

Bradway Bugle

In and around Bradway, Greenhill, Dore & Totley

Sheffield People's Petition

Many thousands of citizens, from all over Sheffield, signed Sheffield People's Petition to demand the choice of making their Council more democratic. The signatures have now been rigorously checked in line with the regulations of the 2011 Localism Act and 21,815 signatures declared as "valid" under the strict rules of the Act.

The law now requires a city-wide referendum to be held on whether the Council should change to a more democratic, modern committee system for making decisions.

Sheffield Council could have responded positively to the Petition before it was submitted (like other councils have) to avoid holding a referendum and spending city money unnecessarily, but they failed to do this.

A Sheffield referendum is likely to be held at the same time as the local elections on May 7th 2020. Legally, before 12th March 2020, the Council must publish the proposal for the operation of the new committee system for Sheffield, to be voted on in the referendum.

Cooking up support for charity

Whirlow Hall Farm Trust has just released a cook book to mark their 40th anniversary. It features recipes and stories from staff members, local restaurants and charity supporters. The recipes are all family-friendly and easy to make, including their cafe's very own green eggs and ham.

If you're looking for a little local inspiration in the form of simple recipes to make at home, and would like to help a worthy cause at the same time, The Whirlow Hall Farm Cook Book, has been created with you in mind!

The book costs £13.50 and is now available to buy at the farm, as well as all the places which feature in the book, Waterstones and local shops.



Wishing all our readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2020



A view of Dore & Totley station on 1st December 2010. See also page 32

Green Flag Awards

Sheffield's parks and green spaces have once again been recognised this year by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, with 13 Green Flags awarded to parks across the city. The winning parks, green spaces and woodlands have been recognised for their environmental character, maintenance and visitor experience.

Each of the flags are testament to the hard work of staff, friends' groups and volunteers, who work together to maintain the high standards expected by the Green Flag Award.

Sheffield's award winning parks are the Botanical Gardens, Cholera Grounds and Clay Wood, Devonshire Green, Ecclesall Woods, Firth Park, Meersbrook Park, Millhouses Park, Norfolk Heritage Park, Peace Gardens, Weston Park, Wheata Woods, Winter Gardens and Tinsley Green.

Sheffield has more than 800 parks, green spaces and woodlands.

Christmas concert

John Wade Singers will present their annual Christmas concert among the Christmas trees at Millhouses Methodist Church on Saturday 7th December at 7.30pm

Tickets available on the door or telephone Jenny 0114 236 0798 or visit www.johnwadesingers.org.uk

Festival of Light - Sunday 1st December

St Luke's Hospice is set to shine again this winter as one of the city's most popular festive events brings seasonal warmth to winter.

For more than 20 years, the St Luke's Festival of Light – sponsored for the second year running by Henry Boot - has provided the opportunity for families to come together and remember loved ones in a very special way, dedicating a light in their memory which will shine over the festive period.

It's a chance for friends from Sheffield and beyond to join the St Luke's team in a light-filled celebration for the whole family to enjoy and this year the lights will shine out on December 1st, when BBC Radio Sheffield presenter and keen St Luke's supporter Paulette Edwards will once again be hosting the evening.

The crowds will start to assemble from 5pm to enjoy complimentary mulled wine, hot drinks and enjoy the festive flavour of some seasonal favourites, along with music from Oughtibridge Brass Band and Sheffield Harmony Choir.

Every person who attends is invited to take a light, decorate a candle bag in memory of a loved one and join in with carols, while enjoying the very special atmosphere of the evening.

The St Luke's Book of Remembrance will be on display throughout the event, *continued on page 3*

Editorial

Well I am not writing this as expected after leaving the EU, but I am writing it before an election scheduled for December. How the election will sort out the Brexit issue I don't know, as there are so many other issues in our society up for debate.

What the election might do is give an airing to the actual benefits of being in or out of the EU. Up until now it has been an emotive rather than rational debate. No doubt both sides have valid arguments. Let's hope we see them fairly examined.

Closer to home it is good to see that Hays Travel stepped into the breach when Thomas Cook went under and saved the shop on Twentywell, to the benefit of the staff and community as a whole. Booking holidays on-line is all good and well, but for many of us the knowledge and recommendations of travel specialists is invaluable. Which brings us to our regular travel writer on page 26.

Elsewhere amongst our pages you will find a light hearted look at saving the planet, the history of Bradway Bowling & Snooker Club, an update on Finding Lost Norton Park and the story of well dressing in Greenhill. Along with these are our regular features on local organisations, news from BAG and reviews on recent books. Hopefully plenty to read and entertain.

Finally if you have any news or views on what is happening in our area or belong to a group that we could write about, please do contact me via the details on this page.

Whatever your plans for a post election Christmas, be it a quiet break, family gathering or a trip abroad, we hope you enjoy it. Best wishes for 2020.

John Baker, Editor

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Perspectives 15 Exhibition

Sheffield Photographic Society will be holding its 15th Annual Perspectives Exhibition at the Winter Garden, Sheffield from 12noon on Monday, 18th November until 2pm on Sunday, 1st December.

The Exhibition, the first of the Society's season will be opened by the Sheffield Lord Mayor, Councillor Tony Downing.

The Exhibition is an opportunity for up to 43 Society members to show a panel of their own selection of prints, covering the whole breadth of contemporary photographic styles. Subjects will include landscapes, portraits, wildlife, urban, macro and creative images in both colour and black and white.

Each member's panel will include a short narrative about themselves, and their images. Also included in the Exhibition will be a panel of historic images of Sheffield.

The Winter Garden is open from 8am to 8pm each day (except Sunday's when it is 8am to 6pm), for visitors to view our free Exhibition.

Members of the society will be on hand lunchtimes each day (2 hours week days / 4 hours weekends) to assist visitor's appreciation of the images, or simply to chat about photography.

Our stewards will be also be able to provide detailed information on all aspects of our Society, which with around 100 members is one of the largest photographic societies within the UK. It is also one of the oldest in the World having been founded in 1864.

Club meetings are held on Tuesdays from September to May at St. Peter's Church Hall, Reney Avenue, Sheffield S8 7N.

