people to help. It was suggested that was different from being in a locked cabinet on a wall.

A cold dark wall a long way from where you or I are lying in our locked homes with at best a distressed relative already in panic mode, certainly not wanting to leave to get a machine they can't quickly get to, eventually access, get it home, then use - assuming it will work after being in the cabinet for years. We may all have vested interests in this!

We're looking into it further and may decide we'd need more than one to cover all parts of Bradway. We'd also need to be assured it was easy to access quickly.

Paths in Poynton Wood

We're clearing mud from the main paths in order to allow more to make use of them all year round. That may be for dog walking, getting down to Abbeydale Road to catch a bus or train, or just a ramble. As this goes to press they were very muddy. If you'd like to help send a brief message through the contact form on our website.

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

27th May – Bounds of Bradway Walk, starting top of Twentywell Lane, 10.30 – 1pm, although if it's a nice day and folks are interested it might take a little longer. We may not find 20 wells but you'll find a lot of other features you may never have realised were there.

11th July – Open Meeting, Bradway School 7.15 for 7.30. Items for the agenda should be sent on the Contact form on our website or to either the Secretary or Chairman, see above.

15th September – Bradway Fun Day
3rd October – Annual General Meeting*

December – Bradway Traders Christmas Events (*Provisional dates)

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

There's now an option to pay by standing order or direct bank transfer – the way things are going in the 21st Century. We're particularly grateful to those members who've paid that way for 2018.

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 self-help links



The Playground on the Village Green is finally ready.

for things like reporting potholes.

Here we must offer an apology. For about 4 weeks from mid-January messages sent on the Contact forms on the website had become disconnected from the email addresses of the people who should have received them. They were found in an electronic black hole and all have received replies. The problem has been fixed.

We're trying to keep up with technology – use this QR code on your smartphone.



Facebook: Bradway Action Group

Join us on Facebook and keep up to date with the latest trends.

Green City Strategy

The Green City Strategy sets out Sheffield's long term ambitions for how the city can become more resilient to climate change and work towards being a clean, low carbon economy over the next

30 years. We know that the people, communities, businesses and institutions that are part of the city are crucial to make this happen.

Tell us about your experiences and actions to tackle climate change and behave more sustainably. We would like to know:

1. What you are doing already
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3. Your priorities for each area of the Green City Strategy

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Hi,
Did a quick litter pick around Bradway today (what do normal people do on Mother's Day?) I was treading on Stephen George's patch (sorry Stephen). This bin is next to the bus stop by the Old Mother Redcap.

And what do normal people do on Easter Sunday? Another hot date with Mr. Long Suffering! 7-8am to beat the mad traffic on Twentywell Lane. 10 bags of trash including 30 small bottles of Vodka. We've not forgotten Bradway

Kind regards **Litter Julie**
(Former Twentywell View resident now living in Totley but still happy to do her bit in Bradway)

Dear Sir,

Our cars and house on Prospect Place have been flour bombed and had eggs thrown at them four times in the last ten days. Our neighbours opposite had one similar incident.

The police aren't interested and we have now installed CCTV cameras.

We did have one sighting of a long legged male in a hoody who ran off when we opened the door after hearing noises. The timings seem to be between 22.30 and 23.30.

It is very inconvenient, costs time, effort and money to clean up.

Has anyone else had similar issues?

Name & address supplied

Reader feedback

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

Just drop a line to the address on page 2



The bin next to the bus stop by the Old Mother Redcap.

A Modest Proposal

Sir –

Some say the Roman Empire collapsed due to the lead in their cooking-pots. A similar degree of insanity accompanies our trust in a pension system, whereby the younger half of the population is expected to subsist, buy a house and educate their children, whilst supporting the older half in a reasonable degree of comfort, thus confounding the simple rules of arithmetic!

I am retired and old enough to remember when getting a job with two week's paid holiday was an achievement. After ten years of service, you might be considered 'on the staff' and get an extra day or two. What do we expect now? Retire, and get 25 or so years of paid holiday!

It just won't wash. Congratulations to anyone who saves up enough to support themselves in retirement but, for many, paying off university loans, rising house prices, increased taxation and, ultimately, the cost of old-age care means they will never be able to meet their expenses.

It's time to ask 'How did we get it so wrong and what is to be done?'

There are two immediate options: work longer (unpopular) or die sooner (not a vote winner). So why not pay able pensioners to carry out tasks suited to their abilities, instead of a pension?

Those that can still see can be put on 'safety and security' detail, much better than C.C.T.V. We could sit next to unruly children in school and see that they concentrate on their lessons, ensure that they eat everything on their plate at lunch time and play conkers properly.

As old timers can still write (with a pen!) they can take and send messages better than e-mail. All elderly people like to get out and about so exit the internet and let them do your shopping. They will make purchases to your best advantage, which does not always mean the cheapest, comparing products and

services, supporting local businesses, and taking in your deliveries.

Most of all, senior citizens have a wealth of wisdom and experience: they can tell you the time of the next bus, how to paper a ceiling, when to plant bulbs or how to cook a chicken. They can advise youngsters on choice of partner, marital relations and bringing up children...

Young people will save so many hours not having to look things up on Google that it will feel like a day off each week. And think of the stress involved in complaining about rising prices, noisy neighbours, litter in the streets... If you want any moaning done, leave it to the experts.

Save some of the millions spent on prisons by billeting the non-dangerous convicts with us! It costs £30,000 a year to lock somebody up; we can make their lives a misery for half of that.

Let senior citizens check the expenses claims of M.P.'s, Local Government Officials, Heads of Area Health Authorities, national charities and the utility companies. We can save money!

We'll reopen banks, run village shops, reintroduce birching and turn off piped music in pubs.

You only have to listen to our conversations in the bus queue to see that we can run the country better than any of the idiots up at Westminster, whatever party is in power.

Let's mobilise the old folk and make this country great again.

Yours, (from my Bath chair)

Robert Smith

Friends of Ecclesall Woods...

Local voluntary group 'Friends of Ecclesall Woods' aim to protect, preserve, and find out about Sheffield's largest ancient woodland, working in collaboration with the Parks and Countryside Department, as well as on their own projects. Ecclesall Woods cover over 100 hectares (more than 300 acres), and a walk round the perimeter is about 3 miles or 5 km. The woods contain a network of footpaths and bridle ways, streams and drains, wetland and open woodland.

Remaining walks in the woods during Sheffield Environment Weeks are:

Sunday 20th May 2018 – Woodland Walk and Tree identification

Morning walk 10.30am start. Afternoon walk 2.30pm start Leader Fran Halsall.

Meet at the Woodland Discovery Centre Saturday 2nd June 2018 – Bird Identification Walk. 8am start - Leader Dr Paul Medforth.

Meet outside the Woodland Discovery Centre.

All walks last approximately 2 hours
Membership of the Friends of Ecclesall Woods costs just £10 per household. To find out more, contact the membership secretary John Baker on 0114 236 9025.

BRADWAY COMMUNITY HALL

(Next to the Dore and Totley Golf Club)

Two Halls are available and can be booked either separately or together.

Current charges for using the Main Hall include:

Self-supporting voluntary/community groups which use the hall regularly:

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(with a 50p per hour discount for prompt payment)

Party bookings: **£39** for up to **3 hours**

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There is a standard charge for using the Small Hall of **£4 per hour** (£2 per hour when it is being used in conjunction with the Main Hall)

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Burbage Reborn

The Burbage valley is blooming. Most of the old plantation has now gone, and Sheffield council biodiversity officer and community forester Angus Hunter is delighted.

“It’s brilliant. It’s marvellous, it’s done far better than I thought,” he said of the acres of open moorland rapidly finding a foothold in what used to be a sterile forestry plantation set up in the 1970s, after a 1930s plan to turn the valley into a reservoir was overturned.

The plantation included lodgepole pine, from California, which needs periodic forest fires for its cones to germinate, and the tree’s inflammable resin meant that fires (from late night parties and barbecues, for example) were a constant risk as the pines matured. The close planting also meant that the plantation’s lodgepoles and Japanese larches fared badly, with a few native Scots pines sometimes doing rather better.

A solution was found when a Nature Improvement Area grant was awarded to Sheffield city council and the National Trust (who own and manage the valley along with the Eastern Moors Partnership of the National Trust and the RSPB). The result was that much of the plantation was felled three years ago.

Since then teams of rangers, foresters and volunteers have planted thousands of native trees from species which would have flourished in the valley thousands of years ago: 20,000 ‘whips’ were planted straight after the felling, with small



Sheffield Council Biodiversity and Community Forestry Officer Angus Hunter in the Burbage Valley looking for signs of water voles

saplings of native alder, birch, oak and willow now establishing themselves, along with natural regeneration of trees like rowan, hawthorn and holly thanks to berries dropped by birds.

Thousands of acorns were planted over the last winter, by environmental conservation students from Sheffield College braving hailstorms to plant new oak trees.

The old plantation area is now fenced from sheep and cattle, but humans can

still access the new (ancient) landscape. Angus and team are felling unstable remaining plantation trees, and he warns visitors to keep clear of the pine woods for their own safety.

The council’s community forestry teams have continued their work over difficult financial times, with 10,000 trees being planted around the city this winter, along with 30,000 forestry firs and native broadleaf trees at Redmires, 300 hazel whips in Ecclesall Woods and 1,000 alder and willow at Burbage.

The Outdoor City’s community forestry programme has been going on for years, has won awards and is completely separate from other local tree related issues often in the news, noted Angus pointedly. His colleagues are also keen to add that there are now 8 trees per person in Sheffield, whereas there’s less than 1 for every Londoner.

The wildlife of Burbage is now thriving. Nocturnal nightjars have returned to nest, joined by snipe, woodcock and long eared owls. Rare cuckoos have also arrived, to the alarm of the valley’s meadow pipits. And the new ponds, bogs, and ‘windrows’ of logs and branches have encouraged lizards, frogs and newts, and will probably soon bring in adders, Angus said, and as long as humans (and dogs) don’t get too close to them, the rare water vole is also still surviving along the Burbage brook.

“It’s now a mixed mosaic of habitats, which is what wildlife needs,” said Angus.

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Historic restoration grant

A new £2 Million grant scheme is being piloted this year in five National Parks, offering funding for land managers to restore their historic farm buildings.

