

Bradway Bugle

In and around Bradway, Greenhill, Dore & Totley

Constituency changes

On current plans a massive planned shake-up of electoral boundaries will see one Sheffield constituency disappear - with all the others substantially altered. The Penistone and Stocksbridge seat is to be scrapped in favour of combined new constituency largely made up of wards that are part of the Sheffield Hallam constituency currently held by Liberal Democrat Nick Clegg.

The Boundary Commission for England have announced proposals that will reduce the number of MPs across the country and even out the boundaries so population sizes represented by each MP are roughly similar. Sheffield will see its number of MPs drop from the current six - to five.

The proposed new Sheffield constituencies are to be called Sheffield South; Sheffield East; Sheffield Central and West; Sheffield Hallam and Stocksbridge; Sheffield North and Ecclesfield. The most controversial changes relate to the proposed Sheffield Hallam and Stocksbridge constituency.

It is intended it will be made up of one ward from the existing Sheffield Heeley constituency - Beauchief and Greenhill; three wards from the existing Sheffield Hallam constituency, which are Dore and Totley, Fulwood, and Stannington; and two wards from the existing Penistone and Stocksbridge constituency - Stocksbridge and Upper Don ward, and the Penistone East ward.

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Twentywell Christmas

This year the special Christmas activities will culminate on Sunday 18th December

Bradway Action Group will be supporting the event and all the shops want to make it a really special day and encourage people to come and join in the festive fun. There are lots planned for the day including an outdoor dog show.

Between them the shops can offer a wide selection of Christmas gifts and essentials from food to Christmas trees. So why not check them out for your Christmas shopping needs. It's that old maxim, use them or lose them.

HGVs on Twentywell Lane and the hazards from cars reversing out into the traffic. See the article on page 10

Autumn colour

This year we were treated to a beautiful show of autumn colours from our deciduous trees and shrubs, with the green leaves changing colour to many shades of russet, red, golden, yellow, purple, black, orange, pinks and brown. But why do leaves change colour?

The colour of leaves is determined by pigments, natural substances produced by leaf cells to help them obtain food. The three pigments that colour leaves are chlorophyll (green), carotenes (yellow) and anthocyanins (reds and pinks). As summer turns into autumn, the shorter days and cooler nights trigger three major changes in the leaf which have consequences for its colour.

The days become shorter and production of green chlorophyll slows down and eventually stops. Existing chlorophyll in the leaf breaks down and the green colour fades. Yellow and orange carotenes that you can't normally see in spring and summer leaves (because they are masked by the green of the chlorophyll) become visible, making the leaf look yellow or orange.

At the same time a layer of corky cells forms across the base of leaf stalk, in preparation for leaf shedding. This restricts the movement of sugars back to the main part of the tree. Sugars become trapped and concentrated in the leaf and are eventually converted to anthocyanins

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SANTA Claus is coming to town...and he has a very special gift for St Luke's Hospice. See page 4

New Sport Centre Opens

Sport, health and leisure is about to get a whole lot better in the south east of Sheffield, after newly developed, state-of-the-art Graves Sports and Health Centre opened its doors in September.

The £16million development incorporates a major fitness suite and studios, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, two brand new swimming pools, dedicated gymnastics and trampolining halls plus is home to specialist health and research facilities as part of the National Centre for Sport and Exercise Medicine (NCSEM).

Various membership packages are available. People can sign up for membership now online at www.graveshealthandsportscentre.org by phone on 0114 283 9900, or you can sign up in person at the new centre.

Editorial

Welcome to our winter issue, slightly late again due to my ill health. The good news is that I have now been fitted with a pacemaker, which creates the intriguing possibility that they could turn up my heart rate so that I can get even more done in a day!

About the same time the clocks changed, although why we are sticking with this archaic idea I do not know. If we are going for Brexit, why not go the whole hog, by ignoring Europe and sticking to summertime all year.

One thing the dark evenings do is draw attention to how badly car headlights are adjusted. Most modern cars have a simple means of adjusting the height of lights according to how loaded the car is. But do their owners ever use it? The result is a dazzling sequence of oncoming vehicle headlights.

Well it would be, apart from the number of cars with only one working headlight. Then there are those parked on the wrong side of the road with their headlights on – engine running – just stopping to put someone down or maybe empty the boot. These throw their light out into the faces of passing drivers.

So please dip those headlight settings. And while we are on the job perhaps we should try to persuade car manufacturers to include some simple circuitry to tell owners when a headlight or indicator bulb has blown.

Finally one of our front page stories relates to proposed changes to election boundaries which would have a major impact on the present Hallam constituency. It would at least bring all of our readers into the same constituency rather than the present split. However, I suspect a lot of water will flow under the metaphorical bridge before final proposals will see the light of day.

John Baker, Editor

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giving the leaf a red, purple or pink colour.

For the greatest variety and intensity of autumn colours, sunny, dry autumn days with cold but not freezing nights are best. Especially if preceded by a dry summer. Cloudy and rainy autumn days on the other hand, lead to muted autumn colours.

Bus Pass Renewal

From 2017 senior travellers in South Yorkshire will no longer need to renew their English National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS) senior pass thanks to a new automated process being introduced by South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTe). If their travel pass expires on or after 1 January 2017, they can sit back, relax and wait for their pass to arrive at their home address, 4 weeks before their current pass expires.

If customers have moved or changed their name in the last five years we are encouraging them to let us know to ensure they can be included in the automated process.

What should customers do if their travel pass doesn't arrive before their current pass expires?

If a replacement pass is not received within 4 weeks of the renewal date, customers should call Traveline on 01709 515151, or send an e-mail to passes@sypte.co.uk and our team will be happy to help. If their pass hasn't arrived before their current pass expires, they can use their current pass for a discretionary period of two weeks after its expiration date.

Please note this new process is only for people whose passes expire after 1 January 2017. For senior travellers whose travel pass expires on or before 31 December 2016 they will need to renew their pass via any of the current channels.

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Street View Photographs of Urban Life

The street is a fundamental part of the urban landscape and has featured consistently in photography throughout the twentieth century. Street View: Photographs of Urban Life explores how photographers have captured city life on camera in Sheffield, around the UK and abroad.

The exhibition features images primarily drawn from Sheffield's own collection, supported by loans from the Victoria and Albert Museum, London and the Hyman Collection. It explores the diversity of the street; as a social space, as a battleground for protest and as a source of artistic inspiration.

Street View showcases some of the real treasures of Sheffield's photography collection, with work by both internationally recognised photographers and local artists.

The works include scenes spanning the everyday to the extraordinary, from familiar depictions of work and leisure to images of national celebration and political activism.

The exhibition runs until 11 March 2017. Entry is free.

Christmas Concert

John Wade Singers will be holding a Christmas Concert at Millhouses Methodist Church (amid the beautiful Christmas trees from local charities) Saturday 3 Dec 2016 @ 7.30pm.

Tickets £9 and £7 concessions, children FREE. Contact Jenny Parker 0114 236 0798 or pay at the door.

Proceeds in aid of Friends of the Rowan School a local charity.

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A spokesman for the Boundary Commission said: "We recognise that our proposed Sheffield Hallam and Stocksbridge constituency is geographically large, stretching from the southern suburbs of Sheffield to the towns and villages to the west of Barnsley. "However, we consider it necessary to construct such a constituency if we are to keep all of South Yorkshire's constituencies within five per cent of the electoral quota.

"The wards that make up the existing constituency of Penistone and Stocksbridge have been redistributed between our proposed constituencies of Barnsley Central, Colne Valley, Sheffield Hallam and Stocksbridge, and Sheffield North and Ecclesfield." We considered this redistribution necessary in order to reduce by one the number of constituencies in South Yorkshire.

The proposed Sheffield Central and West constituency will be made up of three wards from Mr Blomfield's existing Sheffield Central constituency – Broomhill, Walkley, and Central wards. It also includes two wards from the existing Sheffield Hallam constituency of Nick Clegg - Ecclesall and Crookes.

The Government changed the rules to draw up these boundaries on the register, as at December 2015, ignoring warnings from the independent Electoral Commission. Since then two million more people have registered to vote, most notably in the run up to the EU referendum.

The plans are part of reforms which would see the House of Commons reduce from 650 MPs to 600. A public consultation is now under way and final proposals will not be made until 2018. The number of MPs will be cut from 533 to 501 in England, from 59 to 53 in Scotland, from 40 to 29 in Wales, and from 18 to 17 in Northern Ireland, with the aim of ensuring that each constituency - with a couple of exceptions in the Isle of Wight, the Western Isles and Orkney and Shetland - have broadly similar populations.

Christmas Fair

Stalls, food and fun for all the family!

Come and join us at Bradway Primary School's annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 26 November, 11am – 3pm.

The event promises to be fun for all the family! There will be plenty of entertainment for the kids, including tattoos, face painting, hair styling, crafts and a penalty shoot-out. You can start (or finish!) your Christmas shopping at one of the stalls selling a range of goods from toys to crafts to home décor. There will also be lots of chances to win some great goodies in our tombola and raffle, featuring fantastic prizes from local businesses.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day, including hot and cold drinks, hot food, delicious homemade cakes and mulled wine (well it is Christmas!)

The school hall will be turned into a café area, so if you just fancy a good cup of coffee and a cake whilst you sit and enjoy the hubbub around you, please do come and join us. We are also expecting a visit from Father Christmas and his helpful reindeer.

The event is organised by Friends of Bradway Primary School (FOBPS), a group of parents who help raise funds for the school. All money raised from the fair will go straight back to the school and its pupils.

In previous years, with the generous support of the Bradway community, we have helped to fund a very successful solar shelter, which is now up and running and producing electricity for the school to use.

The fair will be held at Bradway Primary School, Bradway Drive, Sheffield S17 4PD.

Everyone is welcome. You don't have to have a child or relative at the school.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Viv savage

Friends of Bradway Primary School

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!

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Extra Christmas sparkle

ST Luke's Hospice will be adding extra light and sparkle to the Christmas season with two special events celebrating and remembering the lives of loved ones.

One of the most popular dates in the St Luke's Calendar, the annual Festival of Light returns on Sunday December 4 from 5pm to 7pm and will see the hospice gardens in Little Common Lane transformed by thousands of bright lights all dedicated to the memory of loved ones, which then shine out all the way through the Christmas period.

Everybody who attends the ceremony will also be given the opportunity to decorate and write personal messages on special candle bags, which will be lit and placed throughout the garden as darkness falls. The event is being hosted by BBC Radio Sheffield presenter and keen St Luke's supporter Paulette Edwards, with music from the Sheffield Harmony Choir and Oughtibridge Brass Band.

Complementary glasses of mulled wine and mince pies will be available on arrival and adding to the Festive atmosphere, there will also be a hog host provided by Hope Valley company Heatherhill Farm Meats – with a vegetarian option available too. To avoid traffic problems a park and ride service will be operating to and from the car park of Tesco in Abbeydale Road from 4.30pm.

The following weekend, on Sunday, December 11 at 2pm, Sheffield Cathedral

Bugle publication dates

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

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27 January	15 February 2017
21 April	10 May 2017
21 July	16 August 2017
20 October	8 November 2017

will be the setting for the hospice's traditional seasonal service of remembrance, a chance to celebrate the season of goodwill and also a time for reflection.

To find out more about the St Luke's Festival of Light and make a dedication call the hospice on 0114 236 9911.

Atkinsons Santas' Gift

SANTA Claus is coming to town...and he has a very special gift for St Luke's Hospice. Sheffield independent department store Atkinsons brings some festive sparkle to the city centre from November 26 to December 22 with its magical Santa's Grotto. And for the second year running, proceeds from every visit will be going directly to St Luke's Hospice.

Situated on Atkinsons first floor, the grotto will be open from 11am to 3pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10am to 5pm on Saturday and 10.30am to 4pm Sunday. Entry costs £5, with each young visitor receiving a gift from Santa and an 'I've visited Santa' certificate – keepsakes of the visit are also available for an additional donation.

"This will be a truly magical way to support Sheffield's only hospice and give the youngest members of the family an unforgettable start to Christmas," said St Luke's Community Fundraising Assistant Victoria Turton.

Dore Wassail Walk

The tradition of Wassailing dates back several centuries and was associated with Christmas and New Year as early as the 1400s. It was a personal way of passing good wishes between friends and family in their area. In Dore the tradition is celebrated as the annual Wassail Walk, sponsored by Dore Village Society. Last year around 80 people of all ages joined to share winter views and conversation following paths across Blacka Moor.

The Wassail is a guided walk of not more than five miles, taking around two hours and is designed to gently wake up the limbs after Christmas, and perhaps brace you for more New Year festivities.

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Sun 11th Dec 11.00am	Sunday 13th Nov 10.45 start
Sun 25th Dec 10.30am	24th December
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 on Sat 26th November, 9:30 to 4pm

The Old School, gathering inside for glasses of mulled wine and warm mince pies. A hot, spicy fruit punch will also be available. Why not make it a family occasion or bring friends and visitors to enjoy the seasonal atmosphere in Dore.

The 16th Wassail Walk this year will be on Tuesday 27th December, starting at 10am from The Old School, Savage Lane, Dore S17 3GW. All ages are welcome - please wear suitable walking shoes with a good grip on the soles.

‘Mad Man with Pram’

No doubt you’ve seen him. You’ve probably even read about him. But you’ve never heard his incredible, inspiring story told all in his own words – until now.

John Burkhill – Sheffield’s famous ‘mad man with the pram’ – has penned his long-awaited autobiography. Published by RMC Media and funded by the people of Sheffield via a Crowd Funding website, it’s the fascinating tale of a truly unique life.

‘Distance No Object: Sheffield’s Man with the Pram’ is full of moving memories, insightful pictures from John’s own archive and a fair old dose of Yorkshire humour. The book costs £9.99 – with every penny donated towards John’s personal goal of raising £1 million for Macmillan.