Details of our programme of activities can be found on the Society's web site www.sheffield-photographer.org.uk, along with a gallery of photographs and exhibition details.

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Poppy Day

On Sunday 10 November 2019, the National Service of Remembrance will be held at the Cenotaph on Whitehall, London. Red poppies are traditionally worn to remember those who fought in war.

This year the red poppy will pay tribute to civilian victims of war and "acts of terrorism", along with the UK's armed forces.

It means the symbol will now encompass victims of terrorist incidents such as the Manchester Arena attack in 2017. The Royal British Legion said it had updated its definition of the remembrance symbol to be "more explicit" about its meaning.

Many local churches and groups will be celebrating Remembrance Sunday.

From RFC Airfield to City Suburb

100 Years of History at Meadowhead & Norton

The project launched successfully in July and since then there have been a number of workshops. The first looked at media and promotion and included a discussion with members of the Sheffield Amateur Radio Club (SARC). Following on from this a project is planned to create a YouTube channel where short films of fieldwork and workshops can be posted plus later on interviews etc to promote the project.

Other workshops have looked at recording and surveying buildings and landscape features such as old boundaries. The project web site is https://www.ukeconet.org/norton_2.html

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Festival of Light

providing an opportunity to review dedications.

The lights are switched on at 6.15pm after a moment of reflection, when Paulette will be joined on stage by a St Luke's patient who will flick the switch and transform the St Luke's gardens into an amazing winter wonderland, each light shining out in memory of a loved one.

"At St Luke's we value and celebrate life every day but the Festival of Life comes at that time of year when many of us remember our loved ones the most," said St Luke's Campaigns Coordinator Karan Taylor.

"No matter how much time our patients may have, our aim is always to make that time as precious and fulfilling as possible, to give patients and their families happy, positive moments that will become cherished memories."

"The Festival of Light, as both a very special event and as a fundraising campaign, is a great opportunity to celebrate and support the ongoing work of the St Luke's team in supporting the people of Sheffield."

For more information about the Festival of Light and how to get dedicate a light visit www.stlukeshospice.org.uk

John Highfield



St Luke's gardens ablaze with light

Beauchief Environment Group

Recent activities undertaken include:

- * cutting back vegetation encroaching on footpaths around the edges of Beauchief Allotments and Beauchief Hall;
- * trimming the hedge around Beauchief Abbey;
- * pulling up dock plants from the large meadow above the Allotments;
- * mowing grass and cutting back brambles in Little Wood Bank meadow;
- * spreading brick dust provided by Sheffield City Council to improve public footpaths at the top of Parkbank Wood;
- * cutting back excess growth around the edge of Gulleys Wood Meadow;

* clearing debris from Beauchief Abbey Lane and trimming the adjoining hedge;

* replacing worn steps in Hulcliffe and Parkbank Woods;

* sowing yellow rattle seed in the small meadow above the Allotments;

* running a stall for the group at Bradway Fun Day;

* litter picking in various locations in the area..

The main working group meets on Mondays at 9.30am at Beauchief Abbey Barns, but there are occasional sessions on Saturdays. The latest details of work to be undertaken can be found by calling 0114 2369876.

Activities planned in the near future include developing the tree nursery near the Allotments from 2pm on Saturday 16 November, and cutting back gorse on Little Wood Bank on Mondays in December.

New volunteers on working mornings are welcome; tools and equipment are provided and no previous experience of such work is needed. The group is fully insured to cover BEG members. Any regular attendee should become a member, subscription £3.50 covers membership and regular newsletters.

Please see our website www.beauchiefevironmentgroup.co.uk for more information on the group, including news, events and how to join.

Jon Smith

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After the recent collapse of Thomas Cook, we are pleased to report that Hays Travel is now open on Twentywell Lane, Bradway.

The staff will be forever indebted to John and Irene Hays for giving us this fantastic opportunity to re-open our branch (ex Thomas Cook). We have already received numerous well wishes from our long standing loyal customers.

The original team is back with over 85 years travel industry experience between us. We look forward to seeing you all soon. Please feel free to call in for a coffee and a catch up. Our telephone number is 0114 229 1959.

Best Wishes

Nicola, Gareth, Joanne and Morgan

Age UK shop

Things are going really well with our new shop! A large part of that is thanks to the community who have been so wonderfully supportive. A big thank you to everyone who has donated, purchased, volunteered or simply helped us spread the word about our shop and charity.

We have some upcoming drop-in sessions scheduled in the shop, these are opportunities for you to pop in and speak to specialists about any concerns you may have, for example with a specialist cancer nurse from Weston Park and with the Sheffield Royal Society For The Blind. All upcoming drop in sessions and workshops will be advertised on the easel (on the table at the front of the shop!).

We have also now opened our second shop at 747 on Abbeydale Road and have volunteering opportunities for both shops! If you're interested, simply ask in the shop for more information about getting involved.

We still have our beautiful, locally created products in our makers section. There's a lovely selection of unique products, perfect for getting a head start on the Christmas shopping! Find out more about the independent makers products by following us on Instagram @ageukbradway

Cally Bowman



Hays Travel staff: from left to right: Gareth, Assistant Manager; Nicola, Branch manager; Morgan, Sales Consultant; Jo, Sales Consultant

Local Councillors Update

Your local Councillors have received many complaints about the local bus services, especially the 97/98 bus service. We have already reported on our meeting with First in the spring that unfortunately didn't bring about any improvements despite the assurances given. In fact we now have a reduced frequency of service on the 97/98 route!

As a consequence of this a petition was organised by a local bus user and working with us it was presented to a meeting of the Full Council on September 4th.

At the meeting other petitions about the poor bus service in other parts of Sheffield were also presented, so we are not alone in suffering. The outcome of this was that it was decided to have cross-party working to produce a more rigorous engagement with the bus companies. The existing Bus Partnership arrangement is clearly not working and what is needed is a much more robust agreement with the bus companies with increased influence for the Council on behalf of the bus-using public.

Since the deregulation of the bus service and loss of local influence there has been a steady decline and we need to

reverse this trend.