The Peak District National Park is one of five National Parks to pilot the Historic Building Restoration Grant, which aims to save some iconic English farm buildings from falling out of use. The pilot is a partnership between Historic England, Natural England and the Peak District, Lake District, Yorkshire Dales, Dartmoor and Northumberland National Parks.

Peak District National Park advisors will be working with farmers and land managers to determine which buildings are most suitable to receive grants offering 80 per cent towards the cost of restoration. This could include roof repair, weatherproofing or other restoration works, allowing a building to be used again for farming purposes.

Sarah Fowler, chief executive of the Peak District National Park, said: "We are delighted that the significance of our traditional buildings is recognised in this scheme. Particularly in upland areas, these historic buildings are vulnerable to falling out of use. We look forward to working with farmers and land managers to help them restore buildings that contribute so much to the landscape character of the National Park. We hope that this pilot scheme will be a success and will build a case for future funding to conserve more of these important buildings."

Lord Gardiner, Defra minister for National Parks, said: "The British countryside, including those historic



Black Harry Barn near Stoney Middleton is in the Black Harry Gate area to the SW of Stoney Middleton.

farm buildings that dot some of our most iconic landscapes, is a truly precious natural asset. I am delighted that we are able to open this new set of grants supporting the restoration of traditional farm buildings."

Sir Laurie Magnus, chairman of Historic England, added: "Historic England warmly welcomes this scheme and its endorsement of the value and importance of traditional farm buildings. The partnership approach being piloted by Historic England, Natural England and upland National Parks will be of immense value in helping owners to maintain and conserve these buildings and to retain their significance for future generations."

Black Harry

The name Black Harry is that of a local highwayman of the early eighteenth century who preyed on travellers that journeyed across the lonely moors. Ancient pack horse trails crisscrossed the area and provided easy prey for the scurrilous outlaw.

Black Harry had a very busy career until it was cut short after he was apprehended at Wardlow Cop by the Castleton Bow Street Runners under the command of Blue John. Following his trial he was hanged and gibbeted at the Gallows Tree at Wardlow Mires. It is said that 'Derbyshire vultures' from Ravensdale picked his bones clean. The name Black Harry lives on in Black Harry Lane, Black Harry Gate and until more recently Black Harry Farm.

Greenhill Library

"We don't do whispers"

If your idea of a library is a place of sepulchral stillness and hushed whispers, you probably shouldn't come to Greenhill, and especially not on a Friday morning, when a combination of coffee morning, computer club and Storytime whips up a perfect storm of activity. It's at those times I feel that all the work that goes into running the place – the fundraising, and the 100 or so volunteers that make it happen, is really worth something.

The coffee mornings are a new development. For just 50p you'll get a hot drink, a biscuit (or cake if you're lucky) but more importantly, a friendly smile from Wendy Crookes, and the chance for a conversation. A recent speaker at our church made the point that as a society we're spending more and more of our leisure time privately at home (partly fuelled by access to endless streamed entertainment) and less and less of it in communal settings. I reckon our mission is to reverse that trend.

So what else is new?

New volunteering opportunities

Mick Black, our new volunteer coordinator, is nothing if not organised, to

the extent that we now have a dedicated page on our web site with job descriptions of the volunteers we're looking for; we even have a form there to apply online. There's a wide range of opportunities, from cleaning and building maintenance to running our children's cinema program. If you're interested in donating some time (and being part of a great team), head to <http://greenhill-library.org/volunteering> for the details. Most volunteers only work for a few hours a week, so we are not necessarily looking for a huge commitment of time

New public computers

By the time you get to read this we will have completed the replacement of our old, notoriously slow computers with our own new (and much faster) machines. All machines have Windows 10 and the complete Microsoft Office suite installed and access is via simple timed tickets. There's also a new colour laser printer and a new scanner. The computers remain free to library members (so you should still bring your library card along even though you don't need it to log in.)

New books to read

Following an allocation of £2,800 from the council, and some herculean efforts

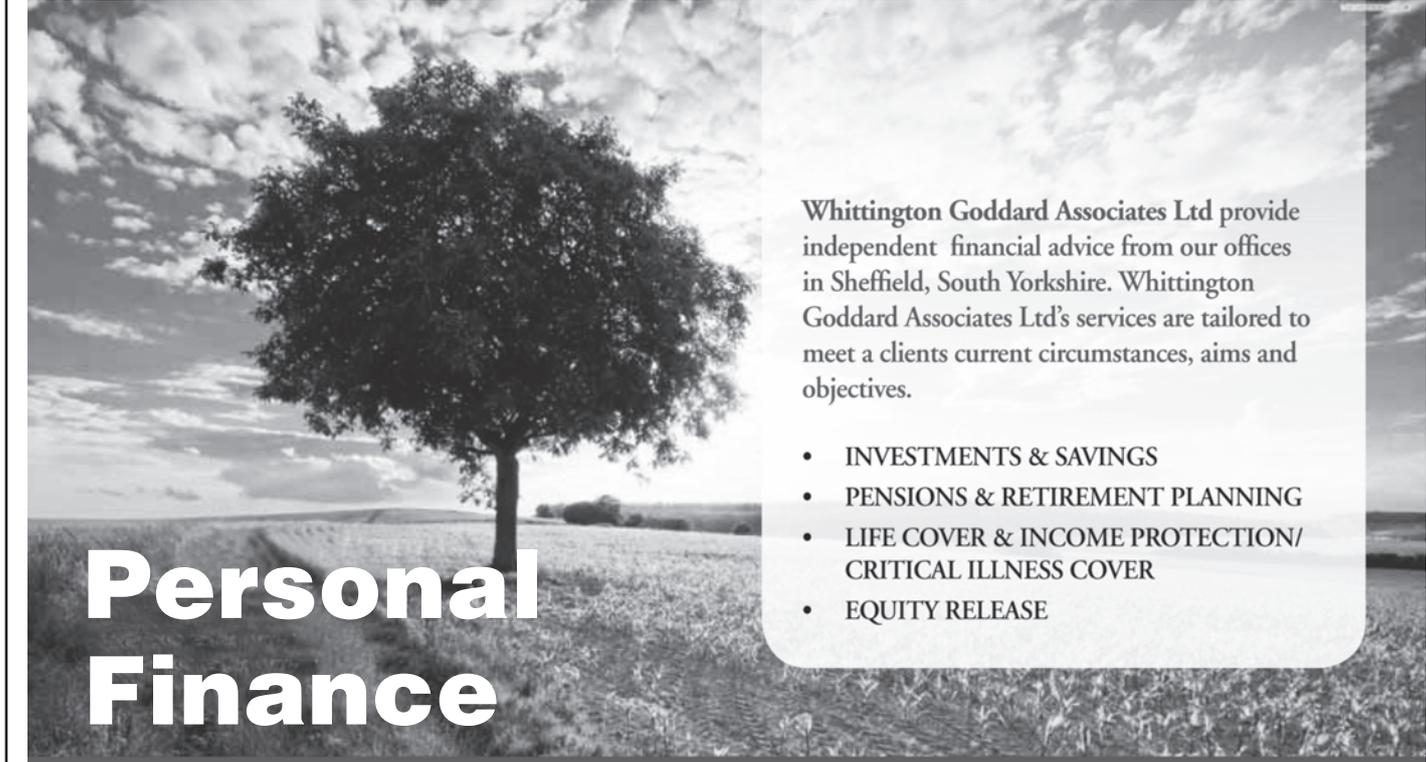
behind the scenes (it isn't easy to choose and buy 400 books against a tight deadline) the first 100 titles are now in the library, with the rest on the way in coming weeks. That's in addition to the 475 new titles added to our donated "yellow sticker" stock in the first quarter. More shelves please!

New events

We have a couple of special (and very different) events coming up in June. First, 2 June is our open gardens day and it's looking like we'll have at least a dozen gardens for you to enjoy. Tickets (£5) will be on sale from the front lawn of the library and from 1 Bradway Road on the day. As far as we know, Greenhill has never done this kind of event before, so we hope you'll come along and make it a success. Second, on 15 June we have a fabulous evening of Folk music with Spoil the Dance, the Bash Street Band, Jon Scaife and the wonderful Judy Dunlop. We're expecting this to sell out fast.

Our monthly programs of evening talks, cinema, and children's cinema continue. As always, it's best to keep an eye on our web site and FaceBook page for details of all our events.

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Time in the market, not timing the markets

With markets around the world continuing to prove unpredictable as momentous financial and political events continue to unfold, it's perhaps not a surprise that investors are increasingly concerned about when the 'best time' for them to invest might be. Many of these people will decide to hold off on making an investment, choosing to keep their money out of the markets in order to see what happens.

This might seem sensible, but if you find yourself in this position it's worth taking time to really consider your best option. The first thing to do is to remind yourself why you're investing in the first place. Any investment should be made with the goal of achieving something you want, such as providing for your retirement; however, it's important to remember that returns don't run like clockwork.

Predicting short-term stock market movements is incredibly difficult, if not impossible. If it wasn't, then every investor would be doing it and making their fortune easily. In order to counter any short-term shocks, one option is to make scheduled, monthly contributions to your investments if you're using current income. This can position you over the long term whilst also helping to develop financial discipline. Those looking to invest a lump sum can also use this technique, splitting it into several tranches and investing over a longer period of time to reduce exposure to short-term risks.

Other ways to help maximise your results include investing as soon as you can in order to benefit from compounding, using tax allowances such as ISAs to reduce the impact of tax on your returns, and reviewing

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your annual saving total and increasing it when you can. Staying disciplined in your investments is key, as missing just a handful of the best days on the market can have a major impact.

2018 has been a good year for investors so far, but it's important to keep in mind that this could change just as easily as it could continue. Many financial experts forecasted 2017 to be a worse year than it actually was, but that doesn't mean these predictions can be forgotten just because the calendar has changed. Many are still expecting a market correction in the near future and with Brexit now just over a year away, it's more likely to be a question of 'when' not 'if'.

Enjoy the good times, but don't focus on trying to predict exactly when things are going to change. If you're planning to invest throughout your life, you can be certain that some years will be bad. Remember: long-term investors who keep to their plans are, more often than not, those who reap the greatest rewards.

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Transport 17

2018 seems to be racing along, April already!! It means we must have been busy... Apart from the wintry conditions at the end of February and the beginning of March, the buses have been out and about and able to get everyone to their respective clubs.