John, from Handsworth, said, “most people know a little about why I do what



John Burkhill – Sheffield’s famous ‘mad man with the pram’

I do. Many think I’m completely barmy but there are things in this book which I’ve never really talked about publicly before. This is my way of telling everyone where it all began, the challenges I’ve faced and why I love the people of Sheffield so very much.”

From his early days in Sheffield to his antics as a teenager, his fundraising races and walks across the country, to the celebrities (and royals!) he’s rubbed shoulders with along the way, it really is quite a story.

Wearing his green wig, giant foam hand and pushing his colourful pram complete with mascot Biggles – John has become a familiar sight on the streets of the Steel

City. Even at 77 years old, he spends almost every day walking around Sheffield collecting money for the cause closest to his heart, Macmillan Cancer Support. It’s an amazing level of dedication – and one inspired by the personal tragedy of losing both daughter and wife within a year.

Having raised thousands of pounds for various causes over the years, on his retirement at the turn of the Millennium John decided to focus on one charity in particular, Macmillan. Since then, he has collected more than £350,000 for the charity – but the determined pensioner says he won’t stop until he’s reached £1 million.

In his green Macmillan outfit, with wig to match, John looks quite the character. But his awe-inspiring achievements have won him personal recognition too. In 2012, he was voted by the people of Sheffield to be a torchbearer when the Olympic torch relay passed through the city. A year later, he was awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen’s New Year’s honours list.

But what’s the story behind John’s famous pram? To find out, you’ll have to pick up a copy of the book for yourself – and help Sheffield’s ‘mad man’ towards his magical million pound goal in the process. For John Burkhill, distance really is no object.

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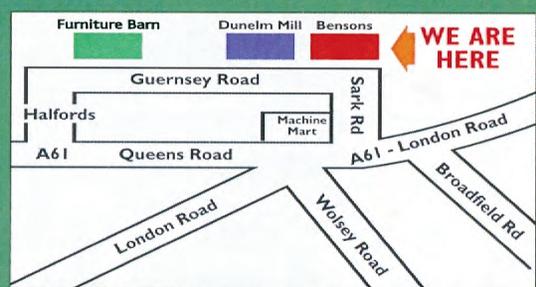
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Dear Sir,
Stag Picture

I've been seeing this Red Stag in a local field regularly ever since the spring. There were three to begin with but the other two have moved on encouraged no doubt by this one.

He had shed his antlers when I first saw him and I've watched them gradually regrow to the magnificent set that he has now. He's seen me so often that he doesn't disappear any more, just carries on grazing with an occasional glance in my direction to make sure I'm not encroaching too much on his space. I've learned to look past him rather than directly at him - something I read recently which seems to work.

A fox has his/her earth in there too and a couple of times I've seen them both really close to each other and obviously both willing to share the space. No competition for either food or mates of course as one is a carnivore and the other a herbivore.

Dorothy Prosser

Dear Sir,
Friends of Blacka Moor

Blacka Moor is a uniquely natural public site that was gifted to the people of Sheffield by Alderman Graves. Its present character owes much to the many years when nature and wildlife were neither exploited nor constrained. It provides a uniquely refreshing place for many of us who have to live and work in cities.

The Friends of Blacka Moor (FoBM) wish to keep it so, and celebrates wilder land and works to discourage unsuitable developments and over management.

In recent years more and more management projects have been applied to Blacka Moor and are set to continue, slowly changing the nature of the site.

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Evidence of land management, for some people damages the value of this site in providing a place that can be a true escape from urban life.

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Contact Neiltf10@gmail.com or dawn.biram@btinternet.com

For more about Blacka Moor visit - www.theblackamoorsite.blogspot.com

Dawn Biram

Dear Sir,
Memories of Cherry Tree

I am writing to anyone with any history, memories, photos or stories to share regarding Cherry Tree orphanage and Cherry Tree children's homes, and Mr and Mrs Grayson and HMS Sheffield.

My childhood friends who I have known since I was 14 years old, over 30 years now, came to visit me in Totley on a wet and miserable Saturday in September recently. They used to live in the Cherry Tree children's home from 1980 until it closed in 1987. We decided walk up there to reminisce - it was full of memories for them.

I knocked on the hostel door, where a member of staff invited all in for them to have a look around. Listening to all their memories was amazing. The staff member said they had a big photo of children on the big white gate entrance, still there and to our amazement it was my friends in the picture when they were aged 8 to 11 years old.

They went on to tell us that HMS Sheffield built a rocking dinghy with the HMS Sheffield logo, and swings for the children to play on. Unfortunately, we were told, the hostel donated it to Slovakia - probably the children there will have as many memories and playful times on this as my friends did.

As we walked down my friends told me of Mr and Mrs Grayson who lived in the big house between the Cheshire homes. We could see the door open, and cars in the drive, so went up to the door. A lovely young woman came to greet us. We told her the story of coming at Christmas - all

the other children and staff members from Cherry Tree - where Mr and Mrs Grayson would put food on for them and play games. Every day after school my friends would go round to Mr and Mrs Grayson's house, to play, take their dogs out for a walk and look at the white doves which they kept.

The young woman showed us round as she had purchased the house last year, and had Mr Grayson's phone number, which was brilliant! My friends have been in contact with Mr Grayson - he remembers them a little - and they're meeting up very soon! I was really excited and happy that my friends relived their happy fond memories of their childhood.

I have looked into the history of the Cherry Tree orphanage and HMS Sheffield. It was a very interesting read. If anyone has any other information please could you forward it to me through the editor (see page 2).

Susan Ballard

Dear Sir,
Local gardens:

Well, it was a good summer, with some very hot days. I had planted more native wild flower varieties in spring. They grew well and attracted bees. There were slightly less bees than last year which is disappointing, but there were far more pollinating insects.

I keep a record of the date flowers come into bloom. It varies from year to year, depending on the weather. January and February were relatively mild and winter aconites even appeared in December, along with primroses that flower on and on. Snowdrops appeared in January as did Lungwort which is very attractive to bees.

I have been checking up on whether all my wild flowers are true natives (ie they appeared after the last ice age). Lungwort is native to the rest of Europe but here the only native stock is the narrow-leaved variety, mostly only founding the New Forest. My supplier can only get a near native (ie has been seen in the wild for over 480 years).

The poor spring delayed the alkanets, greater celandine and white dead nettle until late April/May when water avens,

red campion and birds foot trefoil (yellow) also flowered and small bumble bees became more abundant. June saw ox eye daisies, red clover, foxgloves, rock roses, betony and shade loving hedge woundwort followed by meadow cranesbill, small and field scabious, self heal, St John's wort, large and small knapweed and marjoram.

In July, brambles flowered in the hedges and also tutson (an attractive native shrub), hemp agrimony, purple loosestrife, musk mallow, common fleabane and water mint.

Many species are long-lasting and were attracting pollinating insects and butterflies as well as bees. Some early flowering plants can be cut back when they fade and will come again; those that flower later, I leave long into the autumn - even into the New Year - to provide seed for birds and shelter for insects. As a bonus, they are then easier to clear and less bulky to compost.

I am removing all bluebells and will not replace them anymore as the English ones tend to become hybridised with the Spanish ones from nearby gardens and can invade woodland where the true natives are struggling to survive.

The garden has also been busy with birds. The hanging feeders and insectivorous food and meal worms for ground feeders attracting all the regular visitors and locally nesting birds. A small flock of starlings enjoy meal worms too. With a healthy soil (no chemicals), worms are abundant, and birds are also constantly seeking the insects and invertebrates among the plant debris (which is not cleared) on the flowerbeds.

Occasional visitors included tree creepers with their young on the alder trees, nuthatches and bullfinches. Numerous greenfinches and goldfinches were on the feeders - the sunflower seeds disappearing before my eyes!! The goldfinches brought their noisy

fledglings who were sitting in a row on a hawthorn branch near a feeder and trying to pluck up courage to fly the few inches to it, trying, failing and then succeeding. If at first . . . ! Birds are wonderful, but my gold medal went to the wren that sang so loudly all morning from early spring to early summer at the top of the garden.

Sadly, less butterflies this year and this is a nationwide problem as highlighted by the results recently published for the the Big Butterfly Count and the "State of Nature" Report. I had mainly small and large whites, but also a few orange tips that probably emerged on the garlic mustard leaves which they like so much. A painted lady spent time on the small scabious and gatekeepers were around. Also seen on the scabious was a red admiral. It flew off to a buddleia flower growing the other side of our hedge (more attractive to butterflies because of its evolution to produce an addictive nectar, but not native so not the best pollen or nectar for our butterflies or bees). Unfortunately, a blackbird that spent most of its time in a hawthorn tree in our garden near the buddleia took the opportunity for a quick snack and it was gone!

Few moths were around at night, but quite a lot of very small moths were happy among the long grass by the pond during the days. However, the situation is not good for butterflies, bees and many other insects on which we depend.

The frogs are doing better and while October is the best time to do any necessary pond renovation/maintenance as the larger ones will have left for cover in some safe damp place, very young frogs are still around the pond edges and those that leave could return in a few weeks to the safety of the mud at the bottom, so we need to bear that in mind when working on our ponds. Newts, too, are looking for similar shelter in stone walls and under stones or logs.

Late one evening during September, a hedgehog visited the water dish and a different one was seen a few days later. Now (early October), they are both visiting in the late evening and enjoying a pile of soaked dried meal worms. Hedgehogs are in decline because of bad garden practices and intensive farming. They are a great asset to us - not least for controlling slugs. They need to be very healthy before they hibernate and piles of leaf litter and twigs in which to do that.

As well as renovating ponds, now is the time for trimming hedges as fledglings are stronger and more confident, but otherwise I do as little as possible until the spring, leaving plants to die back naturally as it is best for wildlife.

Finally, a quotation from Rupert Stephens, the father of Arran who founded Nature's Path (a wonderful company which produces the organic and gluten-free breakfast cereal for which, as I have coeliac disease, I am very grateful!)

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The squad, players and 'trolley pullers', are pictured on this page.



Back Row: Elaine Parkinson, Ann Elsdon, Jane White, Kathy Stacey, Kath Mowforth, Maureen Gray, Hazel Foster. Middle: Helen Hilton, Annette Linell. Front Row: Ann Riley, Sally Wademan, Lorraine Clarke, Anne Harris, Angela Rowson.

Totley Library update

On 4th October this year, the volunteers at Totley Library celebrated two years of managing the service. When Totley CRIC took over the management of the library, we wanted to develop the library as a community hub and we set out to expand the activities offered at the library. New groups are now using the library for a variety of purposes including Yoga, French classes for primary children, Work Club to support people with their job search and Pregnancy Relaxation classes. The new community cinema is proving popular and we host events throughout the year including Totley Music Festival, comedy nights and talks by local authors.

Upcoming events this winter include the BBC's Love 2 Read event, a fundraising Folk music concert on Friday 25th November, a series of art workshops with Jan Flamank and Totley Library Cinema are showing singalong versions of favourite Christmas films for adults and families to enjoy together. For further details see the calendar section of the Bradway Bugle or visit our website www.totleycric.org.uk.

In June we launched the new Totley Library Lottery to help raise funds for the library. The monthly prize fund is 25% of the ticket income, 20% for first prize and 5% for second prize. The remaining 75% goes into library funds. In September ticket income was £427 and the prize winners were Anthony Simpson and Mary Love. Prize winners in July and

August were Barbara Chadbourne, Sheila Parkin, Rita O'Hara and Jutta Jagger. If you would like to enter you can pick up a form at Totley Library.

On 12th September, we held our AGM which was well attended by over 40 volunteers and Friends of Totley CRIC. The annual report and financial accounts were approved and a new trustee Steve Wyatt was voted in. Steve has lived with his family in Totley for many years and has recently retired from a career within BT as an IT project manager. He volunteers at the library as a film club technician and brings a wealth of experience to our board.

In the summer we undertook a survey of library users to gain feedback and see which areas we need to develop. We had over 200 respondents and were very pleased with the results of the survey. Over 90% of people of users thought the library had improved since the volunteers took over. Many people commented on that the library is very clean, bright and

welcoming and how good the activities are, especially story time for children, health walks and the film club. Some users felt the book stock needs refreshing and we had to agree with them, as we have not received any new books from Sheffield City Council in the last two years.

So in August we launched our new Totley Loans Scheme with around 200 donated and new bestselling novels. We would like to thank Tesco and Waterstones for donating some new books to the collection. The new scheme is proving extremely popular, with 315 loans alone in the first month, and we now aim to expand the collection. If anyone has any recent bestsellers from 2015 and 2016 that they have read and they would like to donate to the collection, then these would be gratefully received.

The survey has also informed our response to the review of library services being conducted by Sheffield City Council. Our current funding arrangement is due to expire in March 2017 and the council is reviewing all the volunteer managed libraries in Sheffield to decide their future. We believe that the council and tax payers are getting incredibly good value for money from the £23,000 a year grant Totley Library receives from the council to cover running costs. Especially as last year our volunteers gave over 13,000 hours of their time for free. We are moderately optimistic that the council will continue with the grant arrangement so that we are able to keep Totley Library open. The recommendations from the review are being presented to the council's Cabinet in November so we will report the outcome in the next edition of Bradway Bugle.

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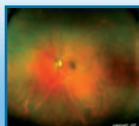
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Bradway Action Group

Annual General Meeting on 4th October:

We were pleased to welcome Nick Hetherington, Network manager of Amey who gave us an excellent and informative talk outlining the 25 year contract to replace and maintain roads, pavements, street furniture and street trees in Sheffield. Bradway pavements should be started in March 2017, weather permitting. Lighting is already complete. A roadshow in April will outline plans for the remaining work to be done, including road resurfacing scheduled for September 2017.

Trees have been surveyed and a plan submitted to the council. Letters will be sent to local residents where tree removal is planned. If over 50% object it will go to an independent panel. The aim is to improve the age range of the now elderly tree stock. Trees removed before 2011 will not be replaced. Some of our cherry trees are varieties that grow too big for the locations in which they were planted. They will be replaced with varieties on a better root stock. It was asked that common as well as Latin names of trees be used in letters.