There are possible changes afoot as to how the City Council is run. There have been concerns that under the present Cabinet and leader model too much power is concentrated in the hands of a very few Councillors. A petition organised by It's our City reached 21,815 signatures. This passed the threshold needed to trigger a referendum about how the Council is run.

This requires the Council to formulate proposals on a new committee system that would include all Councillors being involved in decision making. A referendum on whether to adopt the new system or remain with the present system will be held on the same day as the local elections in May 2020.

The first volunteering day for Friends of Whirlowbrook Park was held in August. Unfortunately the weather wasn't kind to us! However, we still managed to tidy a number of flower beds. More helpers would be greatly appreciated.

The working days are every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 10am to 12. If you are interested please contact Karen Lewis at [Karen.lewis1@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:karen.lewis1@sheffield.gov.uk) or turn up at the park and join the friendly band of volunteers.

Expressions of Interest have been received by Parks and Countryside about establishing a cafe in the Park. These proposals are currently being evaluated. Let us hope that there is a viable prospect amongst them that will lead to the return of a cafe in the park.

Colin Ross, Martin Smith, Joe Otten

Councillors' Surgeries:

2nd Monday in month, 6 to 7pm, Totley Library, Baslow Road.

2nd Saturday in month, 10.30am to 12 noon, Dore Old School Hall, Dore.

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Life and Heritage at Beauchief Abbey

Heritage Open Days is now England's largest grass roots Heritage Festival involving over 40,000 volunteers and 5,000 events. The event has been going for 25 years and the National Team provides support for organisers.

This includes accessible support through the HOD's web site. The Sheffield Civic Trust provides local support and help to promote the Sheffield Events.

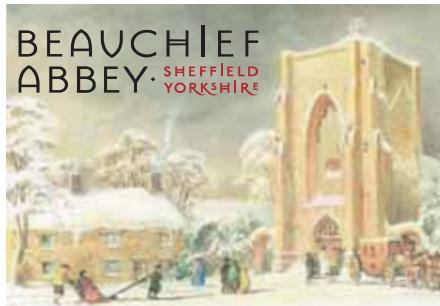
2019 has been a record year for Sheffield and thanks to the many events / organisations participating (all volunteers) Sheffield is now the second largest Heritage Open Days festival in the country.

This year at the Abbey we had over 300 visitors over 3 days, for everyone that visited the Abbey we hope you enjoyed a step back into Monastic life back in 1176 to present day.

However, you don't have to wait until next year if you didn't get chance to visit or if you wish to visit the Abbey again as we are open every Sunday.

Sunday Services: 1st 2nd & 4th Sundays Holy Communion at 11am. 3rd Sunday Evensong at 3pm. (1662 Book of Common Prayer Services, or join us for refreshments afterwards). We also have an early 8am said Holy Communion Service on the 3rd Sunday.

During November we welcome 3 Bishops who have kindly volunteered



their time to lead the Abbey's Sunday services on:

*3rd November 11am Bishop Jack.
10th November 10.45am Bishop Richard - Remembrance Sunday.
17th November 3pm Evensong Bishop Pete, Bishop of Sheffield.*

Christmas Services – Advent Sunday
11am 1st December: Christmas Eve Carol Service 7pm. Christmas Day Service 10.30am

If you would like to volunteer at the Abbey please contact me at liz@beauchieffabbey.org.uk

Liz Jaques

Pavement parking ban

Parking on pavements should be banned across England, according to the Commons' Transport Committee, who have called for a new law and an awareness campaign on the impact it has, especially for those with mobility or visual impairments.

The committee spoke to people with visual and mobility impairments, as well as carers and parents, who suffer as a result of pathways being blocked - being forced into the road with wheelchairs, pushchairs or small children, for example.

It said in its report: "Pavement parking can have a considerable impact on people's lives and their ability to safely leave their homes. While pavement parking can be a necessity in some areas, it should not be allowed to happen where it has a significant adverse impact on people's lives."

The committee has made a list of recommendations, including a public awareness campaign, improvements to Traffic Regulation Orders - which could be used to enforce a ban - and a new civil offence for pavement parking. And they have gained the support of charities, including Guide Dogs - which is running its own campaign called Streets Ahead - and Living Streets, the UK charity promoting everyday walking.

The Department for Transport said it had concluded a review into the issue and would be announcing its next steps "over the coming months". But the committee said government action had "been slow".

Pavement parking is already banned in London - with those who flout the rules facing a fine. The Scottish government has already banned pavement parking in its Transport (Scotland) Bill, and the Welsh government has set up a task force to look at the issue.

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Bradway Bowling and Snooker Club Centenary Year 2020

On the 5th August this year it will be 100 years since the club was founded. The club has been providing Bowling, Snooker and Social Entertainment to people in Bradway and surrounding districts for all that time.

The club membership support a number of local & national Bowling and Snooker associations with teams playing throughout Sheffield and South Yorkshire. Members and guests also enjoy social bowls, social snooker, a drink from our subsidised bar, our regular quiz nights, entertainment evenings and art group meetings.

According to local here-say prior to 1920 there was a bowling green at the back of the Bradway Public House where the Sainsbury car park is now. There was some sort of dissension between the bowlers and the pub landlord at that time which prompted the bowlers to think about building their own club.

In 1920 Mr. Edmond Fox, a farmer who owned a lot of Bradway at that time, gave or sold the bowlers the current piece of land to start the club. In an extract from the land conveyance the land purchased or given for the club is then described as:- 'A plot of land containing 2760 square yards or thereabouts (no laser measuring in those days) formerly part of a larger piece of land for many years used as a nursery'.

Mr. Fox became one of the founder members of the newly formed club. He lived at Fox Hall on Fox Lane in Bradway where farming is reputed to have gone on since the days of Beauchief Abbey. Fox Hall was a working farm until the 1950's when the farm was purchased by Sheffield council for development.

The first clubhouse was a surplus army hut purchased from a camp in Redhill Notts. a bowling green was established and became a popular venue for locals.



Directors Mr. Hudson, (5th from left second row), Mr. Mason (front row far right) and Mr. Harold Fox (standing far left) can be seen in this 1922 photograph along with other club members at the time.