Unfortunately, in January Mike Finn had an accident ice-skating and broke his wrist and two fingers!! Ian, who joined us briefly at the end of last year, returned to help us out along with our brilliant band of volunteers who did extra days and we have managed to cover all the journeys Mike would do. Huge thanks to them all. The pot is now off and we're looking forward to seeing him behind the wheel again and resuming normal service.

We would like to thank the Bradway Discussion Group and Totley URC for their donations which are much appreciated.

Saturday 10th March was our Coffee Morning and launch of the new mini-bus at the Cross Scythes. It was a fantastic morning and there was a great atmosphere. Lots of people turned out to support the event. We decided that we would have fewer stalls ourselves this time so all those who usually help with the day could come and enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat. The Bottle Bonanza Lucky Dip was such a success at Christmas we decided to repeat it but substitute bottles for chocolate. Thanks to local businesses and individuals we had an amazing selection of Easter items - everything from cream eggs to Thornton's Chocolate Bunnies. Lynn at the Ironing Parlour made us one of her amazing cakes for a Guess the Weight competition. She had hidden sweet items inside it so it got everyone thinking. The weight was 5lb 2oz.

Three ladies were invited to have stalls. Katherine Maughan brought her Flamingo Paperie cards and wrapping paper, Lynn Munro had her wonderful hand knitted items and Deb Leonard, who has been a brilliant supporter of us, brought her Tropic Skincare range. It was great to have them there. In all, we made a grand total of £512 which was fantastic. Thanks go to everyone for their support.

The Cross Scythes continues to be a huge help to us. We can't thank them and



Some of the Transport 17 volunteers at the launch of the new bus outside the Cross Scythes on Baslow Road.

their staff enough for all they do. In recognition of this we presented them with a watercolour painting of the Cross Scythes produced by our very own local artist, Len Capper.

We were pleased that Councillor Colin Ross was able to join us for the Bus Launch. The bus had a big ribbon around it donated by the new Hartley's Fruit Cabin at Bradway and Mike Finn had got a unique number plate from Imperial Signs so with that and the balloons it all looked quite festive. Councillor Ross cut the ribbon and said a few words about the organisation that is Transport 17 and its importance in the community. Sadly, Felicity Revill was unable to be there as she wasn't well. She is now feeling much better and says thank you for everyone's best wishes.

Sandra Longley stepped into the void and spoke on behalf of Transport 17. She thanked everyone for their support and for coming to events and explained that today they were celebrating the new bus funded by the Department for Transport Community Minibus Fund.

She said "when Alan Jockell set up Transport 17 in 1984, it was because he knew how important it was to help to get people out of their homes. I think he'd be pleased to know that over 30 years later, we're still helping them to get out and

that new buses such as this one mean that we're doing so in comfort!" She went on to publicly thank the group volunteers some of whom were there dressed in blue.

Finally she explained that they could not rest in fundraising work as it will soon be time to get another bus to replace the older one in their fleet and that they had set a target of £20,000 over the next couple of years.

Now we're all looking forward to our next coffee morning on Saturday 16th June. It seems a long way off but there's no time like the present to get the date in the diary.

Finally Transport 17 has taken a step into the social media world and now has a Facebook Page!!!!!!

Please look us up, like us and follow us.

Sandra Longley
(Chair Fundraising sub-committee)

Stamp price increases

The price of first and second-class stamps increased by 2p at the end of March. The price of a first-class stamp for a standard letter is now 67p, and a second-class stamp 58p. The price of a first-class stamp for a large letter is now £1.01, and a second-class stamp 79p.



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Gin and Jazz Afternoon

Raise a glass to St Luke's Hospice as top Sheffield retailer Ponsford hosts an afternoon of Gin and Jazz.

The leading London Road furniture store will be presenting a gin tasting session in outside the Neville Johnson Showroom in the Studio building, with live jazz music from RNCM trained pianist James Barnett, from 1pm to 5pm on Saturday, June 9.

A ticket price of just £5 also includes food pairing, with appetisers, nibbles and mixers and there will also be a Guess the Gins competition, with a £1,500 Tom Schneider coffee table as the prize.

All profits from the event will go to Sheffield's only hospice.

Director Angus Ponsford said: "St Luke's Hospice is a fantastic local charity to partner with.

"As a business we're looking to do more events for our surrounding community and want to donate any proceeds to a worthwhile cause.

"We can't think of a local charity better placed for us to work alongside and look forward to doing more together in the future.

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On the Beat

Now that the warmer weather is upon us at long last, now would seem the appropriate time to go over a few pointers concerning home security.

At this time of year it is normal for residents to spend a greater amount of their free time outside and in the garden. However, this activity is seen by criminals as an opportunity to carry out their criminal activities. So here are a few ideas on how to reduce the risk of being victims of crime:

If outside at the rear of your property ensure that all windows and doors at the front are LOCKED. At night when retiring for the evening, again ensure that all doors and windows are locked and, if fitted, the house alarm is set.

Any garden equipment used during the day is returned to the shed/garage and secured. (Criminals are known to use them to force entry to properties).

And finally, do not leave anything of value on view when not at home.

Have a safe and crime free summer.

PCSO 8153 Ken Blake

TOADS

As I write this, the sun is shining, the lambs are in the fields and spring flowers abound! What a relief after the visit from "The Beast from the East"!

Rehearsals are well underway for our May play, although they were somewhat disrupted because of the snow and the bad weather. However we are all very enthusiastic and keen to make up for the missed rehearsals. Onwards and upwards!!

Our play is to be that well-known classic "Arsenic and Old Lace", written by Joseph Kesselring, and directed by Alan Wade. Alan is well known in the area and has a wealth of experience in Am Dram and Dore G&S Society.

The dates for the play are Wednesday 16th May to Friday 18th May starting at 7.30 pm, and Saturday 19th May starting at 2.30pm.

The venue is, as usual, St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Please call 0114 235 206 to reserve your ticket, or contact any TOADS member. Ticket price £6 or £5 for concessions.

As always, if you are interested in treading the boards or helping backstage in any way, why not pop down to the Guild Room at St John's Hall on any Tuesday at 7.30pm, or contact me on 01246 460318, or visit our web-site www.toadsdrama.co.uk. We are a very friendly lot and it would be lovely to see you.

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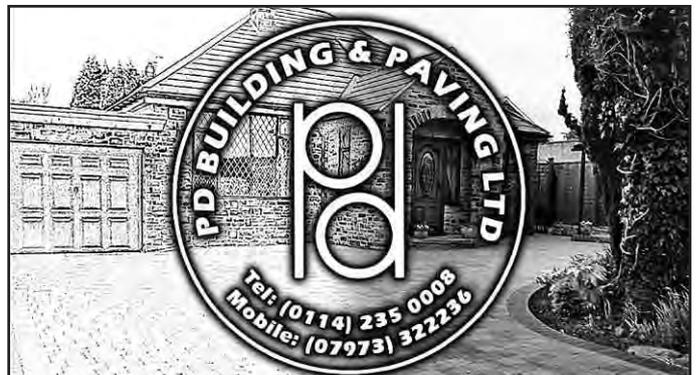
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Also at the Tennants Hall; great indoor arts/crafts tables (buy something not available in the normal shops); hotfood/drinks also free kids face painting and punch/judy shows; outside a great big bouncing castle/slide and childrens games cage and much more at the pavilion. In the park teas/coffees and cakes and target bowls.

Stop press. After last year's success the huge teddy bear parachute jump returns the local fire service from Lowedges will bring a huge crane and you purchase a teddy which is launched from a huge height in a parachute to the ground and you get to keep the teddy once its be checked by the army doctor

Finally free disabled parking/toilets on site and if you want an indoor/outdoor stall, just email Mr Harry Hunter via thehunters1969@talktalk.net Or to book your classic car/bike email Mr Stephen Rich via stephen.rich@hotmail.co.uk

Due to demand our falconry display will return for its 10th year.



All the fun of the Fair at last years Lowedges festival

British Bee Count

Join the Great British Bee Count this summer with Friends of The Earth and take part in their big bee survey – it's a fun and friendly way to discover how to help some of Britain's most precious pollinators.

Their free smartphone app will help you record all the bees you spot. It also includes a bee identification guide, a guide to bee-friendly plants and tips for creating habitats for pollinators.

We rely on bees for a healthy environment and economy – they pollinate many of the plants around us,

including most of our fruit and vegetables. But bees also are under threat from pesticides, habitat loss and climate change. Since 1900, the UK has lost 13 species of bee, and a further 35 are under threat of extinction.

So join and help gather data to provide researchers with valuable insights to help bees thrive. You'll also discover the wonderful world of bees.

The Great British Bee Count, which runs from 17 May to 30 June 2018, is supported by Ecotalk and Buglife.

<https://act.friendsoftheearth.uk/act/join-great-british-bee-count-2018?>

Trees in the Peak

The trees of the Peak District need your help, says National Trust ranger Tom Harman. "The woodlands around Dovedale are under threat from Ash Dieback disease, whilst in the High Peak we're trying to plant more trees to bring back the upland clough woodlands that would have been here centuries ago," he said.

The National Trust and its volunteers have already planted over 100,000 young trees in the High Peak's cloughs and valleys in recent years, and this year the charity has launched its 'Peak District Appeal' to encourage lovers of the

National Park to contribute to the landscape by donating and fundraising for the Peak District's trees.

The year's target is to raise £50,000 to support planting and maintaining trees and woodlands, and to help establish a native tree nursery at Longshaw, where young broad leaf species will be nurtured from local seeds ready to be planted out around the Peak District. "As well as helping us plant trees to benefit visitors and wildlife now, it's about managing these woodlands for the future," said Tom Harman

Without the land use practices of the past few hundred years, the Peak District would naturally have a lot more woodland than it does now, and it'll be a long term process to change that, said Tom, National Trust project officer for the High Peak. "If you could see time-lapse pictures of the High Peak Moors over the coming decades, we hope you'd see more and more native species like oak, birch, holly, hawthorn, rowan, aspen and alder, spreading up the valleys and into the steep cloughs below the moors."

There are already examples, where areas were fenced off in the past to prevent sheep eating young trees. Now little woods of birch, oak and rowan are thriving on the valley sides, with recovering wildflowers like foxgloves and even bluebells growing in the shade.