A complaint about the pavement gullies on St Quentin Drive and Twentywell Lane was noted along with potholes on Prospect Road. Verges may be a. reseeded, b. bollarded or c. semi-hardened - the most likely option in residential areas. When work commences households will be notified. Any cars left parked on the road may be towed away. Potential disruption of bus services was raised. If necessary, work on those sections may be done at night when traffic is minimal.

Nick's explanations were well received and all questions were well answered. We have a contact to call if we have any

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concerns. She's previously provided answers within 48 hours.

In my Chairman's report: I was pleased to advise of increased membership numbers, and improved finances. The annual Bounds of Bradway Walk had a record number of participants. We achieved Village Green status for the Old School Field, at last. The Christmas events on Twentywell in 2015 were better than in 2014, our first year, and plans are in hand for 2016.

Fun Day on 10th September was possibly our best ever with large numbers enjoying our widest range of attractions and stalls. Our well-advertised special attraction may have helped to swell the numbers. Unfortunately, the promised fly past by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's Lancaster, Spitfire and Hurricane did not take place. The fighters were grounded by bad weather in Lincolnshire. The Lancaster had blown a supercharger the day before and had to have it replaced to get to Southport Air Show. We hope to get at least one plane for our event on 16th September 2017! Deputy Chairman Anne Sharpe and her team deserve our thanks for putting in so much hard work before and during the day.

My emailed newsletter, sent to members between Bugle issues, has been well received. More are looking in on both the website and our Facebook page.

BAG members, and other residents, continue to pick litter wherever they find it. By doing so we make it all the more noticeable when any is left. Well done to all who quietly get on with this work.

Peter Smithson has been wishing to give up his role as Treasurer for some time. This year Andrew Tabor allowed his name to go forward - and he was quickly elected to take over. For a maximum of 2 years he says, so we still need a new treasurer. We must offer Peter all our thanks for quietly looking after our finances for so many years. He has agreed to remain on the committee where his close attention to all things relating to the Old School Field is invaluable. We trust he will continue to urge us along, particularly regarding the addition of

more playground equipment.

Rob Wilks stepped down during the year, but is intending to offer assistance wherever he can, particularly with publicity and prizes for Fun Day. Mike Bloy has also stepped down, and we hope his practical support will also continue. We must thank them both for their contributions.

Jill Colley made her mark when assisting with the Fun Day. She's the sort of person who likes to get things done, with a smile - and we noted she's a bit younger than some of the committee. It's our good fortune that she agreed to be nominated and was elected to join us.

We can't rest on our laurels. We have to look forward. Our new Treasurer will be working with the Membership Secretary to see if we can make it easier to pay annual subscriptions either by standing order, or internet banking. We need to improve what goes on our website, how, and when. We need to form a small group to maintain footpaths in Poynton Wood to make it easier for walkers and runners. An aspiration may be to ensure paths down to the station can be used in all weathers.

To make all this happen we need more young blood on the committee to carry on the work. We hold committee meetings on Tuesdays every second month. If you'd be interested in attending as an observer please let us know.

Bradway shops - Christmas is approaching:

By the time you read this we will have lost the Post Office service on Twentywell Lane. Bargain Booze have given it up, and are trying to sell the business. Its possible newspaper deliveries could cease, depending on whether a buyer is found, and what they plan. A previous sale is understood to have fallen through. We know Dore Post Office is for sale, and the Postmaster at Totley Rise is leaving next year. These are commercial matters BAG can do nothing about. However, if we don't use our shops and other facilities, we'll lose them.

For the last two years BAG has helped with Christmas decorations on Twentywell Lane, and we are planning to do more in 2016. We particularly want to support our local traders and encourage use of the services they offer. If we don't, future decorations could be in front of an empty shop or two. The country is going to the dogs! Well, in Bradway we must be mad, but our Xmas Event from 11am to 4pm on Sunday 18th December will include an outdoor dog show!

HGVs on Twentywell Lane:

We can blame the latest convoys on Bell's house building site, Wyvern Gardens, formerly part of the playing fields of King Egbert's School. We've established there are 400 HGV loads of surplus material being excavated in up to 7 trucks. At the time of writing there may be an end in sight as there's not too much left to be shifted. Hopefully, most will have gone by the time you read this.

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Meadowhead is via Twentywell Lane, and although undesirable, it's legal. The firm concerned has been asked to use the alternative major road routes. A few loads have gone that way, but it doesn't seem to us to have been many. Residents on Bocking Lane also want them stopped – and they are at night from 7pm to 7 am. Shopkeepers and the school on Abbey Lane in Woodseats don't want them there either.

Although this firm has not responded to our emails and telephone requests, a previous offender did send a prompt, polite and well reasoned response. He pointed out that the shortest route between A and B reduces fuel consumption, air pollution and inconveniences properties and people over a shorter distance. Dore to Meadowhead is shortest up Twentywell Lane!

If HGVs weren't used the material couldn't be removed from the site, or it would be removed in 3 or 4 times the number of smaller trucks – as would have happened 50 years ago. Others have pointed out that cars reversing in and out for Twentywell Lane shops are a daily danger, possibly greater than the trucks!

Short of building an underground network of through road links we're, basically, stuck with this issue for the foreseeable future. If one route gets trucks banned, more will divert to those remaining. Would BAG want to get involved in direct action? Blockading roads isn't something we're keen on. The excessive numbers of Mr Brocklebank's

vehicles may drive even the most reasonable of us to consider it!

Bradway Bugle:

Readers may notice that this Bugle is coming out a little later than planned. The reason is that the Editor John Baker has been in hospital again. I'm sure I speak for all readers in thanking him for all the hard work he does, and to offer our very best wishes for his recovery. The Bugle may sometimes be taken for granted. Be assured it takes a great deal of preparation, and John does almost all of it himself.

None of us are getting any younger. John would welcome assistance with future editions. If you think you could help please drop him a line, or give him a call. His details are on Page 2.

Membership:

BAG members receive email Newsletters throughout the year. If you aren't receiving them you're either not a member, or you haven't given us your email address. A big thank you to those who joined or renewed in 2016. Without your support we'd get a lot less done. With more support we may be able to do more.

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

The minimum subscription is only £2 per annum. Completed forms should be sent to the Membership Secretary at 9 Kenwell Drive, Sheffield, S17 47PJ or handed to any committee member.

To contact BAG about anything else please go to our website at;

bradwayactiongroup.org Also look out for us on Facebook

Chris Morgan

Transport 17

The last two months have been pretty quiet as we close for the latter part of August and don't get back into routine until the week after August bank holiday. We have received our registration details for the new vehicle, but no actual vehicle as yet! Hopefully, by the time you read this article the vehicle will have arrived!!! Let's hope so!

Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild held an afternoon tea on 6th September and Dore Open Gardens donated £429 to our refurbishment fund - many thanks! I am pleased to report that the new radiators have been fitted this week and the premises are looking really splendid. We are hoping to have the carpet cleaned and then there will be minimal work to do. We really cannot thank you enough for all your continued support. Where would we be without you all!

We have had to change the date of our Christmas Fayre to Saturday 19th November at the Cross Scythes from 10am to 12 noon. We hope to have cakes, decorations, puzzles and any unwanted gifts. We are also hoping the Cross Scythes will be blessing us with their famous yummy yum-my mince pies - can't wait!!!

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When children leave Bradway Primary School for the new challenges of secondary school, I usually watch them go with mixed feelings of pride and sadness. Pride at how far they have progressed at our school, but sadness because we have ceased to be part of their personal educational journey. Often I never see or hear of them again.

You may think that this is to be expected but I've been asking myself and others this question: when they leave Bradway do children really cease to be my responsibility or should I be partly held to account for their successes or failures later in life?

For example if my school was to spend all its time training children to pass exams at the age of eleven, neglecting other areas of the curriculum, I imagine that children would leave us with higher scores than they currently get but I doubt if this would translate through to them becoming more successful adults later in life. I also think that this would be morally and educationally wrong.

I imagine that many of us can remember studying for exams, cramming in the information for the big day only for it to be lost to us almost entirely a few months later. This can be the problem with too much focus on tests: the learning is often shallow and easily lost from memory.

Incidentally this also causes an issue for secondary schools as they are measured on progress based on exam results at the end of primary school. If the children entering their schools from primary have forgotten much of what they learnt then it is clearly harder for them to show this progress.

Memory is an elusive subject and there are whole books and treatises written about it. Whilst studying Psychology at university, I was taught by somebody

called Professor Reason (a great name for a professor!), who had dedicated his whole professional life to the study of memory. It was fascinating to me at the time, and it still is, because memory lies at the heart of education. What makes us remember some things but not others? Why are times-tables so hard to learn for many people whilst the same people can recite every type of dinosaur, along with their eating habits and vital statistics?

An eight year old boy, who I'll call Tim, accosted me in the playground earlier this term and we spent a happy five minutes talking about the Tyrannosaurus Rex. He knew so much about this fearsome predator and was hungry for more information. He knew much more than I did and even had a book to refer to as he plied me with copious statistics about this dinosaur. However, despite his enquiring mind the chances are that his knowledge of times-tables or spellings was less thorough than his knowledge of dinosaurs; understandably so, you may be thinking.

So how do schools encourage children like 'Tim' to also learn his times-tables or spellings? All parents who have tried will know how difficult it is to motivate children to sit down and really learn these sorts of things, even though they form a vital part of the knowledge base on which they will later rely.

I've posed a few questions; now for some possible answers. Ideally we want children who go up through school to be eager to learn and to remember, and then apply what they have learnt. From my experience and from what I have read, it seems that one of the pillars of good learning requires an emotional involvement with the subject matter. This is why we spend a lot of time with our children in school time visiting interesting places, encouraging interesting visitors and crafting a fascinating curriculum to inspire their curiosity about the world.

This is not always easy of course, particularly with some drier subjects like times-tables, but even these can be made to be quite enjoyable through the creative use of song and rhyme, or by incorporating a competitive element with children trying to beat their own or others' scores in tests. For example my sixteen year old daughter astounded me a few weeks ago by confessing that she knew every English King and Queen since William the Conqueror in order of when they reigned, and that she'd known it since she was seven years old. She didn't sit down and learn this information but it made its way through in to her long term memory because she listened repeatedly to a humorous song that she liked which recited them all.

At Bradway with our focus on 'learning through enjoyment' we try to give children learning experiences that they will remember for life and not just learning for the test. We try to make the drier subjects that they have to learn more enjoyable, whilst not compromising on our provision of an

exciting and varied curriculum. In this way we believe that we are preparing children to be successful adults and lifelong learners.

So, going back to the idea of schools being responsible for their learners in the longer term, I would support this idea wholeheartedly and have suggested, together with others, that primary schools should receive data showing how well their ex-pupils perform later in life.

It would be very interesting, for example, to compare the future progress of a group of a thousand pupils from similar socio-economic backgrounds, who had been educated at a wide range of primary schools and who had all achieved exactly the same score in their tests at age eleven. I think that one would see a wide range of achievement in later life and that children from some schools would be more successful.

This is already readily apparent anecdotally and I am frequently told that Bradway children stand out at secondary school because of their excellent attitudes to learning, their wide range of experiences and their creativity; hopefully this means that they will be successful adults. They do well because they have a good foundation of learning, something that every child in Sheffield deserves but does not always get as the pressure to perform in tests threatens to narrow their curriculum.

Paul Stockley (Headmaster)
Bradway Primary School

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Key dates

Friday 16th December 2016: Last day of the Autumn Term

Tuesday 3rd January 2017: First day of the Spring Term

Monday 30th January: School closed for training day

Monday 20th – Friday 24th February: Half term holiday

Totley Probus Club

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Take a break

The Hills are alive ...

Although my days in the travel industry may be long behind me, my travel days are still in full swing. One of my favourite trips of last summer had to be our 10 days in Austria. Albeit a mix of weather and having to chase the sun, our time exploring was a pleasure.

Having picked up flights with our Avios miles through British Airways, the only negative of the trip was the long journey down to Gatwick. Boo! So, after a refreshing overnight stay in Crawley we were ready for our scenic adventure to begin.

With our rental car collected we headed south-east from Salzburg to Schladming, approx. an hour drive, passing snow-capped mountains, castles perched high and scenic vista after scenic vista ... bliss! Our home for the duration of our stay was The Alpine Club, in a spacious 1 bedroom apartment on the top floor with breath-taking views of the Dachstein Massif.

Day one started a little misty with what I can only describe as 'mizzle', so with rental car at hand we headed out in search of the sun and it wasn't long before we skirted the mountain range holding in the weather front and sunshine filled the sky. Our destination, Pyramidenkogel is an 851-metre (2,792 ft) high mountain in Carinthia, Austria located to the south of the Wörthersee and near the town of Maria Wörth, not far from the Slovenian border. The mountain has been a tourist attraction since at least the late 19th century and the view from its top is mentioned in Karl Baedeker's 1879 *The Eastern Alps*. One word 'Spectacular'

We spent the first part of the day exploring the Tower Pyramidenkogel, taking the never ending spiral staircase to the top of the World's highest wooden tower via several viewing platforms until we reach the pièce de résistance and looked out in awe at an uninterrupted 360 degree view. Wow!

As the weather began to close in we made our way on foot back down this amazing structure, although there are also 2 alternatives for the brave at heart, albeit for an addition fee! First was a long line leading the way to the helter-skelter taking you whizzing down the structure



The pretty village of Filzmoos, in a truly picture-postcard mountain setting at the foot of the Bischofsmütze and Dachstein Mountain peaks.

to terra-firma below, or alternatively strap in for a zip-line ride down a wire. Neither looked particularly appetizing for us ... but it was more due to the additional fee, rather than the fear!

Back in the car we travelled to Maria Wörth for a walk around the pretty village, before heading to Wörthersee for a lovely meander along the lakeside promenade with the many other holiday-makers out for their daily constitutional! A wonderful way to end the day.