There were two directors of the club at that time Mr. Joseph E. Hudson and Mr. Samuel Mason. The club secretary was a Mr. Harold E. Fox who we think was a relative of the original land owner Mr. Edmond Fox.

The club was founded on the 5th August 1920 and called "The Bradway Club and Institute Company Limited" and renamed sometime later as "The Bradway Bowling Club".

In the 1940's the club annual membership was gents 10/- and ladies 5/-, the steward was paid £3-5/- week with 10/- extra for Christmas week, the clubs weekly takings were around £24 a week. The club was heated by a stove at the end of the lounge hence the chimney that is still there today, the steward used to heat the snooker table iron on the stove.

During the war years the club held many dance evenings, whist drives and cinema shows to raise funds for the war effort.

We have records of pigs straying onto the green and the farmer apologising and

offering to pay for any damage. I think the droppings were confiscated for our garden. We had a disastrous purchase of Russian stout in the early 1950's which had to be returned because the members wouldn't drink it.

In later years we had a rogue steward who was suspected of watering the beer, his wife threw him out and she threw all his clothes on to the bowling green. We have had taxis driving on to the bowling green in snowy conditions thinking it was the car park, one driver broke the rear springs on his car and complained to the club about it.

One of our founder members Mr Tom Holmes a Bradway builder built the original Dore and Totley golf club house. Prior to the golf club house being built the golfers used the adjacent Bradway pub as a temporary club house and changing rooms.

The Bradway Refreshment Rooms were listed as being located next to our club to the righthand side where the bungalow is now. It was run for 11 years 1933 to 1944 by a Mrs Jane. Sounds more like a bordello to me.

It is difficult to imagine life in Bradway at the time the club was formed, it was mainly a farming community with some industry along Twentywell Lane. The roads were narrow, much different to today, there were very few motor vehicles and horse drawn vehicles were still being used. There were only two shops in Bradway, a tobacconist / general store on Stone Row and a beer off licence / general store on the corner of Twentywell Lane and Bradway Road.

I hope you find all the above of interest.

To celebrate our centenary year in 2020 the committee have arranged some special events for members, their families and guests to enjoy. Look out for events notices that will be displayed in the new year and come along to enjoy what is planned and make it a year to remember.

John Hughes – Club Secretary



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Saving the planet

A light-hearted look at the carbon footprint of clothing.

The fashion industry has become a serious threat to our future, creating vast amounts of pollution and contributing to global warming. People are genuinely worried about how they can reduce their carbon footprint but we continue to buy twenty new garments per person each year, 60% more than in 2000, many of these purchases to be worn only once before being discarded. Fast fashion is failing the planet.

Most clothing is inexpensive, we have come to regard it as 'disposable', but textile production creates 1.2 billion tonnes of CO₂ equivalent per year, 5% of total global emissions. To make matters worse, much of the cheap clothing is made in countries where they still rely on coal-fuelled generating plants and the micro-fibres released by synthetic fabrics form up to 35% of the plastic that pollutes our oceans.

The answer is simple. We must give up the wearing of clothes. A study of paintings and statues in art galleries serves to confirm that the ancients did very well without clothing and there were many parts of the tropical zones where, until recent times, covering oneself up was generally considered unnecessary. It would be hard to list the countless celebrities who found fame and fortune by economising on clothes.

If this notion seems radical, merely consider the world's beaches, where

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clothes are freely discarded: study the extreme brevity of the costumes worn by ladies appearing on popular television programmes, (there are even shows where zero-clothing is celebrated), and look at today's sportswear in all its forms.

Footballer's shorts once reached below the knee. Olympic athletes' briefs now barely cover the course.

The adoption of universal nudity would end tonnes of unwanted fabrics going to incineration or landfill. We would save energy, no longer having to transport, store, launder, dry-clean and iron all our clothes. There would be less detergent residues dumped in our waterways, where they affect fish and plant life. We would save on wardrobes and coat-hangers and no longer have to struggle with suitcases on holiday.

Nudity would improve our health. Britain has been getting more unfit and obese for the last fifty years, appearing as nature intended would encourage everyone to lose weight and keep their bodies in trim. On wet days we would get wet, but towels could be provided at shops, offices and all other workplaces.

Drying each's backs would encourage friendship and team spirit, like I used to find at the pithead baths.

There would have to be practical provisions: perhaps Government Issue regulation shorts for all ages, easily financed by advertising messages on the waistbands and delivered with electoral communications. Umbrellas would be permitted, as would wide-brimmed sun-hats made of natural materials, like straw.

Overcoats should be allowable, in the interests of safety, when outside temperatures drop below 10°C.

The Regulations would not apply to anyone under 18, over 75, or provided with a doctor's certificate, and protective clothing worn by the Police, emergency services and in factories or commercial kitchens. Some final observations: to preserve freedom of choice, anyone could wear what they like on Sundays and an important prerequisite, we would have to address the issue of overcrowding on public transport.

I have not overlooked the impact that this might have on charity shops, which depend on clothing sales. Give them the exclusive rights to sell self-adhesive fig-leaves, for use by those of a nervous disposition. These could be over-printed with the charity's logo, or a sunny, happy face. That should raise a smile.

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Robert Smith

Ed. I bet Robert is a southerner unfamiliar with Sheffield's climate.

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Why philosophy matters in the modern world

Children as philosophers

Over the past two years, Bradway Primary has been undergoing something of a ‘thinking revolution’ using philosophy as the driver and catalyst. We have done this because there is strong evidence to show that philosophical approaches help children to learn effectively, and that they nurture the sorts of attributes that children need in today’s world such as, for example, resilience, tolerance and the ability to question what they see in the news.

To facilitate this new approach, we have made significant changes to our curriculum, to ensure that enquiry is at the heart of it; ultimately we want children to ask, and explore, lots of questions as part of their learning.

We use an approach called Philosophy For Children (or P4C) which is based on the work of the American philosopher and educator, John Dewey. He viewed the classroom as a place for children to learn and problem-solve together as a community, with less emphasis on the teacher teaching and more emphasis on their role as facilitator.

In his ideal classrooms, children would be viewed as unique individuals, busy at work constructing their own knowledge through personal meaning. Through P4C, our school provides many opportunities throughout the curriculum for children to work in this way.