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Bob James was part of the team helping new woodlands get established on the Derwent valley sides in the 1980s. "It's absolutely tremendous to see these woods here now, and it's very humbling to think that you've been part of it," he said

Small hillside woods, along with trees and shrubs establishing themselves in the 'transitional habitats' on moorland edges, will encourage insects like green hairstreak butterflies and bilberry bumblebees, said ecologist Chris Wood, along with birds like ring ouzels, pied flycatchers, stonechats, nightjars and maybe even the rare black grouse. And trees growing along moorland streams should also increase fish species and help provide homes for scarce water voles.

Tom said a donation of £10 to the Peak District Appeal would pay for a new tree sapling, sheep guard and stake, but would also lead to a whole family of trees over time. "When the conditions are right, a young tree will set seed and you could see over a dozen trees growing in the future from one sapling," said Tom.

Areas that were fenced to prevent sheep nibbling away young shoots in the past have seen planted saplings growing alongside 'natural regeneration' - trees growing after birds have dropped seeds, or when seeds or acorns from the new saplings have taken root.

"The clough woodlands also help to slow water flow off the moors and reduce flash flooding," said Tom, "and as they grow they'll even help clean pollutants in



National Trust Ranger Luke Barley and Joe Alsop from Natural England looking at ash trees near Monsal Dale

the air blowing into Sheffield."

Retired ranger Bob James says the Peak District is the jewel in the crown of Sheffield and Manchester. "People come out and marvel at such a landscape on their doorstep. It's that fact they really need to take on board, and try to protect for future generations."

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

David Bocking

Run Weekend In Ecclesall Woods

Sheffield's first ever three day family running event is now set to become an annual fixture after the success of the Big Running Weekend held in Ecclesall Woods as part of this year's Outdoor City Weekender.

Almost 150 runners took part this year, from primary age schoolchildren to pensioners, with some travelling from as far as Harrogate and even Milton Keynes.

The weekend including led runs, coached session, talks and film shows, with some families running during the day and then returning with their children in pyjamas to watch the evening's talks and film shows at the Woodland Discovery Centre.

28 run coaches and helpers from the Accelerate Trail Runners and the Ecclesall Woods Wood Run team kept the event going, covering 280 miles between them. The led runs included the four run routes from Ecclesall Woods, two of which lead all the way out to the Peak District, with dozens of people heading out into the dark on evening runs.

The weekend was run as a non-profit event, with any surplus from the 'festival' fee of £10 per participant going back into maintaining the Outdoor City run routes and maps, and developing a network of coaches for the weekly public 'Wood Runs'.

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Whirlow brook Commemorative Garden is a very special place. Created by members of Sheffield University of the 3rd Age in Whirlowbrook Park and consisting of a pond and Japanese rock garden, it is testimony to the hard work of enthusiastic volunteers supported by the permanent staff of the parks' department.

Created to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of Sheffield U3A in 2011, it is now an established garden featuring mature shrubs and plants. Set in the gardens of Whirlow Brook Hall, it is open to all members of the public and not just U3A members – it is a project undertaken by U3A members, who work for a few hours each week to provide an area of beauty, peace and relaxation for all the people of Sheffield. Come and have a look and bring your friends and families - we know you will enjoy it.

New developments since last year are a handrail adjacent to the stone steps; planting up the bank between the pond and the road; and the installation of a plaque on the big stone near the foot of the steps.

Much of our work now lies in maintaining what we have put in place and it does look good! The pond is much improved thanks to the regular help we get from Abbeydale Rotary.

The long-awaited cafe is still awaited!



Spring flowers at Whirlowbrook Garden

and stood up to later snowfalls. By late March/early April, Lungwort started to flower and the Lesser Celandine patches had increased and looked delightfully natural around some rotting and moss-covered logs. The Wild Daffodils had also spread and were stronger than when they first flowered. These were followed by the wonderful Wood Anemones and Wood Sorrel. I do wish the Council and people who plant bulbs in the grass verges outside their houses, especially along country lanes, would plant the native varieties. They would look more natural and be better for the insects that depend on them

Under the trees, the leaves that had fallen and others I had collected and spread there had disappeared, having rotted down well with the help of worms and other organisms and so returning their nutrients to the soil. It seems such a waste and a shame that so many are shoveled into "green bins" rather than being allowed to complete the natural cycle of every ecosystem.

The wild native Bluebell flowers from April to June. It is a lovely violet-blue colour with slender stems, arching flower-heads and a delicate but lovely scent. Ecclesall Woods is one of a few ancient woodlands that still have large numbers of these flowers, but they are being hybridised by the bigger and less delightful Spanish imported variety, which are straight-stemmed, non-arching and scent-less, and widely grown in gardens. When they were first introduced, many of us were ignorant of the damage they would cause to the balance of nature, but we know better now. Overall, and sadly, the best thing for gardeners to do is to remove any Bluebells from their gardens and keep doing so as some of the bulbs produced by these plants will still emerge, possibly years later.

Other woodland problems include Ash Dieback. It is now spreading across Derbyshire. One of two Ash trees near me has health problems but from fence damage and they are now being monitored. The Woodland Trust and other environmental groups are

conducting experiments to find resistant Ash trees and so hopefully ensure their survival in this country in the future.

Other problems are caused by Grey Squirrels. They do a lot of damage to trees and have displaced our native Red Squirrel from most of this country. The Vincent Wildlife Trust has re-introduced Pine Martens from Scotland into mid-Wales as they predate on the Greys but not on the Red Squirrels. Initial findings are looking promising and it is hoped that Red Squirrels will, in time, become re-established. This reintroduction programme can then be rolled out to other parts of the country.

A third problem is garden escapees! The winter issue of the Woodland Trust magazine, Broadleaf, shows a picture of a wood with a huge bright-red-flower-bearing shrub. It looks totally out of place; a rhododendron. It is smothering all the natural plants which should be growing there and the area is devoid of the native wildlife which is dependent on them. For many reasons, environmental organisations are urging us to grow native trees and flowers in our gardens rather than introduced species or cultivars which are spreading from gardens and causing untold damage to our woodlands and other ecosystems.

A lot of wildlife is suffering through loss of habitat and/or the effect of pesticides and other chemicals used on farmland and gardens.

The number of hedgehogs has dropped significantly as a result of intensive farming and slug pellets in gardens. Keeping an area more wild, with piles of different-sized logs/sticks, together with twigs and leaves, so that they can find shelter and make a nest, will encourage them to use your garden, but they do need to be able to move through adjacent gardens and just a 5" square gap in fencing will allow them through. From April, which is the best time to clean out the hedgehog house, you could put out water, but never milk. I like to put out soaked mealworms rather than cat or dog food, but these would be fine as an alternative. Hedgehogs predate on slugs, so you will have little damage to your plants if you encourage hedgehogs into your garden. Perhaps some of you saw the Channel 5 programme on hedgehogs with Steve Backshall on 12th April, where Brian May talked about his hedgehog rescue centre and the best things to do to help them.

Bees are also dwindling in numbers and need native trees and flowers for the best pollen and nectar. It's good to let Ivy grow up walls or tree trunks, and quite thickly, as birds will find cover in it, but the flowers bloom late, so it is a wonderful support for bees later in the season.

Seventy-five per cent of honey worldwide has been found to contain traces of pesticides that act as a nerve agent on bees and affect their brain function. This is causing real concern for their survival. This further reinforces the argument for helping our bees by using alternative

The Wildlife Garden

After a most miserable winter, it was good to see some signs of spring even if it was later than normal. The Winter Aconites came first, but were affected by the cold and snow. They will come again next year. The Wild Primroses followed

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The cold weather brought lots of birds to the feeders; lots of blackbirds - one with a large bright yellow beak and I have been told it would have come from the Continent. Also four sorts of finches, some siskins, a woodpecker and a pied wagtail, together with other regulars.

January is the best time to put up new bird boxes as it gives the birds time to look for the best site for their nests. It is very important to put a box at the right height for the species for which it is intended and it should be placed with the entrance facing between north and south-east so the hatchlings don't overheat on warmer days. Do check the positioning of your existing bird-boxes before the hotter weather comes!

Several wildlife organisations are now working together to bring areas back to their natural state in order to support all wildlife - plants and animals. They are all certain that intensive farming is causing real problems and more sustainable ways

of producing our food need to be developed and put into practice. The Soil Association is certainly involved and a recent letter to members made the following statements:

"Despite a partial ban on neonics in place in the UK since 2013, a new study has just found almost a quarter of British honey samples are still contaminated, and alarming further new research shows common fungicides are linked to steep bumble-bee declines."

"The chronic effects on people eating food contaminated with toxic chemicals remains scandalously under-researched. Scientists at a recent public health conference raised worries about the impacts of even very low doses, stating "there is no safe dose" of pesticides. Yet there has been a dramatic increase in the number of different chemicals applied to 3 common UK crops*. Clearly there is strong cause for concern, especially for children and for farm-workers and countryside residents at direct risk from spraying."

* onions, wheat and potatoes

We have done so much to upset the balance of nature in the way we live and use land - in ignorance of the effect - but everything links up and if we are not mindful of this we are creating problems both for the present and the future.

I am looking forward to watching my native wild flowers bloom through the summer and hope there will be more bees and other pollinators than last year which was disappointing.

Marian Tiddy



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Sat 7th & Sun 8th July 1-5pm

Come and visit the 9 lovely gardens that will be open this year around Totley. We will be raising money for local voluntary organisations. If you haven't visited before, come and spend an afternoon (or two) going round your

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The library is a charity managed and run by volunteers with minimal funding from Sheffield City Council. In May 2017 we raised well over £800 for the library, and were very grateful for all plant donations. We will hold the event again in 2018.

If you can help please let us know and we'll contact you nearer the time.

Please contact Sue Hare or Fiona Smith:

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or leave a message for Sue and Fiona at the library!

Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Another show season over and a very happy one it was. It was really gratifying to see a number of young people in the audience who, from the feedback I've had, thoroughly enjoyed it. The shows were as good as ever and the whole cast had a good time with some excellent comic moments in both *Trial by Jury* and *The Sorcerer*. It is also so nice to work with an orchestra.