The days passed quickly as we explored the far reaches of the area, from lakes and mountains to waterfalls, glaciers to gorges and beyond.

Krimml Falls is a must and albeit another longish drive from our base in Schladming, this amazing natural wonder is worth every mile. Paid parking is easily found off the main road and following the signs we soon reached the base of this mammoth climb. Paying our €3 dues we headed out on the switchback trail for our 90-minute 'yomp' up this impressive waterfall. Spread across three tiers, the sum total of which makes it a giddy 380 metres high, the Krimml Waterfalls are a blockbuster attraction,

and with good reason: as well as being the highest waterfall in Europe and fifth highest in the world, the zig-zagging waterfall trail starts from the ticket office and takes you all the way up to the viewing platform above the top of the waterfall's highest point (the Schettkancel).

The path gives many amazing viewpoints to experience the cascading force of the water and is definitely worth the long trek, and then some! Phew! All of the levels are wreathed in rainbows and a spectacular crescendo of bubbling water gushing over sharp precipices, exploding in an almighty froth against huge boulders ... a spectacle not to be missed.

The amazing vistas just kept coming and the pretty village of Filzmoos, with wonderful walking and a charming atmosphere, a truly picture-postcard setting at the foot of the Bischofsmütze and Dachstein Mountain peaks, surrounded by unspoilt scenery was not to disappoint. Bischofsmütze means 'Bishop's hat', and is so called after the striking shape of the peaks which rise to form the backdrop to the village. No wonder the locals describe it as a little piece of heaven, it was truly stunning.

As always, all too soon our adventure came to a close. The good news is this is somewhere we will return to again and again as there are many breathtaking places to explore! Get your hiking boots at the ready and experience it yourself, you won't be disappointed

Lindsay Allen

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New clinic

Activ Physiotherapy has been a well-established physiotherapy clinic in Totley for several years and has just made the move to new bigger premises. The new clinic on Totley rise will be larger in size, offering more modern treatment facilities, a second treatment room and gym space.

Andy Okwera of Activ Physiotherapy is very excited about the move. "We have been getting busier over the years and have wanted to move somewhere bigger for a while. The new clinic has two treatment rooms which gives us the flexibility to offer more appointments and alternative treatments such as sports massage, podiatry and acupuncture. Plus, the gym facility also opens up the potential for in-house rehabilitation, personal training through PK Fitness and a place to expand our Pilates classes and pregnancy exercise classes that have been successful in Bradway".

Andy will be joined by Matt Witthycombe, Rob Mooney, Mark Davenport and Kerry Lauder in the clinic. "Kerry does our exercise classes, Matt does a bike fitting service and Rob is responsible for our golf screening service. So, as you can see, the level of expertise is increasing in our already well experienced team". Activ is hoping to use the facility in future to provide further fitness and rehabilitation classes and link up with the local community.

The new clinic is at 88 Baslow Road,

Totley, S17 4DQ. For more information contact 0114 236 5532 or visit www.activ-physiotherapy.co.uk.

On the Beat

As the nights are now drawing in again, I thought it would be a good time to remind everyone of a few basic home security tips. You can never be too careful!

Burglars prefer to gain easy access to homes, so the harder you make it for the criminal the lower your chances are of becoming a victim. In addition, if you do become a victim, there are measures that you can take to increase the chance that your goods will be returned to you if the police later recover them.

Here are some ways that you can protect your property:

Security mark your property with a UV marker pen. You can use this pen to place an invisible imprint of your postcode and house number on your possessions. Consider traceable liquid from Smart Water, www.smartwater.com

Place a sticker on a conspicuous window of your home that states your possessions have been security marked. This will also help to deter thieves. I have stickers if required, leave your address and contact number on my mobile.

Keep your home securely locked at all times. Most house break-ins are committed by opportunist thieves who do not have to break-in due to a door or

window having been left open.

Speak to your local PCSO (my contact details are at the end of the article) about the safety devices (locks, timers, lighting etc) and procedures (closing curtains after dark, cancelling regular deliveries when you are on holiday etc) that you can put in place to increase the security of your property.

Consider installing a telephone entry system especially if you live in a shared block. This may be easier to organise if you get together with other residents and speak to your property management company.

Don't put your name or room number on your key ring, if you live in shared accommodation. If it is lost or stolen, the thief will have information that could direct them to your home and your property.

Change the locks if other people, such as previous tenants, could be in possession of keys that fit the locks in your home. Do not give keys to tradesmen as they can make copies quickly and easily.

If you see signs of a break-in at your home - like a smashed window or an open door - do not go in. The burglar may still be inside. Instead, go to a neighbour and call the police.

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'Sheffield's Charming Parks and Breezy Moors'

This was the title of a pamphlet published in 1934 and written by Thomas Cowen, who at the time was the Headmaster of Stoney Middleton School.

Picking out just one section relating to Blacka Moor shows how little has changed in terms of scenery. However we no longer can take advantage of this:

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We are soon among heather, bracken and bilberry, and there are glorious prospects of Woodseats and the greensward of Graves Park. Here are deep ravines occupied by Blacka Dyke, which hollow obscures the views of the city which is five and a half miles distant. At either end are plantations containing beautiful rhodendra and a high hill at the farthest point rising to a height of 1000 feet commands a view of the crooked spire in Chesterfield, a distance of fifteen miles. Although you may go where you like,



Sheffield crowds getting off buses at Fox House back before the Second World War. Look carefully and you will see how one dressed for a day's walk in the countryside.

scramble where you like, yet you must use propriety in the use of matches and the disposal of waste paper, so as to preserve the amenities provided by Sheffield's 'Fairy Prince.'

Totley Townswomen's Guild Year 2016

This year's programme of events is proving to be very popular. At the monthly meetings there have been talks about (and with) Nelson, a support dog; behind the scenes of "Last of the summer Wine"; a presentation on flower arranging (July), and one on the art of

quilting (September). Most recently an illustrated talk by Ann Beedham - the Suffragette the Silver Worker and the Sheik's creator, plus some of Gerry Kersey's radio encounters. We look forward to a practical presentation on gift wrapping - very timely in November.

The popular subgroups continue along with interesting country walks (twice monthly on Thursdays), interesting and

stimulating talks at social studies meetings (the fourth Tuesday morning), and friendly and enjoyable games of Scrabble (Wednesday monthly).

The social studies group visited the Lifewise Centre at Hellaby where the programme for the day was led by South Yorkshire police. Guild members also had a successful outing to the National Memorial Arboretum, a very appropriate visit in 2016. A Townswomen's Guild Memorial is to be erected in 2017.

Lunch gatherings always go well. This year the Guild members went to Sparkes restaurant in the spring, had the opportunity of a summer lunch at our home base and the Guild birthday lunch in October.

When our thoughts turn to Christmas, there will be a National Carol Service in Blackburn Cathedral, and more locally a carol service in a Sheffield city centre venue for the Sheffield Guilds as well as our own Guild celebrations.

Other tastes are catered for with the annual general knowledge quiz, and the opportunity for individuals to enter a bowls competition.

So ladies, don't delay. Put Tuesday mornings at 10 am (third Tuesday in the month) in your diaries and come along and join us at the Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. Further information is available from our chairwoman, Maureen Gray, whom you can contact on 250 9670.

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Personal Finance

Triggering pensions freedoms without a plan could be costing you money

According to recent research, the introduction of pension freedoms has led to many thousands of people taking out large sums from their retirement funds, then leaving it earning them next to nothing in low-interest accounts. The figures from Citizens Advice who carried out the study suggest that around three in ten people are currently doing this, with the move appearing to be just as common amongst those with smaller pensions as those with pots valued at over £100,000.

As well as impacting upon the returns seen from their savings, these people could also be inadvertently losing a chunk of their pension through taxation. Only 25% of a person's pension fund can be withdrawn without incurring tax, with anything more than that taxed in the same way as income. Particularly large withdrawals could therefore result in a sizeable tax bill, as well as potentially pushing those paying basic rates of tax into the higher-rate bracket.

Other perks that may be lost through withdrawing pension funds include capital gains, which are tax-free within pensions, and protecting retirement savings from inheritance tax. If the money is moved into a current account, it becomes part of an individual's estate and therefore will possibly incur death duties.

Part of the problem is that many see pension schemes as complicated, with their bank or building society account looking like a simple alternative

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where their money can be easily accessed. A 'Retirement Quality Mark' is set to be launched in September to help savers with the best ways to access their savings without sacrificing the benefits a pension fund provides.

Whilst the findings are concerning, it is worth remembering that there are many people who have taken advantage of pension freedoms since they were introduced last year and have been able to pursue interests and investments in a positive way. Withdrawing larger amounts from your pension pot in one go can be hugely beneficial as long as you do so with a plan set out to ensure you are using the money wisely and not opening yourself up to additional taxation that could have been avoided. If you have any questions around accessing your pension, please feel free to get in touch with us directly.

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Eyam Hall & Craft Centre

Eyam Hall and Craft Centre is at the heart of the historic village of Eyam in the Peak District – this Christmas, visitors can lift the lid on a traditional Christmas Eve this year.

The Hall is looked after by the National Trust, keeping a family house alive in the twenty-first century. It's the perfect place to visit this Christmas, offering traditional craft workshops, guided winter walks, and unique shopping opportunities far away from the hassle of the high street.

Cyclists can enjoy following trails with open views, downloadable from the website. For those days where the weather takes a turn for the worse, take cover in the Hall whilst exploring the place the same family have called home for 11 generations.

The Hall has been home to the Wright family since 5th November 1672. Visitor Operations Manager, Jenny Aldridge, says, "The Night before Christmas theme is something that all ages can relate to. The Hall was most recently lived in in 2013, so 344 years' worth of Christmas Eve excitement is tangible here."

Based on the classic poem by Clement C Moore, the house will be dressed and complete with a "Night before Christmas" family trail. Enjoy winter sunshine in the walled garden, and linger in the drawing room, a peaceful haven to get you in the true Christmas spirit. The Craft Centre is the perfect destination for shopping, with independent shops offering unique handmade gifts, food and drink with and a warm welcome.

Why not make Eyam Hall part of your traditions this Christmas?

Craft Centre and National Trust shop:
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Hall and Gardens: Saturday and Sunday
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*A bracing winters walk on Eyam Edge. Photograph Laura Kennedy
Eyam Hall offers a range of guided winter*

Bradway Birds

As I feared, summer revealed some worrying decreases, following on from December 2015 and into the spring. December and January were not just unusually warm but exceptionally so, and there was also plenty of moisture.

Such conditions might waken and tempt out of hibernation hedgehogs and bats. The emergents probably couldn't find enough food to replace the calories used. Waking from hibernation in itself uses a lot of energy. Bats in particular would find little food.

Then came three and a half very poor months, with a greatly delayed spring. Either bats and hedgehogs slept longer than usual, depleting already reduced reserves, or they appeared at their average times and found a cold and hostile world with little available food.

Again, bats would be especially vulnerable, their prey being airborne insects rather than slugs, snails and worms. Since 1990, bats have flown around my garden and road on most nights from April till autumn. This year, I saw hardly any. May be they hunted elsewhere, but I doubt it. It was encouraging to see some flying in what was a delightful September.

As most people know, and the Bugle repeatedly reports, hedgehogs are badly down nationwide. Our garden family still leaves nightly evidence of their trundlings, and a friend still has hedgehogs in another corner of Bradway. However, there are fewer locally, and I seldom see one crossing our roads after dark. At least we have them; London's parks no longer do. Our garden hedgehog is still leaving its evidence in mid-October.

Perhaps surprisingly, butterfly chrysalises and moth pupae don't like winter mildness. They fare much better in frosty crisp conditions. The warmth and dampness of last December and January

probably caused the outer skin to rot. Fungi and mildew would attack and death would result.

Surely you must have noticed how few butterflies have danced around Bradway this year. For example, the second half of August was sunny and dry, with plenty of flowers, conditions ideal for butterflies. There should have been a second brood of the beautiful tortoise shells and peacocks.

The warm winter and the cold spring meant the first butterfly showing was very small, and the remnant probably bred very poorly. As a result, August was almost empty.

The species that everyone loves to hate, the whites, were around and very welcome they were too. Fewer in number than usual, there were enough to provide a basis for next year. Butterfly populations are prone to "boom and bust". Let's hope this year's few can overwinter as eggs or chrysalises to provide a richer 2017.

An exception has been the speckled wood, small, brown with cream spots. All the sunny glades in Poynton Wood have them and you will see them dancing round each other in courtship. They do venture into bushy gardens, of which Bradway has hundreds. This summer, they have been in all their usual places. They were even around at the end of September, which is later than usual.

The bird that worries me is the delightful house martin, though the year's weather is not the concern here. There was a thriving, bustling colony for many years on the Laverdene-Glover Road estate, of around 40 breeding pairs. They and the swifts filled the Mickley Lane air. In 2015, they had faded to 10 pairs, this year to a wretched 1 pair.

Strange to relate, the once much smaller colony near the Abbeydale Cinema is still there, and in its original numbers. Their environment must have fewer insects than Topley Brook, but there we are, the martins are fine.

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Conservation bodies are researching the extent of martin decline, which is UK wide but worse in some areas than others. The likely culprits are problems crossing the Sahara and drought in their sub-Saharan wintering grounds. Nevertheless, it is very odd that these problems are picking on Bradway martins but not Abbeydale ones.

Fortunately the Topley Rise swifts are still there, although a little down on twenty years ago.

So what would help in the next six months? A winter with some frosts and dry cold would ensure undisturbed hibernation and less mildew for overwintering insects. Then a spring which had warmth and sun, even if at

times rather than continuously, would give food and the chance of reproduction to the survivors.

John Kirkman

Hedges

If you regularly walk around Bradway you run the risk of meeting hedges and trees overhanging the footpath. Things are made even more difficult when cars park on the pavement.