At Bradway, children of all ages, from Foundation to Year 6, take part in P4C sessions, and evidence from the Educational Endowment Foundation (EEF) shows that P4C particularly helps children from disadvantaged backgrounds, improving their vocabulary and their communication skills. It also

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Saturday 30th November
Christmas holiday:
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Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

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helps the development of reading and mathematical skills for all children, and boosts children’s self-esteem. We are proud to have recently been awarded a Silver Award by an organisation called SAPERE, recognising the high level of P4C practice already taking place at our school. We are now aiming to achieve the prestigious Gold Award.

As well as helping to improve children’s thinking skills, P4C is designed to address deeper, and sometimes sensitive, concepts with students, such as, friendship, justice, war, freedom, and pollution. These are concepts which are important to children but which can also sometimes be worrying for them, especially when they see what is going on in the world through the news or social media. It is important to be able to explore and understand concepts like this in a safe, nurturing environment using P4C.

Pupils are able to begin the discussions with their own background knowledge and sets of beliefs. Students learn the importance of being engaged and reflective listeners, who respect and challenge the different opinions of their peers.

Once teachers have modelled and facilitated P4C frequently enough, the discussions that take place look more like pupil-led conversations. P4C is designed to foster mutual co-operation, trust, tolerance, fair mindedness and a heightened degree of sensitivity to their peers, all skills that are more important than ever in today’s world. P4C also encourages students to think for themselves and take responsibility for their own learning, behaviour, and decision-making.

The two year challenge

Our main challenge from the outset, in 2017, was how to get P4C to a point where it is at the heart of teaching and learning, used across the curriculum, and in all classrooms. The challenge was also to provide a convincing case for its inclusion in a crowded curriculum, at a time when teachers were already struggling to fit everything in to the timetable.

Although our ethos is already very much centred around the whole child, (hence the ‘everyone’s good at something’ motto), a shift in emphasis like this was always going to take time and was going to require a whole school effort.

So the first challenge in 2017-18 was to make sure that the reason for introducing P4C, the research and rationale, was thoroughly understood by everyone: teachers, support staff, governors, pupils and parents. Inviting parents in to P4C sessions has been a good way of sharing what it is all about with the wider community and parents have been amazed at the quality of talk that they have witnessed in these sessions. Another vital first step was to train all our staff in P4C and this was helped by the fact that I am a qualified P4C trainer and so was able to do this ‘in house’.

Looking to the future

Being a Headteacher who is a P4C lead and trainer has helped to raise the profile of P4C in the school, and in the local and regional community. I am a SAPERE trustee, as well as training in other schools and speaking at local and regional events. Through these activities I am able to encourage people from other schools to visit Bradway to find out more about how P4C is transforming the way we approach the curriculum and the benefits in terms of pupil, wellbeing, behaviour and learning.

Our aim in the future is to become a beacon of excellence using this approach, and by July 2020 we hope to join the small group of schools nationally which have achieved the Gold Award for P4C practice.

If you would like to know more, there is a school P4C Twitter feed @bradwayP4C which is used to share best practice and resources. Our website also has a P4C tab where you can see videos of the children doing sessions and explaining what it is all about.

Some quotes from members of the school community

“I didn’t have a lot of friends before P4C - I found it hard to fit in – people liked different things to me. P4C teaches us to work together and to be kind.” (Y5 pupil)

“P4C is a fun activity to do - it’s exciting to do - it’s good to sit with friends and hear their ideas. Sometimes their ideas really help us with problems.” (Y6 pupil)

“I think P4C might be one of the most important things in the world, to make the world a better place” (Y3 pupil)

“As a parent I have seen the evidence at home of the impact of P4C. Ella was able to tell us, and grandparents around the dining table, what it was about and what they discussed. It certainly makes the dining table an interesting place”. (Parent)

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Journey into Outer Space

A very big thank you to everyone who entered our 2019 Totley Library Children's Art Competition.

We had nearly thirty entries this year and the standard was very high indeed. Well done to everybody for making such a big effort and for taking the time to make so many beautiful pictures. Your art work was amazing!

The prize winners and runners up are as follows:-

Under Fives section

First prize – Wren Hibberd – “The Aliens”

Second prize – Jennifer Elam – “Georgia – The Alien”

5-7 years section

First prize – Zoe Wade – “Enjoy Space”

Second Prize – Essie McGarrigle – “The Race to Space”

8 – 11 years section

First Prize – Mimi Lasebai – “The Black Hole”

Second Prize – Chloe Gillett – “I want to touch the moon”

All entrants were awarded a certificate.

If you were unable to collect your prize and/or certificate on Saturday September 7th please ask the staff at the Library desk and they should be able to help you.

Once again thank you for entering the competition and hope you all had a good summer holiday. See you around in the library!

Jill, Sarah and all the Story Time Team



Totley Library Children's Art Competition 2019 winners

by the Seven Hill Quartet. It was a brilliant community event enjoyed by all age groups, one of the highlights was an interactive poetry stall run by Sally Goldsmith.

New lighting and other improvements: As previously announced, the works to make further improvements to the library; a scheme to replace the lighting in the both the adult and children's libraries are now almost completed with new LED lights. The ceiling of the adult side of the library has been replaced but the works to renew the solar film to the high windows on the adult side of the library to reduce heat and glare were affected by adverse weather and are yet to be done. These improvements will both enhance the appearance and comfort of the library, and also reduce running costs by using more energy efficient lighting.

Our new website: The new website for Totley Library, which we hope will be easier to use and more attractive, has now gone live. Please let us have any feedback on the new website so that we can make it as useful as possible for all our users.

Volunteers needed: One of the continual challenges of running a

volunteer library is the need to find new volunteers. We have a pressing need at present to augment our cleaning team. Our aim is keep the Library clean and tidy at all times and we are looking for people who might have an hour or so to spare who could come and help keep this community space looking lovely! We have also identified a need to give a fresh impetus to our marketing and publicity activities and 2 of our Trustees are working together to develop a new marketing strategy. They would love to hear from anyone who would be like to be involved in activities such as writing articles and making use of social media or anyone with a background in marketing and/or publicity.