Far be it from me to write a review, (Mary Titterton of NODA wrote a nice little review to our committee) but I'll leave the show review proper to Jonathon Smith, a young man who had never seen a G&S operetta before and who sent me the following:-

My first G & S, a birthday treat, was at the Montgomery Hall on Wednesday evening. The 'first night' of the presentation by the Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society.

Trial by Jury, what a super start- a short operetta set within a courtroom, with a lively but ancient male jury and a more interesting public gallery. The plot was clearly outlined in the excellent programme. The stage was a mass of movement and lively tunes. Enter the judge, and a good judge too. The defendant Alex Hayward- Brown was well cast, being confident and singing well, the plaintiff, Rhianna Burnage was lovely and got her just reward. Overall my first G & S was fun, lovely tunes and super lively singing. After the interval we had the performance of the Sorcerer. I found the overture a bit dull but things livened up with the dialogue and singing. The characters were powerful especially Judy Savournin as Lady Sangazure whose stage presence is almost overwhelming. I loved her ability to poke fun at herself. Poor old Hercules, Derek Habberjam has seen better days, but I am sure he will be back for more.

Overall a great evening, full of fun, laughter lovely costumes and talent. Many thanks, I thoroughly enjoyed it. Jon Smith

Thank you Jon. I get the impression this will not be the last G&S you will go and see. Next year you will be able to see the only opera from Gilbert and Sullivan that comes close to Grand Opera. But don't be put off. It has its share of comedy especially in "Were I thy bride" and has some of the best music Sullivan wrote with one of the best double choruses from any G&S operetta and one of the best known songs in Jack Point's "I have a song to sing-O".

Our next outing will be the Summer Concert in Dore Church Hall on Saturday 7 July at 7:30pm as part of Dore Festival. The programme has not yet been arranged but you can bet your bottom dollar that there will be plenty of fun and fine music in it. I think we might try some quite difficult chorus work if we get enough rehearsal time.

If you've never been to see us in action before why not come along and see what



Trial by Jury showcasing the bridesmaids, (from the left) Fiona Geary, Kathryn Parkin, Alice Nelson, Yvonne Smith (hidden), Angela Wade and Susan Wilkinson with the Usher, Mike Spriggs and the Plaintiff, Alex Hayward-Brown.

you've been missing! You will be able to get tickets (£7 each) from me, telephone: 0114 2362299 and I guarantee that you will go home (or the pub) singing something from the evening. We look forward to seeing you there and enjoying a convivial evening of music and more on (hopefully) a warm summer night.

Derek Habberjam

Running her own business

Local running enthusiast Pippa Weir is launching her own Oven Wizard cleaning business as part of a national Franchise. Pippa has lived and worked in the local area for a number of years, so, as she knows the area really well, she believes there will be a strong demand for her services.

Pippa says "I was looking for a business idea that would be something I would enjoy doing and that would provide a great service to local people. I came across the idea of an oven cleaning business and then started to research the market. I soon realised that becoming an Oven Wizard offered me a great opportunity, particularly with the support of a successful National Franchise Brand.

A recent Survey carried out indicates that oven cleaning is one of the most hated chores in the home. Taking into account the fact that there are over 26 million households in the UK and that nearly each one has at least one oven and a hob, the growing domestic cleaning market therefore provides unlimited opportunities to delight customers.

Mark Abbott, owner of the Oven Wizards business said "From the first time we met Pippa, we knew she would make a great success of running an Oven Wizards Franchise, particularly because of her great passion for friendly customer service."

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Ed. Please see her advert on page 3.

Dinosaurs Roar In

Norfolk Heritage Park is set to be taken over by prehistoric predators in late May, when the UK's only outdoor 'dino-tour', Jurassic Kingdom, roars into the city.

More than 30 lifelike animatronic dinosaurs, including an 18m high, roaring T-Rex and a 16m long Diplodocus, will be on show, snarling their jaws and swaying their tails for audiences of all ages at the family-friendly event, which runs from Saturday 26 May to Sunday 10 June.

Naz Kabir, event director at Weli Creative said "The awe-inspiring dinosaurs give kids and adults alike the chance to experience the sheer size and scale of these fascinating creatures close-up, embarking on a prehistoric adventure that's both exciting and educational."

Visitors will encounter the dinosaurs as they explore the Jurassic Kingdom through discovering epic, life-sized dinosaur replicas from the Jurassic, Triassic and Cretaceous periods as they go, from T-Rex and Triceratops to flying reptiles like Pterosaurs.

Younger dinosaur hunters will also be able to try their hand at digging for bones in an excavation area before learning about how dinosaurs lived, in the Jurassic Kingdom educational marquee.

Naz added: "It's a unique chance for families and school visitors to enjoy an entertaining and educational day out, and get some truly unforgettable photos along the way".

Jurassic Kingdom is open daily from 10am to 6pm apart from 4, 5 and 6 June. Last entry is at 5pm.

Tickets are available from www.jurassickingdom.uk.

Parkour Sessions In Lowedges

The Terminus Initiative have partnered with Councillor Bob Pullin and Adaptive Movement Parkour to provide FREE weekly parkour sessions for young people aged 11-25 in the local area. Parkour is a training discipline using movement with the aim to get from one point to another in a complex environment, without assistive equipment, in the fastest and most efficient way possible. During the sessions the students learn how to jump, swing and crawl across various obstacles.

The young people are not only doing physical exercise that will improve their health and fitness, but they are also learning to be disciplined and follow the principles of parkour. The activity is aiming to give the young people purpose and provide them with a meaningful activity to keep them occupied.

In a world where young people are becoming more inactive and spending more and more time in front of screens, being able to go out and participate in physical activity for free is a fantastic opportunity. Another aim of the project is to occupy young people in the hope of preventing them becoming involved in antisocial behaviour.

The activity has already proven very popular, with another session being added to the programme. The parkour sessions run every Monday and Thursday 4pm to 5pm at the Michael Church,



Pawel demonstrates an urban jump during Parkour training

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You can find more information on AMP's Facebook page: <https://engb.facebook.com/adaptivemovementparkour/> Or alternatively contact Pawel on 07856386652 to book a place

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Ed. Developed from military obstacle course training, parkour is running, swinging, jumping, and climbing from point A to point B in the quickest way possible. Freerunning is similar, but it emphasizes the flashy side of parkour, with fancy flips and stylistic acrobatics.

Heeley City Farm Beer Festival

On 11-12 May, we'll be hosting our first Beer Festival here at Heeley City Farm. Eight local breweries (and one local distillery) have donated ale (and gin) for the public to purchase to raise funds for the upkeep of the farm.

Thanks to the kind donations from: Abbeydale Brewery, Welbeck Abbey Brewery, Neepsend Brew Co, Stancill Brewery, The Sheffield Brewery Company, Little Critters Brewing Company, The Ecclesall Ale Club, Thornbridge Brewery and Locksley Distilling Company.

Join us from 5:30-9pm on the Friday, and 2-9pm (or until the beer runs out) on the Saturday. Both sessions are free entry. There will be live music on the Saturday afternoon between 2-5pm from Rob Lowdon, Paul Pearson & Friends, Morrigan's Fire and Treebeard, followed by the Mads n da Bads DJs playing into the evening.

So come and have a pint or two and enjoy the sights and sounds of the City Farm.

For more detail on the work we do please visit our website at www.heeleyfarm.org.uk. We are located on Richards Road, Sheffield, S2 3DT.

You can find out more about local events and initiatives from the Sheffield District branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) on their excellent website <https://sheffield.camra.org.uk/>



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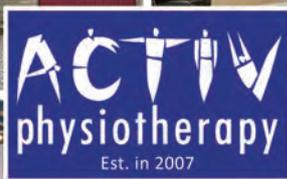
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The Time Travellers Travelogue

2018 has got off to a characteristically busy start with lots of activities, both indoors and out. Our first taste this year of field walking at Whirlow Hall Farm was carried out by 17 hardy members of The Time Travellers on a bone chilling February afternoon – we waited until after lunch by which time it had warmed up to 3 degrees. At least it was dry!

It was a very rewarding session as we picked up another handful of flint blades and fascinatingly, a gunflint possibly dating back to around 1800. We also collected some sherds of medieval pottery and perhaps best of all, a copper penny trade token dated 1812 and inscribed "Hull Lead Works".

This had been issued by JK Pickard, a wealthy merchant and barrister from Hull, who had a taste for the high life of London, sometimes mixing with royalty! Unfortunately, a bit of a gambler, he was made bankrupt in 1827 and died in 'reduced circumstances' in 1843.

Coming indoors and Lyndsey Haynes gave a fascinating talk informing us that medicine and cures are as old as the humans that practice them and have been shaped by the needs of the times. We looked back at the origins of medicine, saw its progression to the treatments that we know today and questioned which methods were the most successful.

In late March, Time Traveller member and Sheffield academic Dr David Clarke gave an excellent talk to a capacity audience about Celtic Art and the use of carved heads. It turns out that there are lots of examples of these in all sorts of places as well as museums, on buildings, in walls and probably many more lying about waiting to be discovered.

Carving faces onto stone is a tradition that has been around for a very long time and is still practiced today. The purpose of carved heads is up for debate – many people feel that they are to ward off evil spirits.

Some 28 Time Traveller members paid a very enjoyable visit to Elsecar Heritage Centre and Hemingfield Colliery just after Easter and we also recently made a return to the Iron Age Hillfort at Wincobank Hill. Our AGM in April



A visualisation of what the Iron Age enclosure discovered at Whirlow Hall Farm may have looked like, before the arrival of the Romans. This is one of several illustrations commissioned by the Time Travellers and now used in a series of interpretation boards they have erected on the site.

featured local historian David Templeman who this time told us about the origins of some old Sheffield street names. It seems that the strong links with trees in this city is a long standing one as some of our oldest thoroughfares referred to Fig Trees and Sycamores!

We have got lots of things lined up for the rest of spring and summer. One of our more novel activities at Whirlow Hall Farm is to assist in the construction of a replica Iron Age Roundhouse! This will be a fascinating step back in time to discover ancient building techniques and try our hands at 'wattle and daubing'.

In addition, we are arranging some archaeological walks over the nearby prehistoric moorland including a look at the area around North Lees Hall, with its Bronte links. It's been a couple of years since we last went to Creswell Crags so we plan to have another exclusive 'behind the scenes' look there again.