Hedges should not overgrow footpaths or roadways, nor interfere with the view of drivers of vehicles. Some hedges don't overgrow the footpath but may obscure sight lines for drivers, particularly on

corners.

When footpath relaying is due, some hedge owners may be asked to get them trimmed back to allow work to proceed. If the owner fails to take that action the council can arrange to cut back hedges, charging the cost back to the property owner. It's really common sense not to allow hedges to get out of hand.

Note: The Council are usually very helpful in persuading householders to cut overhanging hedges. If they don't comply then the Council can cut the hedge and charge the householder.

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New archaeology gallery

From hidden Roman treasure to fearsome Anglo-Saxon weapons, the stars of Sheffield's archaeology collection return to the spotlight in Museums Sheffield's brand new archaeology gallery at Weston Park Museum. Having opened in September, 'Beneath Your Feet' has seen a total redesign of the existing archaeology gallery, bringing together over 500 objects in a series of new displays, films and interactives. The new displays will see visitors dig 50,000 years into the city's past and discover more about Sheffield's history through the objects which have been discovered in the local area.

The gallery has been completely reconfigured through the introduction of flexible new display cases and lighting, enabling more of the collection to be shared more often. New additions include a replica roundhouse allowing visitors to imagine life in the Iron Age, as well as a detailed map of finds in Sheffield and Derbyshire, documenting significant archaeological sites and encouraging visitors to explore locations where items on display have been found in the area.

Visitors to the new gallery will discover a vast array of objects from Sheffield's archaeology collection, comprising material excavated from Sheffield, Derbyshire and further afield, ranging from prehistoric finds to 20th century industrial remains:

Amongst the objects going on show are the Benty Grange helmet, one of the stars of the collection and one of only four Anglo-Saxon helmets ever found in this country.

Also featured in the displays are glass making crucibles from the 1700s, a Bronze Age shield from around 1000 BC and an Anglo Saxon sword from 900 AD.



Sheffield Manor Pottery. Manor Ware plate and tankard.



Beauchiel Abbey Altar vase 1500s

On show for the first time will be a Bronze Age dugout canoe from around 1900 BC, carved from a single tree trunk, as well as several objects from Sheffield Manor, including a Dutch Oven from 1715, used to reheat food.

Families visiting the new gallery can also enjoy visiting the mini replica roundhouse on display – complete with a thatched roof and a display of domestic objects from the Iron Age, or try dressing up in costumes from across the ages, including medieval monks, Roman soldiers or Anglo-Saxon peasants.

The new Beneath Your Feet gallery is part of a major programme of redevelopment taking place at Weston Park Museum throughout 2016. The improvements to the museum have been made possible thanks to a major grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, support from a range of trusts and foundations, and the incredible generosity of visitors to the museum.

Weston Park is open Monday – Friday 10am–5pm, Saturday 10am–5pm, Sunday 11am–4pm Entrance is free.

The Time Travellers Travelogue

The Time Travellers are a group of amateur archaeology and local history enthusiasts. We are based in the south west of Sheffield and hold our meetings in the Old School at Dore. We have a varied programme of walks, talks and presentations, plus taking opportunities to get involved in as many aspects of hands on digging as often as we can.

Much of 2016 has been spent on a Heritage Lottery Funded project to uncover the ancient history of Whirlow Hall Farm and we have made some stunning discoveries. We treated the project as a huge learning exercise and have arranged to receive training in a wide range of archaeological techniques including field walking, geophysical surveying, research and especially professionally led excavating and processing of the many finds we made.

These included some wonderful sherds of Roman and Iron Age pottery and many examples of worked flint, the most impressive being a beautiful Bronze Age flint arrow head. We are planning a series of displays and presentations initially for our members in late November and then public meetings starting in the New Year so that anyone interested can see what we got up to.

As well as furthering our understanding of the Iron Age and Roman occupation of Whirlow, we made the staggering discovery that a Roman Signal Station once stood at the highest area of the farm. This confirmed our belief that the people who farmed at Whirlow in the first and second centuries had connections with the Roman military. It also shows that at some point in time, this would have been the limit of the Roman frontier as they pushed their way north, subduing the local tribes in their path.

The Time Travellers haven't been confined to Whirlow Hall Farm this summer however and several of us took part in a separate dig near Ringinglow. Intriguingly this site would have been very visible from our Roman Signal Station!

Here we uncovered a Roman road that might have been used to transport minerals mined in the Peak District and linking to a wider road network that enabled goods to be sent across the Roman Empire. This may well have included lead that was sent to Rome which, in time, had calamitous consequences for the ruling classes there!

We have been putting together our Winter programme and future events will include walks around Froggatt, North Lees, the Lumsdale valley and several local Iron Ages sites. We are also on the 'lookout' for other potential sites of Roman Signal Stations in this area.

The Time Travellers aren't just about walking, talking and digging however. Coming up just before Christmas is our annual Winter Solstice celebration where we will share a drink and a meal. This year it is a seasonal curry! This will give us the chance to chat about what we have experienced this year and look forward to 2017.

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 or for more on the Whirlow dig www.discoverancientwhirlow.co.uk/

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Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Summer holidays are over (but let's hope that this clement weather continues), so now it's back to the old routine. We have started rehearsals for our annual show next April which is to be the all time favourite G&S operetta - The Mikado.

It has always been one of my favourite shows because almost all of the music is well known and the characters are very funny, especially Ko-Ko and Pooh-Bar, but more of this in later editions.

We all miss our past president, David Bramah who passed away in June but are pleased to announce that his replacement

has been selected by the Society and he has accepted the post. Our new President is to be Mr Mike Tolson of Rowan Tree Dell.

Mike has been a member of the Society for almost as long as David was and although he not been a playing member for the last few years has always remained close to us helping out where he could. I am glad that we have chosen a man who has worked long and hard for the benefit of all in the society.

Our next public outing will be just before Christmas when we undertake our usual Christmas Concert in Dore Methodist Church on Saturday 17th December at 2:30pm. We will have started rehearsals for this concert by the

time you read this and I've already had a preview of the programme.

There is the usual mix of light and comic offerings with plenty of seasonal content including several popular and well love carols: I've even had a request for one of my favourite Flanders & Swann songs but you'll have to come along to find out what it is.

Tickets (£7 each) are available from me, Telephone 0114 2362299. Don't leave it too late as the Methodist Church only holds 110 so it's first come-first served.

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Friends of Dore and Totley Station - FoDaTS

What's been happening over the last few months down at the station?

The Public Inquiry into the Hope Valley Capacity Scheme concluded in May and we've not heard a word since. Work should commence in early summer 2017. The auguries aren't looking too good for that target being met. The Department for Transport has yet to give the go ahead for any scheme, let alone one we'd consider acceptable. Completion was scheduled to take about 15 months to allow everything to be ready for new services to be introduced in December 2019.

Until that is confirmed we won't know exactly what new facilities we will be getting from Network Rail.

Northern have taken longer to settle down than we'd hoped. However we've had a friendly site meeting with Alison Bell, their Client and Stakeholder Manager for our station and we hope to make some progress. Northern have funds available for station projects and those with good ideas and plans may get their attention. It's very early days and we're looking to see how we can tap their resources. We'll be meeting them again before you read this.

An idea we've discussed is to provide more cover over the seats beside the old station building. Who pays and arranges for any plans, and then the construction, is currently under active review. It could be Northern, but we wouldn't count on that. The station at Garforth (see picture) used to have an open shelter covering an area similar to that at Dore, and a glass front wall has recently been added. We understand that was done by Northern.

We think an awning is quite feasible at Dore, but there is probably isn't enough space for a similar glass wall. The design of any additional work would need to match both the existing station and the new buildings we hope to see constructed very soon. Rail building regulations are complex and new facilities are usually in standardised style that may not be to



Dore & Totley station showing the usually empty disabled spaces.

everyone's liking!

We all know car parking space is inadequate and the sight of 7 disabled spaces which are rarely used is a matter of much comment. It's quite normal for none to be used, even in mid-week, as in the photograph. The 7 extra-large spaces seem excessive, especially when one is usually occupied by a small Fiat. These are the minimum stipulated under existing law. We feel it's ridiculous and are suggesting 2 disabled spaces are made general use extra wide spaces, and the 7 spaces are remarked at standard size to take 10. It would only create 5 more, but a step in the right direction. We'll be compiling statistics to support a case to get dispensation to relax the regulation on the grounds it is demonstrably not required.

The ticket machine has been out of order a lot recently, frequently displaying an out of service message. There have been multiple causes, but it is very well used for collecting pre-ordered tickets and that seems to cause it to jam more easily. We won't get a second machine, although an updated model might be possible. In the near future tickets will be printable at home, and smartphone users

won't need to print a ticket at all.

If you come across any problems at the station please call 0800 200 6060. This goes through to a call centre in Sheffield, the same place you'll go to if you press the help point buttons at the station. Try and get a fault reference number. If you've joined FoDaTS on Facebook let us all know so we can refer to that reference until it's cleared. If it isn't cleared reasonably quickly FoDaTS has



Garforth station. An example of what could possibly be done at Dore & Totley.

contact numbers and names to escalate an evidence based complaint.

By the New Year we hope to have come to an agreement with Northern regarding improved maintenance of the planted areas around the station. That may include some interventions by appropriately trained, approved, and security clothed FoDaTS volunteers. Any extra vegetation on the platforms will have to wait until after any reconstruction works.

Finally, a FoDaTS poster should soon appear in the station notice board. Updates on progress should appear there from time to time.

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

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

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Stop Press. "The Department For Transport advises that they have yet to receive the inspector's finding after the Hope Valley Capacity Scheme inquiry that finished in May. They hope to have them by mid-November.

They normally report their decision within 6 months, but it could be earlier. It is possible that the DfT may seek further clarifications and further appeals could be made. It's very unlikely that work will be able to begin on site in May 2017, so construction of new tracks, platform, and bridge will be delayed.

Completion in time for December 2018 timetable changes looks impossible. We may speculate that a target date of December 2019 is now more likely."



5 inch Gauge live steam 2-6-0 Class 2 tender locomotive, in the unusual but correct, British Rail green livery and running number 78004.

Records Fall as Steam Rises

With a total sale value of £58,000 (including buyer's premium) and 98% of lots sold, the Collectable Toy and Live Steam Auction at Sheffield Auction Gallery on Thursday October 27th was considered a success by Auctioneer John Morgan. Leading the way and setting a new house record for a model train was an excellent 5 inch Gauge live steam 2-6-0 Class 2 tender locomotive, in the unusual but correct, British Rail green livery and running number 78004.

Built to the very highest standard from original scaled down British rail plans it

sold for £11,130 (including buyer's premium). Along similar lines but in need of complete restoration was a 2.5inch gauge live steam 4-6-2 Princess Elizabeth by Basset Lowke which sold for £2,540 (including buyer's premium).

At the other end of the spectrum, auction houses are always looking for the next trend and one which came to the fore in this sale were the 1980's Action Man Action Force Items. Three lots of boxed vehicles and loose figures with a pre-sale estimate of under £100 sold for a premium inclusive £810. These particular figures were brought out in part as a response to the success of Star Wars action figures. Whatever did

happen to those?

Sheffield Auction Gallery's next Specialist Collectable Toys & Live Steam Auction is on 16th December and entries are invited.

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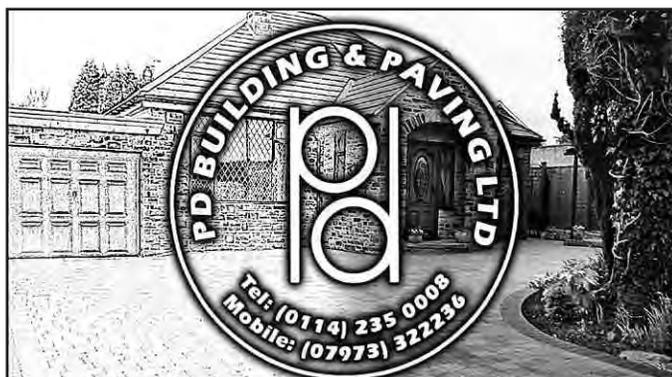
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Daring to Dream

An update from Greenhill Library

Over the last six weeks we've been privileged to have a group of 12 postgraduate students from the School of Architecture at Sheffield University working with us in the library. From the students' perspective, this "Live Project" has provided them with real-world experience of receiving a brief from an actual client and developing plans to meet our "spatial aspirations", as they put it. In return, we received detailed and inspirational proposals for a phased re-configuration and expansion of the building.

From phase 1, which involves re-purposing of some existing space within the current outline of the building, to the ambitious phase 4, which pushes out into both the "cage" area at the rear of the library and the square tarmac area to the side, these proposals present a vision of how the building could develop into a true community hub, whilst remaining a library at its core.

Will these drawings ever become bricks and mortar? It's hard to say. It would certainly involve a level of fund raising well beyond our current efforts. But we can all dare to dream.

Socially the highlight of the project was undoubtedly the outdoor pop-up cinema when about 70 hardy souls braved a fine but crisp evening to watch "Jungle Book" projected onto the rear wall of the building.

Apart from the formal deliverables of the project, it was great to have these young people in the library and to experience their "can do" attitude in all they did, especially the considerable effort involved in organising the pop-up cinema. Well done guys! We will miss you. On to other news.

We recently learned that we've been



awarded £2,000 by the Freshgate Trust to buy books for the 0 - 7 year olds, so expect to see new stock appearing soon. Encouraging these youngsters to engage with books is so important. Not only is it their library, but they are its future.

Also we're currently waiting to hear on a final decision about our level of council support beyond March 2017. But the signs are looking good that funding will continue, meaning that we have a reasonable expectation of continuing for at least another three years. Encouraging news indeed!

Do you knit? Then help us knit our very own Christmas Tree. The tree will be assembled out of 6-inch knitted squares and will be displayed in the library over Christmas. Afterwards we'll dismantle the tree and sew the squares up to make charity blankets. You can get knitting instructions and a sponsorship form from the library or download one from the website. Drop your finished squares in the big glass jar in the library.