Tracing your ancestry – findmypast: Following the replacement of all the public computers at Totley Library we will be purchasing a licence for FindMyPast, an ancestry tracing software, to support users who are interested in researching their family history. We hope to hold a session in the library soon to offer guidance to those interested in researching their ancestors.

New books and chairs! : We continue to buy new books for the library including those for our Orange sticker scheme. Recently a £500 donation from Age UK has enabled us to buy more large print books and audio books which are now available in the library. We are also purchasing new chairs for the new computers which have recently been installed.

Summer reading challenge: Our Space Chase themed Summer Reading Challenge inspired 138 local children to read lots of books over the summer holidays! At the time of writing 80 children have successfully completed the challenge to read 6 library books over the summer – congratulations to all our young readers for this fantastic achievement!

People keeping well: A new leaflet on Health and Welfare produced jointly by Totley Library and our partners in the People Keeping Well initiative is now available in the library. This lists a variety of local activities that are now

Totley Library

Fifth birthday celebration: The beginning of October this year marked the fifth anniversary of Totley CRIC taking over the running of Totley Library. To mark the occasion a celebration event was held in the Library on the afternoon of the 5th October. The event was opened by our local councillor Colin Ross and the festivities began with a song by Julie Gay and her band of litter pickers conducted by Phil the Bin. We were then entertained by the Rock Choir followed

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available locally and also details of new books we have recently purchased in health issues.

XMAS Fair: This will be held on Sunday 24th November from 1pm to 5pm. There will be an opportunity for youngsters to meet Santa and for anyone looking for a special present there will be a number of craft stalls selling unique gifts. There will also be music and fun for all the family.

Story Time for Toddlers and Pre-school children: This popular session is held weekly from 10.30am to 11.30 am on Wednesday mornings. Each week has a different theme and children can come along with their parents or carers to enjoy a story, songs and related craft activities.

Totley Library Cinema – Autumn programme

INTOFILM Film Festival

In addition to our normal programme, Totley Library will be working with local schools to take part in a special children's Film Festival with a number of day-time film showings taking place on 7th, 14th and 21st of November. Further details are available online from the INTOFILM festival web page at <https://www.intofilm.org/search/global?globalsearch=Totley+library>

Children's films Sundays – 2pm

24th November - Secret Life of Pets 2
19th January - The Grinch

Films for adults

Friday 22nd November 7.30pm -
Stan and Ollie
Thursday 28th November 3pm -
Green Book

Friday 14th January 7.30pm -
Green Book

Thursday 25th January 3pm Red Joan
Tickets available from Totley Library.

Norman Rolfe



Original Art by ARTfulness group

Community Art Space

Are you a local artist? Would you like to exhibit and sell your artwork while getting involved in a rewarding community initiative? Or perhaps you are looking for that perfect piece of art for your dining room or a unique present for a special occasion. Well look no further;

Totley Library can help.

Following the huge success of the debut Art Show in June, Totley Library is proud to launch the Community Art Space 2019. This is an innovative venture show-casing the works of new and established local artists. Artists currently exhibiting include Andrew Jeffrey, Angela Harpham and a selection of work from the ARTfulness group. Artists recently exhibiting include Len Capper, Clare Hill, Carmen Sabatini Al-Dajani and the Lensflair Group.

All art works are exhibited for a period of three months, free of charge, and are available for sale at a price set by the artists. Totley Library takes a small commission on each picture sold to support the ongoing running costs of the library.

So if you are an enthusiastic local artist, just sit back, relax and leave the display and promotion to us.

The library is now looking for local artists who would like to join this exiting new venture and who would like to exhibit in January 2020 and April 2020. Could you be one of them? To find out, call Totley Library or email

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.

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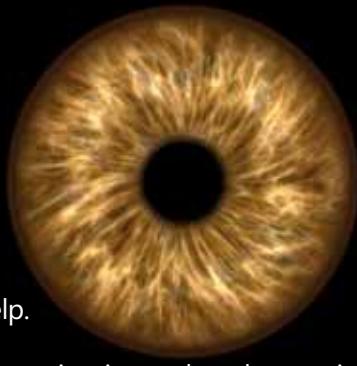
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Millhouses Parkrun

Runners, joggers and walkers at one of the UK's largest parkruns clocked up their millionth kilometre this September, while organisers of a new city parkrun at Millhouses Park geared up for their first event in October.

"It's such an amazing achievement to reach a million kilometres," said Sheffield Hallam parkrun event director David Knapton, adding that the Sheffield Hallam University team who launched the event over nine years ago would never have thought such a figure was possible.

Since the launch with 36 runners in 2010, over 22,400 people have taken part in the free five kilometre run around Endcliffe Park, totalling now 1,002,290 km between them. The weekly event beat its attendance record twice this year, in January (868 runners) and May (884) and local parkrun volunteers decided to find an alternative south Sheffield run to help manage demand.

Organisers at Millhouses say the first run will take place before the end of October, and subject to occasional cancellations due to other events in the park, will then operate at 9am every Saturday like Sheffield's other parkruns at Graves, Concord, Manor Fields, Hillsborough and Endcliffe parks, and Rother Valley just over the border in Rotherham.

"I've been delighted to be part of the team bringing a new parkrun to Millhouses park," said parkrun ambassador volunteer Fran Marshall. "Sheffield City Council was supportive from the start and we secured funding from local running clubs and Sheffield Town Trust. There's a great core team of volunteers in place ready to bring the new parkrun to Millhouses."

Volunteers and participants are welcome at all seven city parkruns, and directors encourage runners to try the picturesque but slightly smaller runs at



Parkrun trial at Millhouses Park. Visit www.parkrun.org.uk/millhouses/news/

Concord and Manor Fields, which usually have 50-70 runners rather than the 700 or so of Sheffield Hallam.

It's hoped that the new three lap run through Millhouses Park will attract new parkrunners living close to the park, along with people from south Sheffield currently running at Endcliffe.

"Sheffield must be up there as one of the top running cities," said David Knapton. "With some of the best social running clubs and groups in the country, the support we receive at Hallam is amazing. Parkrun gives an opportunity for everyone, no matter what ability, to get involved in running and have fun, which is so important in keeping people active and healthy in this great city."