Finally, plans are in place for our annual archaeological excursion to North Wales and in September will be touring Chester Castle, town walls and amphitheatre, Caernarvon Castle, Conway Castle, Beaumaris Castle plus a range of prehistoric sites on Anglesey.

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

Glynn Burgin
The Time Travellers

Trade Tokens

It turns out that quite a few rich merchants minted their own coins, or 'Trade Tokens' over time. The key difference from 'real money' was that a coin would be minted by a government and a token was issued by a company or individual. Initially they were intended for having a limited usage, typically being exchanged for goods within a merchant's own outlets.

Whilst never being accepted as official coinage, over time these became more widely accepted as 'currency'. They were generally produced at times when there was a shortage of normal coins and so it was a response to enable trading to continue. It was also an opportunity to advertise a company and some have become collector's items.

The period around 1811 to 1815 coincided with the Napoleonic Wars when few coins, especially low denomination were minted. Tokens have been around for centuries, the monasteries used them and many different types are in use today.

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Gunflints

A gunflint was found by a member of The Time Travellers at Whirlow Hall Farm at the very start of one of our field walks in February 2018. A gunflint is a piece of flint that has been shaped or knapped into a wedge shape that fits in the jaws of a flintlock.

When released by the trigger, the spring-loaded hammer moves forward, causing the flint to strike a piece of steel called the frizzen. At the same time, the cover to the pan which contains the gun powder opens. As the flint strikes the frizzen it creates a spark which falls into the pan and ignites the powder. Flame burns through a small hole into the barrel of the gun and ignites the main powder charge, causing the weapon to fire.

A single flint could produce enough sparks to fire between 50 and 100 musket or pistol shots. This type of flint has a characteristic black colour and will almost certainly have come from the chalk quarries at Brandon, near Thetford in Suffolk. From 1792 Brandon was the centre of the gunflint industry for over 100 years.

At its peak in 1813, 14 Brandon Flint Masters produced over a million flints each month and notably supplied the British Army at the Battle of Waterloo. During the latter part of the 19th Century most of Brandon's gunflints were being exported, still in their millions to Turkey, Africa, China and South America.



A Flintlock pistol showing the flint ready to strike the frizzen.

Sheffield's football history

Photographs from Sheffield Libraries, Archives and Information that shows the beginnings of football in the city from 1857 onwards have been incorporated into a new smart phone app that maps the key places involved in the creation of the world's number one sport.

The 'Sheffield: The Home of Football' app introduces users to the places and people that made Sheffield the home of football. It's a walking guide to the heritage of Sheffield football covering the rich history of the city's four remaining clubs (out of the 95 that existed between 1857 and 1889) and the Sheffield & Hallamshire County F.A. (England's first County Association).

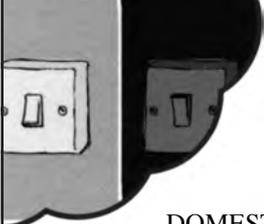
The walk is just over 4-and-a-half miles long and has 10 stops en-route with an audio guide throughout read by local actor Roger Bingham. It can be done at any time and should take around 90 minutes. People should allow another 30 minutes of 'extra time' if they want to stay longer at the various points of interest.

The journey covers the second half of the 19th century telling the stories of the first ever football derby, the world's oldest football cup, the first floodlit game at Bramall Lane and the ancient football grounds where the games were played, many of which are now long gone.

The walk begins at the tomb of Nathaniel Creswick at Heeley Parish Church, the co-founder of the world's oldest football club, Sheffield FC, then winds its way into the city centre past sites of the early grounds and significant events which shaped the game that was to become the most popular sport in the world. It finishes at Highfield Library, the site of Sheffield Wednesday's first ground.

For those who are not keen on walking, or are unable to, they can still view these historic sites from their armchair or anywhere in the world just by using the free app.

The app is downloadable at <https://sitate.io/homeoffootball> There is a group on Facebook set up to support those using the app. Just search 'Sheffield Home of Football'.



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Fusion Cycling Club

Four of Fusion CC members competed in the Magnificent 7 cycle race on the 11th March, as part of the Sheffield Outdoor City Weekend. The event comprised of 130 competitors racing up seven steep Sheffield hills and riding leisurely between them. Highlights include Hagg Hill / Stephen Hill with its maximum gradient of 25%, average of 13% and 910m length; the cobbles on Fern Road / Thrush Street at 10% average gradient and the final climb of Cote de Bradfield 9% 644m.

Out of the four of us competing, Abbie Taylor finished 4th in the Ladies and Darren Hull finished 7th in the Senior men's race. Also in the Senior race, Dan Sudbury finished mid-way up the results tables on all the hills and Darren Miller held his own, especially considering an injury a couple of weeks beforehand.

Established back in 1986 'Fusion Cycling Club Dronfield' is Donfield's only local cycle club, but with active members from Sheffield and Chesterfield. If you are looking for ideal cycling country then look no further than the Peak District National Park where our rides use many small quiet roads enabling us to take in the fantastic scenery and breath-taking views. Based around the Sunday morning club ride and Tuesday evenings during the summer months, we are a growing club that welcomes new members to join us. Contact fusionccdronfield@gmail.com for more details.

Dan Sudbury, Club Secretary
Fusion CC Dronfield
<http://www.fusionccd.webs.com/>

Ed. If you belong to a local club or society that would welcome some publicity, please give us a call or drop a line to the address on page 2.



Dan Sudbury in the middle of the race.

Abnormal weight loss

At Park Veterinary Hospital we see many pets that are overweight, and we'll spend lots of time giving advice on how to help them shed those extra pounds. We also see the opposite, where our patients are struggling to keep weight on. If an animal starts losing more weight than is planned or expected, we get concerned as it may be a sign of something more serious that needs to be investigated.

There are many reasons why an animal may start to lose weight, so to help explain we thought we would go through some of the more common causes.

Bad teeth: Periodontal disease will cause pain, which in turn will lead to weight loss. Dogs and cats find it uncomfortable to eat and chew properly if they have bleeding gums, abscesses and loose teeth. Infections in the mouth associated with poor dental hygiene and health is probably the number one condition we see and treat in our clinic.

Worms: If you've been using a wormer for your pet to treat weight loss, check with us that it's still effective. Many parasitic worms have become resistant to wormers and no longer work as well as we'd like. Along with weight loss, symptoms of intestinal worms can include vomiting, diarrhoea, a dull looking coat and reduced appetite.

Cancer: The dreaded cancer can cause all sorts of problems for our pets, and in many instances will be the cause of unexpected weight loss. Tumours of the gastro-intestinal tract may affect the stomach, small intestines, large intestine or rectum. Middle aged and older animals are generally more at risk, but it can also affect the young.

Kidney Disease: As dogs and cats age, they are more at risk from long term damage to their kidneys. As kidney cells are damaged, the kidneys become inefficient. This in turn causes toxins to build up in the blood, in appetite, vomiting, and weight loss. It's for these reasons that at Park Veterinary Hospital we highly recommend regular health checks as your pet ages. There is much that can be done to help if we catch the problem in the early stages.

Hyperthyroidism: This is a condition

that affects cats in particular. It's extremely common and is one of the most dramatic causes of weight loss. A benign tumour of the thyroid gland usually triggers the problem. The good news is that there are several ways to treat the condition with some very good results.

Diabetes: At our practice we're always on the lookout for diabetes in both cats and dogs. It's relatively common and needs attention and careful monitoring. Animals will usually start to lose weight despite eating relatively well. They'll often drink more water and have less energy. It can also be difficult to spot, as the signs can be very subtle.

Heart disease: There are many forms of heart disease that can affect our pets, and as part of our routine health examinations we are always assessing cardiac function. Some of the diseases are acquired whilst others are congenital and passed down from the parents. When the heart is diseased it becomes an inefficient pump. Some breeds are more at risk from heart disease.

Dietary changes: There is such a huge choice of diets available these days it can be quite overwhelming. It's essential though that you choose the right diet for your pet. Always ask us for some advice as we can help you select the most appropriate in terms of nutrition. Some animals may not be able to digest certain foods as well as others, so even though they are eating a reasonable sized meal, they may not be getting all the nutrients they need, and as a result will start to lose weight. If you plan to change your pet's food, check the ingredient labels carefully.

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Totley Library

We are delighted to let you know that Totley Library just keeps getting better! And that's not just our opinion! A recent survey found that the vast majority of users think Totley Library has improved over the last two years.

In total, 71 users completed a survey in March, 77% of whom thought the variety of activities provided at the library was better, 72% said the appearance of the library had improved and 70% thought that both customer service and the quality of books was now better than in the past!

We are grateful for everyone who completed the survey to provide us with valuable feedback. It's only by hearing your views that we can make the changes and improvements in order to meet your expectations. It was in response to a survey we ran in 2016 that we introduced our Orange Sticker Scheme and introduced many new books to our stocks as concern had been expressed in that earlier survey that the quality of our books was less good than it had been.

So, it's very encouraging to see that feedback on the quality of our books is now so much better!

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lending figures for 2017/18 and we have seen a 5% increase in book loaned compared to the previous year. This is a really fantastic achievement as we had previously seen a decrease in books lent each year in line with the national trends. We are very grateful to all our volunteers who have helped to achieve this success!

New books: As well as getting new books through our Orange Sticker scheme, we were delighted to receive a grant from Sheffield City Council to buy new books recently. We have therefore been able to order a lot of new titles, which are now arriving at the library.

Our choice of new books was based on the feedback of users, and we have also included highly acclaimed and prizewinning books, which we hope will be enjoyed by our users. If you've not been into the library recently please come and have a look at our new stock!

Building works: We are pleased to announce that we have now received planning permission from Sheffield City Council to allow us to move ahead with the extension at the rear of the library. The extension will provide the long-awaited new disabled public toilet along with a new store room.

The Fire Safety improvements being made to the library by the Council are nearing completion. These improvements include a new fire alarm system, new fire doors and compartmentalisation and improved fire escape routes. Thank you for bearing with us during these works.

We will also be making other

improvements to the library over the next few weeks, including redecorating the Children's Library and some external decoration and repair work.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Story Time for Toddlers and Pre-school children: Our Story Time for Toddlers and pre-school children which is held weekly from 10.30am on a Wednesday morning continues to be very popular. During school holidays we invite older children (aged 5-11) to join our session, however, due to the high numbers we have decided that in future during the school holidays we will ask parents to pre-book places. Each week has a different theme and children can come along with their parents or carers to enjoy a story and related activities.