Talking of Christmas, we hope you'll join us for our special "Christmas in the Library" day on 10 December. The library will be decorated for the season and you'll find childrens activities, guess the name of the unidentifiable fluffy pink animal (we couldn't get a teddy bear), festive food and drink, live Christmas music, a display of cribs, and more.

Finally, our next Friday evening talk is on 20 January when Pat McLaughlin will talk on "Green Men, Gargoyles and other Grotesques". As always, go to greenhill-library.org/events for the latest news.

Chris Brown

Eradication of badgers

Wildlife Trusts are firmly opposed to the Government's badger cull and extremely concerned to hear about the proposed extension earlier this year.

While sympathetic to farmers whose cattle are affected by the devastating disease Bovine Tuberculosis (bTB), they would urge the Government to consider the scientific evidence which indicates that a cull will not reduce bovine TB in cattle.

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust wants to see

British badgers are under threat from Government proposals.

an end to this devastating disease but there are more effective ways of controlling bovine TB, for example using a comprehensive package of cattle measures: better biosecurity, stricter movement controls, improved bTB testing and development of a cattle vaccine – the eradication of badgers is not the answer.

The conservation charity has been carrying out a badger vaccination programme across Derbyshire for the last three years – working with farmers and landowners to reduce bovine TB in a more humane way.

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's vaccination programme is one of 13 Wildlife Trust led vaccination schemes across the UK and no Wildlife Trust will allow culling on its land. To find out more about Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's programme, keep up to date with the latest project developments and results, please visit www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk.

NOW and THEN; The past is another country, but we've got a round ticket

Smell Checker

Whenever I smell a solid fuel fire, I'm taken back instantly to Bradway, where I grew up in the heady pre-central heating era of the 50's and 60's. Having coal delivered for the stove and the open fireplace was a regular occurrence and how I envied the men who regularly manhandled the sacks of nutty slack stacked two tiers high on the back of their ancient flatbed lorry.

Firstly, they wore aged leather jerkins and equally idiosyncratic hats, rather like peak-less versions of the French Foreign Legion kepis but with a longer than average neck flap to keep the coal dust off their collars (although from visual evidence, the dust certainly got everywhere else). Then, with their flapping trouser cuffs and great boots, their distinctive odour of sweat and coal grit, their white teeth and black wrinkles, they seemed the very essence of a tribe

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apart. But what settled the issue was that they were obviously not obliged to have a clean face. No abrasive sanding with a spit laden hankie wrapped around an index finger for them, oh no. Who would not envy such a state of affairs?

In some ways though, the coalmen were not so unusual. Like everyone else in the mid 1950's, they had their own distinctive smell. Showers not having reached many homes, daily bathing was regarded as something that happened only to the bed-ridden. Even if showers had been introduced in large numbers, they would have preceded adequately heated bathrooms by some years and would probably have ended up as 'summer-only' novelty items. In addition, work clothes were only laundered when they restricted the free movement of arms and legs due a build up of grime and perspiration, in strange contrast to shoes and boots which were invariably burnished to gleaming perfection.

Thus, the ground of my olfactory memories of Bradway has always been provided by the simple combustion of coal. Woodsmoke may be sweeter and more natural, candles more resonant of peace and meditation, but only burning coal conjures up the smoke in the valley of work and the joy of the return to the domestic hearth. If I smell smoke while standing in the street, it is as though across the years, a Bradway home has reached out and with gentle fingers, wound itself around my heart and pulled

me to the fireside again.

To this day, it is a smell that never comes alone. In my mind, it brings with it other hairy-chested reminders from the top decks of buses and busy local shops of fifty years ago; leather, hair cream, boot polish, damp mackintoshes, the unmistakable tang of a Capstan Full-Strength cigarette or the oily richness of pipe tobacco and at the weekends, the fustiness of sports jackets (whatever happened to them?) left too long in the wardrobe. Women simply smelt different; somehow lighter not just cleaner; more of Lifebuoy soap perhaps or a distant note that hinted at lavender water, ironed cotton, naphtha or eau de cologne with a citric edge, all wrapped in a coat that still had perfume or a good night out or both clinging to its lapels.

As powerful memory triggers, smells are no respecters of boundaries and have absolutely no sense of timing. The moment your nose detects a certain aroma, a cloud of associations have already been inhaled and you cannot avoid involuntary time travel, reliving a sense of place or remembering someone you thought you had forgotten.

As a result, I'm more careful now than I was in my youth about my choices of cologne, tending more towards the traditional perhaps even the intoxicating uncertainty of Old Spice, never knowingly twice the same scent (laugh not, OS is quite properly recognised by perfume aficionados as intriguingly complex and esoteric.)

Today's more modern perfumes rely more on outright chemistry than traditional aromatic virtues. The *perfumiers* palette is now so large that it's allowed an exploration of smells that are right up to the edge of what might be called 'attractive'. Urinary notes anyone? No? You might be surprised to find how many currently beloved modern perfumes and body sprays already have them.

It seems that we have had to go the long way round to get back to where we started; from the innocent acceptance of smells emanating from other people, to expunging any kind of bodily aroma through to introducing them back into circulation via highly priced perfume, our circuit is in one sense complete.

I'm not saying this is a bad thing. Quite the reverse; smell unites as much as it divides, across the generations as well as the hormonal spectrum. Even so, odours are often a forgotten part of our lives, that is until something happens to wake us to their power and their commonality. If you don't believe me, try making a list of the smells you love or see if you can make one for someone you know without asking them first. Embracing the hidden qualities of smells like this means you will never be short of presents (or indeed presence). For just think, as you step from the bathroom this morning, you could be wearing someone's dreamy thought, someone else's secret happiness and someone else's total recall.

Chris Sheldon

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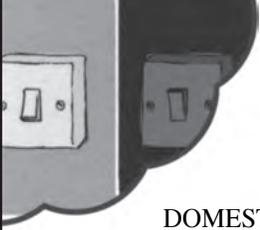
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Race Walking Success

The locally based race walking group continues to achieve top results. Their number one walker Ana Garcia, competing as an U17 this year was unbeaten in her age group taking all three national titles;

U17 Race Walking Association 5km (road) Champion.

U17 England Athletics 5,000m (track) Champion.

Inter-Girls English Schools Champion.

In this age group Ana also won the 'Nihill Shield' International match representing England against the Irish with a further win in the Schools International 3,000m walk in a match between the 'home countries'.

Despite still being 14 years old until well into the second half of the season Ana was invited to compete in the British Athletics 5,000m championships along with her training partner Natalie Myers. Ana was the youngest competitor in any event at the British Athletics Championships in June. Unfortunately she was not walking technically well on this occasion and suffered a disqualification whilst in a medal position. This let Natalie, a teacher at Mundella School into the bronze medal position.

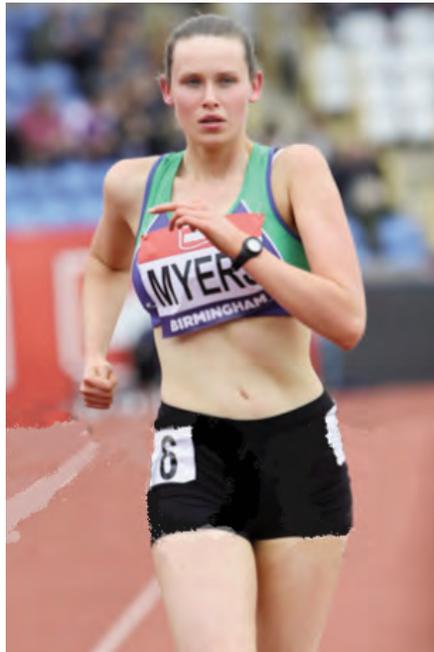
Earlier in the year Natalie had also taken third place in the Race Walking Association national 10km championships.

The two walkers also received invitations to compete as guests in the new Manchester International Athletics Match in August; they performed well to finish 7th and 9th with walkers from an array of countries ahead of them.

Ana's target for the coming season is to gain selection for England in the 'Small Nations' match involving Norway, Denmark, Switzerland, Netherlands, Belgium and Ireland. This had been her target for this year but the event was cancelled.



Ana Garcia, unbeaten in her age group.



Natalie Myers, 5,000 metre bronze medal winner at the British Athletics Championships.

Nostalgia corner

We strongly recommend that you log on to this gem of a film.

<http://player.bfi.org.uk/film/watch-sheffield-parks-and-gardens-1950/>

This old Transport Corporation film is worth its weight in gold, providing a reminder of when Sheffield was proud of its parks and open spaces, which were far more popular with people than they are today.

It contains clips of many of Sheffield's local parks including Beauchief Gardens, Millhouses Park, Graves Park, and Ecclesall Woods. but it is the people, the way they dress and behave which are the real surprise. To the oldies amongst us, it will bring back memories of happier times when life seemed so much more simple and enjoyable.

If you know of any similar old films that other readers might enjoy, then please let us know.

Soulroots Youth Community

Soulroots Youth Community is a Christian charity based youth organisation that currently operates in S17. We work closely with the community, schools and churches to ensure that all who are wanting to, can have the opportunity to get to know what being a Christian is all about.

There are various groups and events that we run throughout the year to provide a place for the children and young people of S17 to come and develop in those areas, ask any burning questions or simply have a place to come and chat. For information on the groups we run, check out our website at www.soulroots.org.uk

'Latifah Makuyi'

Additionally, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Latifah or Andy at latifah@soulroots.org.uk or andy@soulroots.org.uk

Sheffield Folk Train

On the fourth Tuesday of each month we gather on platform 2C (but please check the departure board) at Sheffield Station, to catch the 19:14 train to Manchester which calls at Dore (19:20) and all stations along the Hope Valley, with music from the band throughout the journey.

We reach Edale at 19:47, where we alight and make our way to The Rambler, where the musical entertainment continues with appropriate refreshment available.

We then take the 21:28 train back to Sheffield - with more music - arriving at 22:03. You can find more details at: www.folktrain.org.uk

22 November.

Albert's Skiffle Band. On their previous appearances on the Folk Train, Albert's Skiffle Band really impressed the audience and demonstrated that they really were "arguably Sheffield's leading skiffle exponents", so again we can expect another really entertaining evening with the highlight being one of Albert's step dances.

20 December.

Grenoside Carolers - tbc Several pubs in the area are amongst those which have continued the Sheffield carol traditions to the present day. Grenoside, however, is a more recent revival, inspired by fiddle player Ray Ellison who has also revived one of the historical traditions of accompaniment by a string quartet, including the performance of Grenoside's specifically ancient traditions.

24 January 2017.

Dogwood Rose. Another welcome back for the band which, in recent Januarys, had a bigger audience than in previous Januarys. They make regular appearances around the city and in North Derbyshire. I was introduced to them, by invitation, at a Sheffield pub. Describing their music as folk/Americana, they also include some traditional English songs.

28 February 2017.

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

28 March 2017.

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

Friends of Sheffield Castle

The Friends of Sheffield Castle (FSC) have announced that Sir Tony Robinson has put his support behind the Friends' group and has enrolled as the first Patron of the charity. They look forward to realising their ambitions for the castle site with the help of one of his 'cunning plans'!"

Sir Tony agreed to be a patron of the charity after delivering his talk at the Crucible as part of the 'Off the Shelf' festival

The Friends' are also pleased to announce that they are now a Registered Charity following submission of an application to the Charity Commission. This is a big boost as it will mean they can pursue additional lines of funding to support investigations into the Castle archives and in support of the project to investigate the remains.

Martin Gorman, Chair said "We are delighted that real momentum is building around both the Friends' group and plans to reveal the Castle remains, and we are hopeful investigative works on the site can start within the next 12 months".

Most recently, the Friends have been working with the University of Sheffield Department of Architecture and the castle site has featured as one of its 'LIVE' projects. This has meant that a group of dedicated students have produced some vibrant and creative visions for the site which are helping to drive plans, under discussion with Sheffield City Council,

for the meanwhile use of the site until investigative works get underway.

Getting it Right (For a Change!)

I had occasion recently to visit the Hearing Services Department at the Hallamshire Hospital. The previous week Mrs B and myself had been away on holiday and were offered the opportunity to use those "walkie-talkie" devices they lend you so that you can hear what the tour guides are on about as you wander around places of interest.

Unfortunately, I found that trying to accommodate the earpiece at the same time as my glasses and hearing aids was just too much for one ear to cope with, so I decided to remove one of the hearing aids, put it in my pocket, and insert the "walkie-talkie" earpiece instead.

This arrangement worked very well, but when I came to retrieving my hearing aid, I found that the little plastic tube that connects the amplifier to the earpiece had broken off.

Now, I recalled that at one time the Hearing Services Department operated a walk-in service on Tuesday mornings. On giving them a ring to check that this was still the case, they told me this system had been extended to cover the whole week and I could attend between 9am and 11am on any day of the week. I resolved to call in the following day.

Being a typical Yorkshireman ("not mean, just careful") I prefer to use the bus (and my bus pass) whenever I can to attend hospital appointments.

But I figured that since the vast majority of people who wear hearing aids are elderly like myself, they too would mostly want to use their bus pass and delay leaving home until 9.30am, resulting in the clinic being packed between 10am and 11am.

Not looking forward to this experience very much, in the hope of beating the rush I decided to brush aside my Yorkshire tendencies and take the car. Navigating through the rush hour traffic wasn't as bad as first feared, and by the time I arrived, just after 9.00am, to my great relief there were plenty of spaces in the car park.

As I'd hoped, I was seen within 5 minutes of arrival and not only was the defective hearing aid promptly repaired but the earpiece in the other one was replaced for good measure.

Getting back to the car park I noticed that the fee for a 0-2 hour stay was £2.20. Feeling somewhat disgruntled, I fished around in my pocket for some change. But when I inserted my parking ticket for validation it was returned to me without my having to insert any money. Confused, I tried again. The same thing happened. Then the attendant ambled over to point out that the first 20 minutes is free of charge! What a result!