After taking part in the run "around 200 times" Brian Rossiter, who lives near Endcliffe Park, was surprised to receive a special round of applause after crossing the Hallam finish line on Saturday - as the runner clocking the collective 1,000,000th kilometre.

"I do it because it's fun, to keep fit and to keep my weight down," he said. "But I never thought I'd run a million kilometres."

David Bocking

Bradway Primary Annual Christmas Fair

Come and join us at Bradway Primary School's annual Christmas fair on Saturday 30th November, 11am – 2pm. Stalls, food and fun for all the family!

The event promises to be fun for all the family! There will be plenty of entertainment for the kids, including tattoos, face painting and crafts. You can start (or finish!) your Christmas shopping at one of the stalls selling a range of goods from toys to crafts to home decor. 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 juice, tea, coffee and mulled wine, hot dogs and delicious homemade cakes. We are also expecting a visit from Father Christmas and his elves.

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 new infant playground equipment for the school and we are now fund raising for an outdoor classroom!

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!

Emma Hibbert FOBPS
bradwayfriends@hotmail.com

A full-page advertisement for 'My Personal Trainer'. It features a photo of a male personal trainer in a blue tank top and cap. To his right is a stylized orange 'M' logo with two human figures integrated into it. Below the logo is the text 'personal trainer' in a bold, sans-serif font. A sub-headline reads: 'No time for, or don't like gyms? Then let the gym come to you. I'll make it fun, motivate you and help you achieve your goals and keep to a healthy lifestyle.' A blue box on the left lists 'CYQ Level 3 Certified Personal Trainer' and a bulleted list of equipment: Free Weights, Kettlebells, Medicine Balls, Resistance Bands, TRX – Suspension Training, Stability Ball + Discs, C.V Machines, Step, Boxercise/Pads, Wrist, Forearm, Hand Equipment, and Agility. Another blue box on the right details services: Choose where to train, tailor a programme, regular body analysis, and contact support. A large orange banner at the bottom says 'COMPETITIVE PRICES'. Below that, contact information is provided: 'Call Nick on: 07752 858 020' and 'nick@mypersonaltrainer.uk'. A small Facebook icon is also present. A circular logo for 'REGISTERED EXERCISE PROFESSIONAL' (REPs) is located in the bottom right corner. A call-to-action button in the bottom left corner says 'Book your FREE consultation Today!'.

Finding Lost Norton Park

As many of you know, the Friends' "Finding Lost Norton Park" project has finished, after nearly 6 months of very exciting and intensive work. Up to 50 people have attended workshops, visited archives and enjoyed field trips over this period, discovering many hidden features of the park previously unknown or unrecorded.

The Ancient Woodland Indicator plant volunteers have been regularly mapping and recording with GPS devices and photos, following the seasons to record evidence of the ancient woodland in the park. Volunteers found wild garlic, native bluebells, dog's mercury, wood anemone, pignut, yellow archangel and wild honeysuckle.

The Historic Landscape followers spent several interesting days (usually but not always in the rain) finding coppice trees, charcoal hearths and prehistoric earthworks, which again are now carefully mapped, surveyed and recorded.

On-going field work by volunteers is beginning to piece together the many old boundaries, trackways and other features which criss-cross the modern park's landscape. The mapping of these features continues, with data being added to the project 'master map'. The project is producing many interesting results and fascinating insights into the 'Lost' Norton Park and the modern Graves Park's history.

Those volunteers who prefer the dry

comfort of a library looked into various historic records, including the family histories of people who lived and worked the fields. Others visited archives and spent time tracking down old documents and maps. From these, we discovered that the ponds in Graves Park date from mediaeval times and that in the early 1700s, there used to be ornamental lakes and ponds and an orchard where the fields by the arboretum are now.

Local history buffs interviewed local people and recorded their memories of Graves Park, from childhood onwards. A recent call for information in the local press resulted in a number of contacts being made regarding the Summer House in the park. The few photos that have been found indicate a tower at one corner of the building and this is where the park bell used to be rung to indicate the gates were closing. The Friends' Group have collected these and other memories to add to the timeline of recent history.

The results of all this collated work will be used to produce a report, written by Professor Ian Rotherham, which the Friends hope will identify the significance of Norton Park, now Graves Park, so that it can be protected and recognised as being of national importance.

Our Celebration Event in October included displays of research results and talks by the experts. Of particular interest were the maps, which showed the exact locations of features surveyed by volunteers. The Friends are hoping to apply for another grant to take this

research to the next stage. Anyone interested in joining us in our adventure can contact at: friends@gravespark.org

You can also find us on Facebook, where we continue to post information:

Caroline Dewar

Party Season

As Christmas once more comes upon us so too do the Christmas parties. If you are bored of the same old thing at the Christmas party then why not do something different and have a go at archery, axe/knife throwing or air rifle/pistol shooting at Ringinglow Archery & Target Sports Centre! Although we don't recommend drinking whilst partaking in any of these activities, we are sure you will have just as much fun sober. Bring a group of work colleagues or friends to celebrate the festive season and experience one or more of our varied target sports and with a healthy level of competition your sure to have a good time.

Alternatively, if you can't think of that perfect Christmas gift then why not treat someone to one of our experiences. With one of our Gift Vouchers you can give the gift that they will remember, it doesn't take much wrapping and as all our vouchers are valid for a whole year they will have plenty of time to book something after the Christmas rush.

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Bradway Action Group

AGM and Open Meeting

This year's AGM was different. We had stalls for BAG, Scouts, Neighbourhood Watch, Friends of the station and there was tea and coffee as well as wine, cheese and biscuits. Well attended there were no lines of chairs this time. All were in friendly groups for this relaxed gathering and we were pleased to welcome some new faces.

We disposed of the formal business with a few changes in the committee. Tom Jones and Mrs P Schmidt stood down due to pressures of family life and work commitments. We thank them for their contributions and feel sure they'll continue to offer support when they can.

Anne Sharpe stood down as Deputy Chair but we're all very relieved that she is to continue to oversee the Fun Day and other events. Furthermore she agreed to take over the role of Membership Secretary, a vital role.