Summer Holiday Activities: Children up to the age of 11 are invited to come and join in with activities during the school holidays. Plans for the summer holidays this year include the following:

Wednesday July 25th 10.30 -11.30am - PIRATES

Friday July 27th - Hunt for Mini-beasts with a look at wildlife and nature in the park and Gillfield Woods

Monday July 30th 2pm-3pm - Mini Musicians with Jill Vincent from Broomhill Music for ages 5-7 years

Tuesday July 31st - Art Workshop "We're All Works of Art" for ages 6-11years

Please note that booking will be required for all of the sessions.

Summer Reading Challenge

We will be running the very popular Summer Reading Challenge at the library again this year. Children are encouraged to read six or more books of their choice - fact books, joke books, picture books, audio books just as long as they are borrowed from the library - during the school summer holidays.

There are collectable incentives and rewards, plus a certificate for every child who completes the Challenge. Children can sign up at Totley library as the holidays begin on 21st July

This year the Challenge celebrates 100 years of the Beano comic and is called Mischief Makers.

OTHER EVENTS:

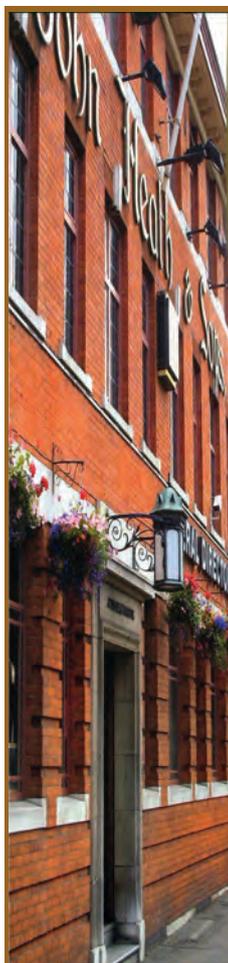
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The Beekeepers 7.30 pm on 27th July a folk music event. Further details to follow. Tickets £7 or £5 for Friends.

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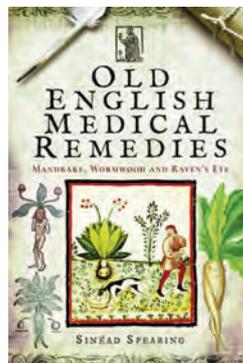
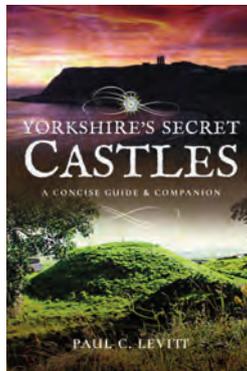
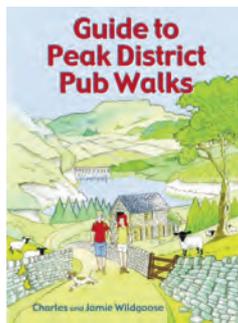
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Sheffield is usually thought of as an industrial city, yet this ignores its' medieval past, at least that was until the recent surge of interest in Sheffield castle, mysteriously buried under subsequent layers of history. But Sheffield is not alone as this book

Yorkshire's Secret Castles reveals, listing and detailing 75 known sites within the county. It was the period after the Norman Conquest, often brutal and



rebellious times, which prompted the erection of a large number of timber and earth castles, the majority being built between 1071 and 1145. Today many are situated off the beaten track, often forgotten in beautiful countryside, while the visible remains of others have long since blended into the local scenery or simply been lost. Indeed, many locals are blissfully unaware of what once existed on their very own doorsteps. This book will help you find them

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April Fools' Day 1918 was an inauspicious date to launch the world's first air force. Yet only ten years after the Wright Brothers' first flight, aircraft made of wood and fabric and vulnerable to the slightest weather changes were being loaded with explosives and flown to the Western Front and beyond. Servicemen's diaries talk repeatedly of the debilitating cold of the open cockpit, and primitive navigational tools. The RAF was a revolutionary response to this new form of warfare, and had the most profound impact on the future of global warfare. *The Birth of the RAF, 1918* is published by Penguin 160 pages price £14.99

Friends of Dore and Totley Station – FoDaTS

New platform is coming!

Hallelujah – the Secretary of State for Transport has finally given the go ahead for the Hope Valley Capacity Scheme which includes reinstating a second Platform here and constructing a freight passing loop below Poynton Wood. This will make a material difference to the number of services that can stop here.

We await confirmation of the timetable for the project but, subject to updating the original plans and confirmation that the scheme will give value for money, work may start as early as spring 2019. There's a degree of ambiguity about when it should be completed but at our most optimistic we think it could conceivably be as early as late 2020 but possibly as late as 2024! Originally, they said construction would take 15-18 months, now they're saying 30-36 months.

There's a lot to do to get final detailed plans drawn up to allow for any changed circumstances since the work was originally planned. A new team has to be assembled to manage and complete the project. Regulations for construction work have changed. Tenders will need to be requested from contractors and agreed.

It will be a few months before we'll discover the full details but as they become known we'll ensure the news is posted in our noticeboard at the station, and on Facebook group or in the Bugle.

Canopy to be added to the old station

Our request to Northern for more cover at the station was met with a concept plan for a canopy over part of the platform in front of the old station building. Dore & Totley station building is the only one to survive on the old Dore & Chinley line.

All the rest were primarily made of wood and were demolished many years ago. Grindleford station cafe is the last remnant of that era. We want to see the essential character of what remains here retained.

3 months on it's no surprise to find Northern haven't the money. At present we haven't any money either and rather feel it should be the railway companies who pay. However, TransPennine Express and other local transport bodies are keen to see this done and are looking at how things can be speeded up.

We've pointed out that with passenger numbers currently rising by about 5% each year the price they'd quoted to us would be covered in little more than a year from extra ticket sales.

Unfortunately, that's to be swallowed up by the cost of a new ticket machine which we'd heard would be with us by the end of 2017, then the end of March. It may now be installed by the end of June! CCTV is coming to the platform about the same time. Passenger numbers won't keep rising if Sheffield bound passengers are neglected, or don't appear to be rising if they can't buy tickets!

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Northern and car park owners SYPTE that there are no current plans to introduce charges here. SYPTE policy is free park and ride to get more people out of cars and into public transport, especially into the city.

A recent site visit by representatives of SYPTE, Sheffield City Region and Network Rail viewed the car park issue. The train operating companies are also very aware of the problem and eventually a solution will be found. It's all down to reconciling priorities with available money, environmental and traffic issues! It doesn't need a genius to point out that free parking is very attractive, or that any car park operator must pay for it somehow. Charges will almost certainly have to come, eventually.

The Artisan Van

Sadly, the toll of winter on the old vehicle's battery and bodywork, the unsocial hours and the lack of enough sales of coffee defeated Sandra Russo in her attempt to make her van pay from 6-10 am. Maybe another brave soul may be able to give it a go when we see greater passenger numbers. We wish Sandra well for the future.

Improved services from May

In the last Bugle it was noted that we'd made input into Northern's consultation regarding proposed May timetable changes. Many of the gaps of 2 hours on weekdays were to be filled.

Northern's plans to operate an hourly week day stopping service were going well – until Network Rail got severely

behind on electrification work in the North West. Consequently, the new electric trains are unable to run, so the diesels currently running can't be redeployed. We're assured that it should be better from the December timetable changes. At least the old 4 wheeled Pacer carriages should be withdrawn.

The proof timetable won't be officially confirmed until May 6th and we're hoping a last-minute protest by FoDaTS might get one long evening gap filled*.

We asked for a train into Sheffield about 7.30 – it will be at 7.57 relieving pressure on the currently over-crowded 8.04 and gives us 4 trains in 30 minutes to town – but gaps of 60 and 90 minutes either side. We asked for a later train out of Sheffield at night, so hope the 23.34 gets used.

Unfortunately, although hourly trains will leave Sheffield it won't be possible for them all to stop here. That still leaves several gaps of 2 hours or more. They will have to skip many stations to keep to time due to slow freight train movements in the Hope Valley and other faster trains.

It's often quicker to get to Manchester by taking a Northern train to Sheffield and then getting a fast train back again. *There's an absurd situation where it's quicker to get a train from Sheffield to Grindleford, then get a train back to Dore & Totley rather than waiting for the next direct train! We need that resolving soon.

Saturday services are unchanged but there will be major improvements to Sunday evening services from Manchester. We'll continue to give

constructive feedback and hope more can be done.

One thing's very clear. *Services to Manchester are better than they are to Sheffield and that's something that needs to be changed.* There has been talk of restoring all 4 platforms. As a friends group we may not consider that either practical or appropriate. It would delay too many fast services and create more traffic here from users avoiding Sheffield city centre. Tram-train has been suggested but seems to be out of the question. However, there may be another option, a third bay platform to accommodate trains currently terminating in Sheffield from the north and east? Early days on that thought, but it may deserve further consideration. In other cities a station as close to the centre would have a service every 15 minutes!

FoDaTS - has Facebook presence

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

If you're not a Facebook user, and even if you are, you can join us by sending an email with your contact details to our Secretary; nj-barnes@outlook.com

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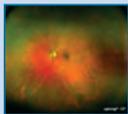
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Bradway Agewell Leisure Club

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June 5th Stainless. – Talk by Andy Messer.

July 3rd Hotels in the sky - Talk by Mike Ogden.

Aug 7th An Elizabethan Lady's wardrobe revealed.– Talk by Maureen Taylor

More information from Stuart Sawyer. Tel. 236 9830

Bradway Community Association

June 3rd Ramble

June 9th Salmon & Strawberry evening

July 1st Ramble

July/Aug TBA Treasure Hunt

Aug 5th Ramble

Badminton 8.30pm Bradway Scout Centre Thursdays. John Child 237 6577
Walks: Peter Smithson 236 9876
Social Secretary Jean Hunter 236 4922.