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High Peak Day

“The High Peak has a similar resonance to the Kalahari Desert, or a Madagascan rain forest,” said Tom Harman, National Trust project officer for the High Peak. “It’s a unique habitat only found in certain places at this latitude, and you could say we’re looking after this unique habitat for North West Europe. There really isn’t much of it anywhere else.”

The first official ‘High Peak Day’ recently celebrated the forty square miles of upland moors stretching from Edale and Howden to the edge of Glossop. 10,000 years ago, after the last ice age, this landscape became a wet upland peat bog with trees and woodland among the slopes and valleys. Until the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, that is, when overgrazing, industrial pollution, land management for grouse shooting and thousands of hikers footsteps changed the landscape for generations. Until now.

Three years ago, after lengthy consultations, the National Trust began work on its 50 Year plan for the High Peak Moors. A 50 year plan might seem a bit leisurely for many humans in today’s world, said Tom Harman, but the upland landscape moves at its own pace.

Yet there have already been changes over the last three years, Tom said: Kinder Scout has finally turned back from ‘brown to green’, over 80,000 young native trees have been planted to bring woodlands back to the cloughs and valleys, and most importantly the public are beginning to notice and talk about the changing landscape.

Conservationists note the return of grasses and plants and moss, of the purple-bottomed bilberry bumblebee, the sightings of short eared owls and mountain hares, but also note the strange absence of iconic moorland birds of prey like hen harriers, peregrine falcons and



Group of walkers near Edale Rocks on Kinder Scout. Photo: David Bocking



Peregrine falcon

goshawks.

In the past, birds of prey were routinely killed to protect grouse, and conservationists believe that ‘active persecution’ of birds of prey still occurs, despite it being illegal. (The law doesn’t just prevent shooting, it’s also illegal to disturb birds of prey and their nests in the nesting season).

A young peregrine falcon was recently found killed by shotgun pellets in the Peak District, an act condemned by Derbyshire police and by Sarah Fowler, chief executive of the Peak District National Park who said: “Killing birds of prey is illegal. We will always support the police in their investigations and continue to work with our partners to conserve birds of prey. Members of the public can help by being vigilant and reporting suspicious behaviour.”

Tom Harman added: “This is their habitat, their home. Persecution of these wonderful creatures is deeply upsetting - we want to see birds of prey thrive. People who illegally persecute these birds are not welcome in the High Peak.”

The long term plan for the High Peak includes the protection and encouragement of birds of prey, and Ted Talbot, countryside manager for the

National Trust in the Peak District, believes that more goshawks and peregrines would encourage visitors to the area, and could even encourage a new approach to grouse shooting.

“You might accept there may be fewer grouse, but you would see some really wonderful wildlife during your visit, and you’ll be supporting the National Park and all this habitat restoration at the same time.”

But perhaps the most important part of the 50 year plan is to inspire people to take an active interest in the High Peak. Why not join one of the conservation groups and volunteer to help, said Ted Talbot, or join a natural history group and record the wildlife you see on your travels?

“We get complacent about our countryside here in the Peak District, but I’ve got a ranger from the Rockies visiting at the moment, who made me understand that this landscape really is something rare and exciting and strange. He asked me: ‘How many other places in the world turn purple in August and September?’”

David Bocking

Photographic Society

The Sheffield Society is a non-profit making organisation which aims to encourage and promote the enjoyment of photography at all levels. It was founded in 1864 and is therefore one of the oldest photographic societies in the world.

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7.45pm for 8pm (unless indicated otherwise) at St. Peter’s Church Hall, Reney Avenue, Sheffield S8 7FN. Most evenings are formal lectures, tutorials, demonstrations or competitions. Members’ Evenings and Members’ Competitions are more relaxed, informal occasions when any member can show his or her works for the enjoyment of other members.

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During the summer months evening and weekend visits are arranged to local places of interest.

The Annual Exhibition, takes place in February, and members are invited to offer their work for this public event. Our annual Winter Garden exhibition in November allows members to show a selection of their chosen prints.

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 for the separate meetings.

For more information contact the membership Secretary Kerry Long on 0114 220 0942.

Pets and loud noises

As many pet owners may have already experienced, bonfire night and the fireworks, were fun for us, but were quite startling, unpredictable and very frightening for all our pets. For those of you who were unprepared, don't be caught out again. An early Christmas/New Year's present for your pet could be the following:

The best way to help both dogs and cats to become gradually less worried by these loud noises is to use a sound-desensitisation CD, available from your vet. These CDs work by playing scary noises at a very, very low volume and then gradually increasing the volume as your pet becomes accustomed to them. However, this must be done well before fireworks season, over a period of weeks and with help from your vet.

In the meantime, here are a few cat-specific tips to help:

- Cats are prone to running away when scared so it is important to shut all doors, windows and cat flaps to keep them safe. This has the added benefit of shutting out the noise.

- Although it is hard for us to watch, meowing and pacing around is a normal behaviour for a scared cat trying to find somewhere to hide. Stay calm and allow them to do this; if they come to you for fuss, stroke them as normal.

- Our feline friends feel safest when hiding away so do not try to coax them out of anywhere they have chosen to

snuggle. Instead, provide them with a den (a cardboard box on its side with some familiar bedding is brilliant), place it somewhere they normally like to sleep, and make sure that they have access to food, water and a litter tray nearby.

- Feliway® (CEVA) is available from your vet; it is a plug-in pheromone product that we cannot smell but that is reassuring for cats. Place it near their hiding spot for maximum effect. In addition to this, Calmex Cat® (VetPlus) is a calming supplement that is useful in some cats; again speak to your vet.

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Sheffield Trees and Woodlands Strategy

Consultation on the strategy by Sheffield City Council closes on Thursday 1 December 2016

The Draft Trees and Woodlands Strategy outlines how Sheffield will manage its trees and woodlands for the next 15 years. They would like to encourage you to have your say about the strategy. For more info and to have your say, visit <https://sheffield.citizenspace.com/place-planning-1/trees-and-woodlands-strategy-consultation>.



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Lameness in dogs

At Park Veterinary Hospital we regularly see dogs walk into the consulting room with a limp, and during the course of the conversation we begin a detailed investigation of what might be wrong. We'll ask all sorts of questions as we start our investigation. Questions we may ask:

How long? – we need to know when the problem started to work out if the lameness is acute or chronic in nature.

Same leg? – is it always one leg that's affected, or does it move from one leg to another. This may sound an odd question, but we do diagnose conditions with a 'shifting' lameness.

Time of day? – is the limp present all the time, from first thing in the morning to last thing at night, or does it progressively get better or worse throughout the day?

How bad? – how would you score the lameness out of 10?

Exercise? – does going out for a short walk make it better or worse?

Pain? – apart from the lameness, do you notice other signs of pain such as yelping, licking or chewing?

We then start our clinical examination where we feel the muscles and joints and try to look for any signs or features that will tell us more. It's only after this that we start thinking of using other tools to help. We might suggest taking some X-rays, blood tests or joint samples.

What causes lameness?

1. Arthritis – degenerative joint disease or osteoarthritis is diagnosed or treated on a daily basis at our surgery. This condition is usually associated with ageing, though it can also occur after injury and infection. Signs to look out for might include a general stiffness in the mornings or perhaps difficulty getting into or out of the car.



2. Ligament injury – perhaps one of the most common ligament injuries we see is a torn or inflamed cruciate ligament. The cruciate ligaments are vital to the strength and normal function of the knee joint. Problems in dogs often occur suddenly when exercising, with the dog suddenly yelping as it chases a ball and then instantly goes lame. We may also see it develop progressively in some breeds.

3. Cartilage damage – there are some breeds that are particularly at risk of injury and damage to the cartilaginous joint surfaces. A degenerative disease called osteochondrosis (or OCD for short) affects young dogs and needs diagnosing and treatment to reduce the chance of long-term problems.

4. Hip dysplasia – stiffness or lameness in the back legs of some breeds may alert us to a problem with the hip. We'll need to take X-rays to confirm the diagnosis. Surgery is sometimes available to help improve the condition, but in most cases the condition is managed with diet and painkillers.

5. Fractures – an acute lameness following an accident is often associated with broken bones. Younger animals can get damage to the growth plates in their long bones where surgery is nearly always essential to prevent a long-term defect. We're very lucky these days to have access to some excellent surgeons, who'll in most situations be able to solve the problem. If our team at Park Veterinary Hospital can't repair the damage, we'll be able to refer you to a specialist.

6. Pad injuries – cuts and penetrating wounds are very common in the summer. Look for signs of bleeding, blisters or cuts on the pad surface. You might notice your pet licking or chewing excessively at the pad itself. In the winter, salt and grit can be extremely irritating and a lick injury may result.

7. Infected nails – dogs seem to be particularly susceptible to nail-bed infections. If you see your dog constantly licking at one nail, with the hair around the nail being wet or pink in colour, let us know. Some infections can be stubborn to clear and may result in the nail having to be removed.

If you notice your dog limping, it's almost certainly because there is pain. Call us to make an appointment, as in

many cases, the quicker the problem is diagnosed and treated, the sooner it will improve.

Park Veterinary Hospital

Calling all gardeners!

In 2015, keen to raise funds for the library, the late Avril Critchley held the first library plant sale. She put out a rallying call to all of her contacts, who got busy sowing seeds and potting up plants to sell. Even though the rain threatened the event the sale was a roaring success due to the kindness and generosity of everyone involved, whether they raised and donated plants, made tea, or were making the sales.

In 2016 we gave the plant sale a miss, and instead established a group of dedicated gardeners to concentrate on creating an attractive garden for library users and the local community. We are sure you will agree that it is really looking good. So many people have commented on the improvements when passing.

So now we are giving some of our attention to another plant sale which will be held in May 2017. At this time all we are asking is that people come forward to support the May 2017 plant sale by donating plants.

If you are willing to do this please email suehare42@talktalk.net or phone 0114 2363331. At this point we need to put together a list of willing green-fingered people so that we can decide if the sale is viable! Avril set the bar high, so let's see if we can do her proud!

Sue Hare

Sheffield Health Walks

Why not get involved in the local Walking for Health scheme.

The walks are free, fun, friendly and run every week (including school holidays!) – perfect to help you get active and meet new people. If you'd like to take part, all you have to do is go along to the start point of one of the walks a few minutes early, so that one of the trained walk leaders can take your details. Then you're free to take part in as many walks as you like, as often as you like. See www.healthwalksinSheffield.btck.co.uk

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Senior Snippets

Welcome to the latest edition of Senior Snippets: the advisory column with the older members of our community in mind, brought to you by Bryn Evans of Home Instead Senior Care in Sheffield and Barnsley.

In this instalment, I will be providing you with some useful tips on how to prepare your home for the cooler months. As the seasons change, so do our activities and home needs. Now is a good time to do some seasonal maintenance to keep your home running smoothly. The weather can change quickly, and you don't want to be caught unprepared. A bit of attention now will save costly repairs and aggravation later.

Check for drafts. Feel for drafts around the edges of windows and doors. A good tip is to use a lighted candle and if the flame flickers, there's most likely a draft. If necessary, replace seals and repair caulking around window and door frames.

Heating System Maintenance. An annual inspection is important to make sure your heating system is working properly and operating at peak performance this winter. Having your heating system inspected now, rather than waiting until cold weather arrives, will avoid the last minute rush and ensure that you won't be left shivering on that first cold morning.

Test home safety devices. Replace the batteries in all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide devices and test to make sure they're working properly.

Clean the gutters. Now is a good time to clear your gutters. Hire a reputable company to remove leaves and debris from gutters and check for leaks.

Clean the fireplace and chimney. You can clear out ash and charred wood from the fireplace yourself, but leave the chimney cleaning to a professional. Have the chimney cleaner check the damper to ensure it can be tightly closed to prevent drafts.

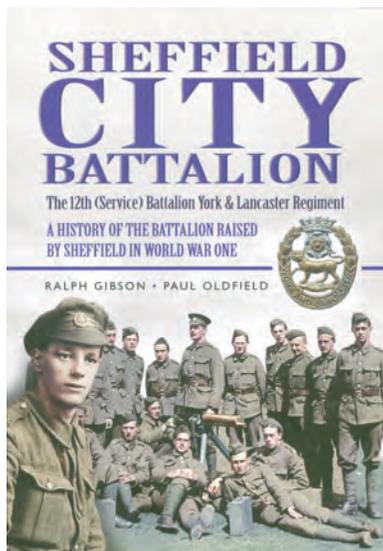
Store Garden Furniture. Clean and store seasonal outdoor furniture. Remove and clean cushions. Wash and dry furniture and store in a dry place over winter.

Install Rails. If you have steps at your front or back door, consider fitting a grab rail to help maintain your balance when walking on a slippery drive or footpath up to your front door.

As you're enjoying the last bits of the nice weather, make sure that your home is prepared for the coming seasons. Preventative maintenance now will save money on expensive emergency repairs and wasted energy costs. When the chilly weather approaches you and your home will be ready.

I'd love to hear from you! To make a suggestion for a future topic, please write to me at bryn.evans@homeinstead.co.uk or by post to Home Instead Senior Care, 6 Shirley House, 31 Psalter Lane, Sheffield, S11 8YL. Alternatively, you can also call me on 0114 446 9056.

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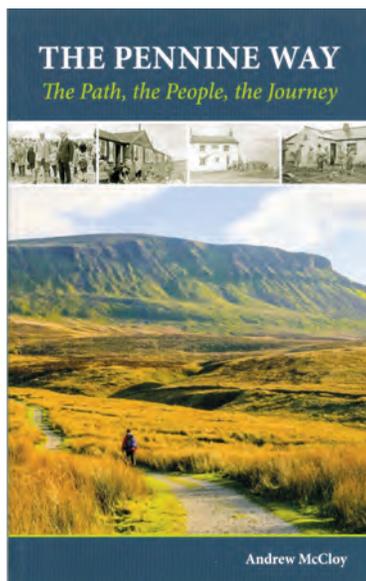
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The book covers the raising of the battalion, training, Egypt, early days in France, preparations for the Somme, 1st July (over 248 men killed, over 300 wounded), the aftermath of the battle, Neuve Chapelle, Arras, Vimy Ridge and finally disbandment and post war.

The book also has extensive appendices, listing decorations, army organisations and ranks, biographical list, The Reserves Companies, Documents. With a unique selection of photographs this book is a tribute to the men who served in the Sheffield City Battalion.

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The Pennine Way: The Path, The People, The Journey.

This beautifully conceived illustrated book celebrates Britain's oldest and best-known long distance footpath through the memories of some of those whose lives it has touched. A personal, thoughtful and often humorous account, it will appeal to people who have walked or are preparing to walk the Pennine Way, as well as to those with an interest in the history and legacy of this iconic path.

This is the story of a journey, following the author as he walks the 268 mile National Trail in its 50th year. From Edale in the Peak District to Kirk Yetholm in the Scottish borders, Andrew McCloy crosses upland and moor, reconnecting with these wild places and the unhurried rhythm of the long walk.

But above all this is the story of Pennine Way people. We meet passionate (and sometimes eccentric) trail-walkers, hardworking rangers and resourceful B&B owners whose personalities, conversations and memories are as engaging as the path itself. As he walks the path, Andrew McCloy shares the experiences of those who have found challenge, adventure and inspiration along the Pennine Way, discovering what the path means to them.

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The Family History Web Directory

Jonathan Scott's Family History Web Directory is an information-packed reference guide that distils the best of the internet into one easy-to-use format. Themed sections cover different topics, from 'getting started' to specific occupations, and there is an index reproducing all the websites in A-Z order.

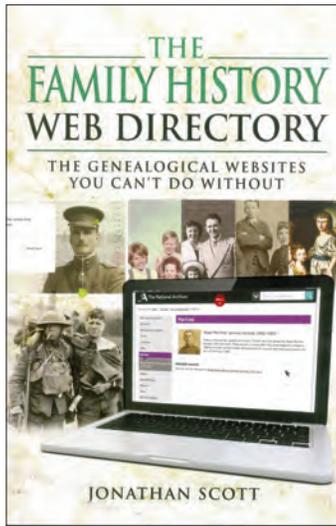
Web addresses are listed by topic, then in order of importance and usefulness. An extraordinary range of sites that will interest family historians is included – from records of births and deaths, tax, crime and religion, to military records and records of work and occupations. Also featured are sites that give information about archives, blogs and forums, social networking and sharing research.

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sensational case covered is that of Sheffield-born Charles Peace, considered by some criminologists to be England's most notorious murderer. He was hanged at Leeds on 25 February 1879 for the killing of Arthur Dyson at Darnall in 1876. Peace's criminality seemed to know no bounds. Several other sensational and forgotten murders are featured and a range of cases mentioned refer to many former landmarks in and around old Sheffield, from public houses and hotels to factories, shops and steelworks. An absorbing read for anyone interested in our local social history.

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More local events

Bradway Agewell Leisure Club

Meet on the first Tuesday in the month at The South Sheffield Evangelical Church, Greenhill Parkway (next to fire station) Coffee and biscuits are served from 09.45am to 10.10.am, followed by a talk from an invited speaker between 10.20am and 11.30am. Visitors £3.50 admission. New members welcome.

Dec 6th. The splendours of Autumn – Talk by Steve Drinkall, Followed by Christmas lunch (Members and Guests only)

Jan 3rd. A Palace by a river – Talk by Mike Ogden

Feb 7th. Lady Arebella Stuart – The Queen that never was - Talk by David Templeman

More information from Stuart Sawyer. Tel. 236 9830

Friends of Gillfield Wood

Nov 21st: Launch of the Phase 2 project to look at the woodland heritage and watercourse. Presentations will be given by Ian Rotherham, Christine Handley, Simon Doncaster and Paul Ardron. Starts at 7pm in Totley Library.

Nov 22nd: Waxcaps & autumn hedgerow surveys in the field (third and final 1/2 day session in 2016) with Dr Paul Ardron and Dr Barry Wright. Meet at 10am at the end of Totley Hall Lane, Totley. Finish at 2pm.

Nov 26th: 4th and final Bird Walk of the year with Chris Measures. Meet at Totley Hall Lane entrance at 9am.

Nov 27th: Practical Conservation Morning with ranger Chris Roberts. Meet at 10am at the bus terminus, Baslow Road, Totley.

Please check our website at www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com - for any late changes.



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Bradway Community Association

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Dec 4th. December Ramble

Jan 8th. January Ramble and lunch

Badminton 8.30pm Bradway Scout

Centre Thursdays. John Child 237 6577

Walks: Peter Smithson 236 9876

Social Secretary Jean Hunter 236 4922.

Friends of Ecclesall Woods

Nov 16th. Annual General Meeting, 7.15pm at the Discovery Centre in the woods. Speaker Professor Ian Rotherham on Shadow woods and ghosts – searching for Lost Landscapes

Totley (M) Townswomen's Guild

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

Nov 15th. Gift wrapping presentation, given by Karen Kay

Jan 17th. Radio encounters with celebrity, a talk by Gerry Kersey

Feb 21st. Railway rambles - The Hope Valley Line, a talk by Stephen Gay

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

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

Totley History Group

Nov 23rd. Open Meeting 7.30pm at Totley Library on the theme of education in Totley.

www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

Christmas Illuminations

Nov 19th. Switch on in the city centre.

Whirlow Hall Farm Events

Dec 7th. Christmas Carol Concert. Watch local schools performing favourite Christmas carols by candlelight and then join us for light refreshments afterwards, at Holy Trinity Church, Millhouses Tickets from Schani on schani@whirlowhallfarm.org

Dec 1st onwards. Christmas Parties at the Farm. Opening up the barn doors for a Christmas party with a difference. A fantastic evening of food, drinks & disco. 7.30pm – Midnight email; eventsenquiries@whirlowhallfarm.org or call 0114 2352678

Nov 26th & 27th. Christmas Fayre, 10am -3pm. See advert page 3

Totley Rise Methodist Church

Community Activities

Sheffield Citizens Advice Bureau

A free advice service on personal and community issues, including benefits, employment, housing, debt, relationships etc. No booking necessary – it is a free walk-in service on Tuesdays at 10am to 12 noon in the Totley Rise Methodist Church Centre.

Tuesday Coffee Morning

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

Knit, Natter, Craft and Chatter

Meets in the Church Lounge every

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

Lego Walk

A walking group for those who enjoy a day out in the countryside with friends. Meets every second Friday of the month and a typical walk is about 8 miles with pace and terrain carefully chosen! Lunch break is planned to take account of the season. A half day walk before or after lunch is often possible. Call Terry on 0114 236 7746

Tuesday Ladies

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

Men's Breakfast

A complimentary English breakfast and great conversation! Men's Breakfast meets on occasional Saturdays at 9.30am. Speakers have covered topics from football legends to life as a long-haul airline pilot. All men are welcome; no pressure, an easy environment. See the church website or contact Richard on 0114 236 3157, evenings.

And for the children -

Journey to Bethlehem - 3rd and 4th December 2016

This popular re-enactment of the Nativity story by Totley Rise Methodist Church attracts over 1,000 visitors every year. Free 30 minute tours for all the family, with tours starting at 4.15pm. Booking essential. Telephone Susan Kirkman on 0114 236 1971

Pushchair Club

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

Messy Church

Watch your children enjoy crafts, games and friendship in a Christian atmosphere. Light refreshments served. Suitable for pre-school and primary aged children. Generally every 2nd Saturday of the month between 3pm – 5pm. Contact Rachel on 07912 352543 or rachel-trm@yahoo.com for details and how to book.

Room Hire at Totley Rise Methodist Church

Available Monday to Saturday.

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Sheffield Rugby Union Club

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Sat Nov 19th Sheffield v Towcestrians KO 2.15pm

Sat Dec 3rd Sheffield v Bedford Athletic KO 2.15pm

Sat Dec 17th. Sheffield v Broadstreet KO 2.15pm

We look forward to seeing you at Abbeydale Park!

Totley Library

Saturday 5th November 10am – 1pm
BBC 'LovetoRead' weekend at Totley Library

Saturday 12th November 1.30-4.30pm
Afternoon delights craft workshop with Jan Flamank. Tickets cost £30 available in advance by phoning 0114 25 84157

Friday 18th November 7.30pm – Singalong Sound of Music, Totley Library Cinema. Raffle tickets £4 adults and £2.50 children

Thursday 24th November 4pm – A Wonderful Life, over 65s film club, FREE

Friday 25th November doors open 7pm
Fundraising Folk Concert with Pete Garratt, Ken Atkinson & Geoff Heppell. Tickets cost £7 (£5 Friends of Totley CRIC) available in advance from Totley

Library.

Saturday 3rd December 1.30-4.30pm
Afternoon delights craft workshop with Jan Flamank. Tickets cost £30 available in advance by phoning 0114 2584157

Sunday 11th December 2pm – Singalong Frozen, Totley Library Cinema. Raffle tickets £4 adults and £2.50 children

Paraprosdokians

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

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you ... but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up — we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

10. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

11. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.

12. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

13. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian; any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

14. You're never too old to learn something stupid.

15. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

Totley History Group

Did you or your children attend our local schools - Totley Primary (or Totley County as it used to be called), Totley All Saints, King Egberts and much earlier Dore and Totley High School?

We have an Open Meeting on November 23rd in Totley Library. The theme is education in Totley. We would love as many people as possible to come and share their memories.

If you have any photographs, programmes, pictures, etc that you would like to share, we could arrange, with your permission, for these to be recorded for future generations to study.

The meeting will be at Totley Library at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible. You can find us on the web at:

<http://www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk/>

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Red Deer challenge

“Some people call Big Moor a wasteland,” said Danny Udall from the Eastern Moors Partnership, of the 12 square kilometres of moorland between Holmesfield and Curbar. “But if you want to get away from it all and find a connection with something big and something wild, this is the place.”

From now until the end of November, Sheffield’s red deer herds will be rutting. On Big Moor and nearby White Edge, over 160 red deer will be bellowing, chasing and mating, like an antelope herd in a wildlife documentary. But on Big Moor there are no big predators waiting in the grass.

So the Blue Peter crew filming the Big Moor rut for a recent broadcast chose instead the Eastern Moors Bolving Championship as a finale to the day’s footage.

“‘Bolving’ is people emulating the roar of a red deer stag, which is then marked according to authenticity, volume and whether you get a response from a real red deer,” said Danny Udall. “It’s also a good way of making a fool of yourself.”

The National Trust and the RSPB, who manage the Peak District’s eastern moors on behalf of the National Park Authority, imported the ‘bolving’ idea from Exmoor three years ago, and this year’s competition at Barbrook saw over 100 people spectating and bolving at the stags a few hundred yards away.

Red deer have been increasing on Big Moor since a small satellite herd of Chatsworth escapees settled there in the 1980s. More than 260 red deer were counted on Big Moor in 2014.

But too many deer can erode the moorland vegetation, and lead to disease, said Danny Udall. There have also been reports of deer in local gardens, and several near misses on the roads. “When living closely with big wildlife like deer, I recognise there can be issues like the impact on people’s gardens,” he said.

Conservationists say the lack of top predators in the UK leads to problems down the food chain for plants, trees and even song birds as deer populations keep growing. The Eastern Moors Partnership

has recently contracted trained marksmen to shoot some mature female deer, to be sold on as game venison. The practice also keeps the deer moving around the moor and spending less time browsing in woodland.

“We have reduced the size of the herd to keep it in balance with the environment,” said Danny. “We got rid of the wolf in Britain some years ago, so now we have to be the wolf in the landscape.”

David Bocking

More information at the website: www.visit-eastern-moors.org.uk

Also see the area’s citizen science deer survey at: <http://www.ukeconet.org/deer-identification.html>



Above: Eastern Moors Red Deer Bolving Championships, Barbrook: George Telfer gets into the role of a red deer against the autumn sky before his bolving attempt.

Below: Red deer stag bellowing during the rut on Big Moor - Photo: Colin Dixon



Radon gas

Radon is a naturally occurring gas which is formed from the radioactive decay of the small amounts of uranium that occur naturally in all rocks and soils. The reason it is considered so dangerous is that it is itself radioactive – in fact it’s the only radioactive element which is a gas at normal temperatures. It can therefore be inhaled, and is the second largest cause of lung cancers after smoking. The radon level in the air we breathe outside is very low but can be higher inside buildings.

If you’ve bought or sold a house in the last several years, your solicitor or conveyancer will have included a radon risk report as part of the normal

property searches. If you’ve had an extension or other major building work done there may also have been a report. You can do this yourself; for a fee of £3 plus VAT, the UK Geological Survey will consult their radon risk map for you. The lowest level of risk is assessed as below one in a hundred properties affected. For most purposes this is fine, but it only refers to risk in the area where your house is. If your home is the one in a hundred it won’t tell you that. Or you might be in a radon risk area, in which case you’ll need to do a measurement, see below.

Radon has a half-life of a little under four days, meaning that levels can vary widely over time and may be quite different between two adjacent houses. If you still have concerns or you’re in a risk area then you can get a radon measurement done in your own home. On request, UK Radon will send you two detectors with full instructions. These have to be left in place for three months to iron out short-term fluctuations, after which you post them back and receive the report a few weeks later. The test results are private to you, and the cost of this service is £49.80. Even if you do in the end have a problem, a number of effective radon reduction techniques and equipment have been developed. New properties in high-risk areas may well have some level of protection built in.

Full details of how to obtain a risk report or conduct a radon measurement are available at www.ukradon.org.

South Dronfield for example is an area of high potential.



Red deer stags on Totley Moor with Sheffield behind them - Photo: Colin Dixon