Totley History Group

May 23rd Talk by Pauline Burnett on The Tenants and Workers of Abbeydale Hamlet, 1740-1933

June 27th Talk by Rachel Parkin on The History of Chatsworth Gardens

Meetings 7.30pm in Totley Library

Saturday June 23rd 5pm-10pm

Solstice evening with a funfair, bonfire and bands to celebrate the summer event. Free entry. Great bands, stalls and a nice family evening. Meadowhead Transport Ground. Organised by South of Sheffield Events



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Tuesday Group at 2.30pm each week

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Local History Fair

Saturday June 2nd Dronfield Hall Barn. Several local organisations will be exhibiting, High Street, Dronfield, Derbyshire, S18 1PY. Admission is free. 10am-3pm

Sheffield Family History Fair

Saturday June 9th Sheffield Wednesday F.C. football ground at Hillsborough. Admission £2 10am-4pm



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June 2nd & 3rd. 63rd Annual Show Sheffield Branch - Sheffield Botanical Gardens Sat 12noon-5pm & Sun 10am-4pm.

Free admission, plant sales & tombola. Contact Craig Barber - 07714 239909 (Branch Secretary) 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

Totley (M) Townswomen's Guild

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

May 15th History of English Architecture. Talk by Keith Whatlin

Jun 19th From Plant to Page. Talk by Jennie Hilton

July 17th A visitor from the 16th Century. Talk by Maureen Taylor.

There are also separate meetings of the Social Studies Group, the Walking Group, Scrabble Group, occasional outings and lunches.

New members and visitors are assured of a friendly welcome. Membership details are available from Marie Tabor, Registrar, (tel: 236 0906) or come along and join us.

Friends of Gillfield Wood

May 27th: Practical conservation morning with the help of the Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am at Baslow Road bus terminus. Refreshments, tools, etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. All levels of help required and guidance given. Do also check our website at www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com – any late changes of venue will be published there.

Sheffield Environment Weeks

April 28th - June 10th. Visit www.sheffieldenvironment.org/events

Sheffield Photographic Society

Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at St Peter's Church, Reney Avenue, Greenhill. 7.50 pm Prompt Start - Visitors £4. Visitors and Prospective members.

Anyone with an interest in photography is welcome to attend up to four meetings without becoming a member of the Society, at a charge of £4 per meeting. If Society membership is subsequently taken out, the subscription will be reduced by the amount already paid.

Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

July 7th Summer Concert, Dore Church Hall 7:30pm. Tickets, £7 each from Derek Habberjam -Tel 0114 236 2299.

Totley Probos Club

May 23rd The Journey – The River Danube from Melk to the Black Sea Delta. Speaker John Doornkamp

June 13th The Iconic Bush Ranger. Speaker David Seed

June 27th June Birds of Prey Speaker John Kirkman

July 11th Some Sheffield Notables. Speaker Ann Beedham

July 25th July International Space Station. Speaker Dennis Ashton

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

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

Holmesfield Flower Club

– 2018 Golden Anniversary year:

May 16th at 7.30 pm – To celebrate the club's 50th anniversary the well-known, acclaimed NAFAS National Demonstrator Jonathan Moseley will give a demonstration entitled "Grow, Cut, Arrange". Venue: Holmesfield Village Hall (Vicarage Road (off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield. Ample parking. Tickets are available at the door: visitors £12, members £6 includes refreshments. The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. All are welcome. (for information tel: 0114 2377601)

Totley Rise Methodist Church

For details of community events, facilities and church services visit <http://www.totleyrise.co.uk/calendar>

St Luke's Hospice

June 8th St Luke's Golf Day at Abbeydale Golf Club.

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May 14th Talk by Sally Goldsmith - Thirteen Acres:

July 4th Talk by Chris Kolonko - Sheffield's Wartime Anti-Aircraft Defences.

June 18th Talk by Professor John Moreland "Reforming Bradbourne: the impact of the Reformation in the Peak District". Talks at Bishops House, Norton Lees Lane, 7.30pm

www.bishopshouse.org.uk

Sheffield Motor Show

This year the Sheffield Motor Show will be on The Moor, on Saturday 16th June, from 9 am to 4-30 pm. 52 new cars, some new models, will be on show from 15 dealerships, all raising funds for local charities, including Yorkshire Cancer Care and The Sheffield Music Hub, whose students will also be playing music, from 12 to 4pm.

This FREE event, is organised by two Totley members of The Rotary Club of Sheffield Vulcan, and is using The Moor for the first time, courtesy of Aberdeen Standard Asset Management. It is anticipated that over 40,000 people will attend. If you attend, come and say Hello!

Other members will be organising the Classic Car Show, also on The Moor, on Sunday 5th August 2018.

Roger Hart

Disco Inferno!

Feel the heat as Woodseats Musical Theatre Company prepare to raise the temperature with their next show!

Disco Inferno turns the clock back to the scorching hot days of the 1970s and is packed with a devilish soundtrack of hits from the era, including Hot Stuff, Crocodile Rock, You to Me Are Everything, I Will Survive, Pop Muzik, Don't Give Up on Us Baby, Play That Funky Music and Night to Remember.

The Woodseats production runs at Sheffield's Montgomery Theatre from July 11 to 14 and tickets are available now on 0114 264 4803 or 07855 423670.

Well Dressing Diary 2018

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 2018. You can find out more at www.welldressing.com.

- May
- 10-16 Tissington
- 19-21 Etwall
- 26-28 Endon
- 26-30 Wirksworth
- 26-1 Middleton-by-Youlgrave
- 26-3 Ashford in the Water
- 26-4 Monyash
- June
- 3-10 Burngreave Cemetery
- 11-17 Cressbrook
- 23-28 Youlgrave
- 23-30 Hope
- 23-30 Rowsley
- 23-1 Bakewell
- 23-1 Litton (nr Tideswell)
- 23-1 Over Haddon
- 23-1 Tideswell
- 29-2 Old Whittington (Chesterfield)
- July
- 7-12 Coal Aston
- 7-14 Hathersage
- 7-14 Whitwell
- 7-15 Dore
- 8-15 Buxton
- 9-15 Harthill
- 12-19 Pilsley (nr Bakewell)
- 13-20 Dronfield Woodhouse
- 13-20 Holmesfield
- 13-21 Cutthorpe
- 13-22 Millthorpe
- 14-21 Little Longstone
- 14-22 Bamford
- 14-28 Great Longstone
- 21-30 Stoney Middleton
- August
- 4-11 Bradwell
- 4-11 Wingerworth
- 9-15 Great Hucklow
- 15-21 Barlow
- 18-24 Taddington
- 23-3 Holymoorside
- 24-1 Foolow
- 25-1 Eyam
- 25-2 Wormhill
- September
- 8-14 Hartington

Amazing Abbeydale

Join us as we celebrate National Mills Weekend!

Enjoy family entertainment, traditional crafts and skills and a chance to see our restored waterwheels and newly displayed heritage buildings following the completion of a £1million Heritage Lottery funded project to revive the Hamlet.

A lovely day out with family activities including living history, storytelling, colouring and trails and youngsters can have a go at heritage crafts and forging.

Traditional crafts, heritage skills and demonstrations. Live music and Whirlow Hall Farm BBQ!

Our Waterwheels Cafe will be open serving hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, paninis, toasties, snacks and ice cream.

Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 May 2018 - 10am - 4pm

Normal admission applies: Adults £4 | Concessions £3 | Children (U16) FREE

East Peak Outdoors 2018

This year's annual East Peak Outdoors walking festival will take place from 23rd June - 1st July 2018.

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 at: <http://www.epip.org.uk/leader-2015-2019/east-peak-outdoors-2018.php>

Time to get your walking boots on.



40 years ago Abbeydale Golf Course planted a lot of trees around their fairways. Behind The Castle was a tip where horses scratched to find sustenance. One night 3 hot air balloons descended. Today there is no sign of the fairways from the same viewpoint, totally hidden from trees even in winter. The houses built on the Castle Row site are almost invisible, hidden by trees. The houses on the horizon are in Elwood Road, also totally hidden by trees. Picture taken summer 1979 when houses on Rosamond Avenue had just been occupied.

Badger vaccination continues

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust is delighted to announce that the badger vaccination programme is now able to continue for another 4 years. Vaccinating badgers against bovine TB is an important part of tackling the disease in cattle.

This has been made possible thanks to generous funding from several sources, £80,000 from National Trust, £4,000 from the High Peak Derbyshire Badger Group, £40,000 from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust itself, all topped up by £181,906.76 funding from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's Head of Living Landscapes for North Derbyshire Tim Birch said, "We are pleased the Government have provided more money for Derbyshire's badger vaccination programme. The funding will mean this important work will continue for another 4 years – enabling us to expand the vaccination programme to other areas of Derbyshire.

The area scheduled for vaccination will now increase to cover up to 90km² across Derbyshire. It also enables the Trust to continue to work in partnership with many organisations and show that vaccination is a viable alternative to the badger cull which we are totally opposed to."

Debbie Bailey who leads the coordination of the vaccination project for Derbyshire Wildlife Trust said: "It is better value for money than shooting badgers - vaccination makes financial sense.



Picture by Elliott Neep

It also reduces the risk of spreading bovine TB, which is a big concern when badgers are shot. We have the expertise and the people to deliver vaccination ready to go in our new expanded vaccination project; we just needed the money from the Government to enable us to continue our vaccination programme."

The Trust's vaccination programme has been running since 2013, with the first round of badger vaccinations taking place in June 2014. Since then the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's vaccination

project has shown the following results:

- The cost of vaccinating one badger is approximately £82 compared to over £6,000 to shoot one badger as part of the cull.
- It has become the largest vaccination programme now in the UK and is recognised as leading the field nationally on badger vaccination.
- Vaccinated 286 badgers across Derbyshire, predominantly in the Edale valley in the North since the vaccination programme began in 2014. 25 landowners are signed up to the project.
- Worked with over 80 dedicated volunteers to help deliver the programme
- Has 8 trained lay vaccinators who can legally vaccinate badgers

How you can help

This important work takes a great deal of our time and resources. Thanks to donations received so far, we have been able to train a team of vaccinators and other volunteers to support the vaccination programme.

Please continue to give to this appeal. The more money we raise, the more we can do to help protect Derbyshire's badgers and fight the scourge of bovine TB.

Give us a call on 01773 881188, or send a cheque: Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, Sandy Hill, Main Street, Middleton, DE4 4LR

To join us or find out more about our work for wildlife please visit:

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