The gap as Deputy Chair is to be filled by John Sharpe, so passing the membership records across the table won't be too onerous! John will continue to oversee our outdoor workforce, see below.

We're very pleased to welcome Hazel Brand as the newest recruit to the committee. It's good to have infusion of new blood. As Chair I see our community well represented with active individuals all working well together, and constantly coming up with new ideas.

It was a busy year and we ended with several active projects completed and in progress. It's good to hear suggestions of what else we could do. Litter picking is one of the things we do well in Bradway but there's more.

Thanks to the Fun Day and subscriptions we have modest funds available, and will be looking to use these for community benefit over the year. Last year we provided a new bench on the Village Green (Old School Field), bought new outside Christmas lights and decorations on Twentywell Lane shops, made a donation towards the new running track at Bradway Primary School and have funds in hand for a defibrillator.

Poynton Woods paths and other outdoor activities

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

The working party now works most Thursday mornings and still has lots to do. We've been concentrating on hedge cutting in recent weeks, most notably on Bradway Road at the top of Twentywell Lane and the ginnel beside Bradway School. The bottom end of Totley Lane was cleared back and at the Mickley Lane end we discovered a double gully buried 6 inches deep in mud. We cleared half of it and hope Amey will finish the job.

We usually meet about 9.30 on Thursdays and tackle what needs doing until lunch time. John Sharpe leads this team and we'd welcome further help. It's informal, only a couple of hours to do as much as you'd like to tackle. We may do gardening on the Village green. There are more paths to improve. We'll do what we can to improve our local environment, just suggest what may need doing.

Are you able to join us?

Please contact John by email at;
john.c.sharpe54@gmail.com

Bradway Village Green, the Old School Field

We had a little graffiti that was mostly removed. We'll be looking into more children's play equipment and more trees at the bottom of the field. Equipment is expensive. Vandalism to railings and the

slide makes us think twice about providing anything more

Streets Ahead – Amey

At the time of writing Twentywell Lane is being resurfaced. It's inconvenient but hopefully will satisfy most of us. However, gully emptying down Twentywell is poor. We've told them about blocked drains and they've cleared the mud from the top. Too often it's full up again within weeks, suggesting it wasn't properly emptied. This is an endemic issue in Sheffield contributing to water flowing on down to Abbeydale Road South.

Poynton Wood Crescent was resurfaced early in October and residents have been unhappy with the quality. Amey have been asked to check if it is up to specification.

Planning

BAG rarely makes comment on planning applications and an outright objection is rare. Recently we drew attention to a drain behind Queen Victoria Road which overflows regularly causing a torrent to run down and form a pond alongside Westview flats. In warm weather it may have a noticeable aroma. We drew attention to this in an application to build 5 new houses that may add more load into that pipe. We're also in touch with Yorkshire Water.

We raised an objection on road safety grounds to the construction of a drop kerb to a property on Twentywell Lane immediately above Twentywell Road. It's our opinion access across the pavement at that point would be unsafe and creates a precedent for the other houses on that stretch. We believe those houses were built with a rear access road for this reason. The planners didn't agree with us so we hope all remain safe.

Bradway Fun Day 2019

Fun Day may have been our best ever, helped greatly by it being a warm and sunny day. Pizzas, beef and lamb burgers, gin, beer, tea, coffee and cakes ensured almost all were satisfied. Sorry kids, we'll see what we can do about ice cream for 2020.

Bouncy castles, an aviary with owls and a kestrel, books, tombola, roll a penny, coconut shy, children's circus, dog show, our local Fire Engine plus many more attractions. A big vote of thanks must to



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all who organised the event and made it happen on the day, but special mention must go to BAG's Anne Sharpe and her long suffering and highly supportive husband John.

Each year Anne arranges for the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight to put in an appearance on their way to or from a more major event. To have Bradway Fun Day appear on their published itinerary is quite a feat. Unfortunately aircraft of advancing years can be delicate and have to be carefully nursed. This year the DC3 Dakota (as used for airborne parachute drops on D-Day 75 years ago) suffered an engine failure and had to make an emergency, but safe, landing at Manchester Airport with the port engine feathered.

Street trees and verges

It won't have escaped many people's attention that a lot of our older flowering cherry street trees are showing acute signs of distress. Some are already dead and a lot more appear to be dying. It could be almost a third of the trees that still remain. The problem is particularly bad on St Quentin Drive and Twentywell Road but is also apparent on the Wollaton estate and in Dore.

It may have been the result of dry springs in recent years. It may be a disease. Amey have been made aware and confirm dead and dying trees will be removed and replaced in the autumn or next spring planting seasons.

We're in contact with the council's Highways team about additional street trees and possible planting in appropriate verges. Solid posts may be installed at critical points to protect most heavily damaged verges.

We've also asked Amey their views on vegetation overgrowing and obstructing footpaths, road signage and sight lines at junctions. In some places footpaths are almost totally obstructed by combinations of cars parked on verges and pavements plus overgrowing hedges and trees. It's normally the householders responsibility to keep these areas clear.

If anyone has an overgrowing hedge and has difficulty cutting it back please get in touch and our outdoor team may be able to help.

Christmas is coming, a defibrillator and some possible Cardiopulmonary



A drain behind Queen Victoria Road overflows regularly causing a torrent to run down and form a pond alongside Westview flats.

resuscitation (CPR) training

We hope to be decorating the shops again at Christmas. By then we may have a defibrillator in Bradway, then we can look to covering the area more effectively. Just one makes a start. In the meantime, if you're interested in taking part in some cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training please contact us through the website and we'll try to get a group together. Early and effective CPR treatment may keep a casualty alive until an ambulance arrives.

BAG website and Facebook group

To find the most up to date news from BAG, check local bus and train timetables, find how to report potholes, dog poo, and much more, please go to the <http://bradwayactiongroup.weebly.com/>

If you're on Facebook ask to join our Facebook Group. Currently we're adding 5-10 names a week. Lots of lively information, news and opinions about Bradway, its history and residents. Latest hot topic as I write – the smell!

MEMBERS

Many thanks to all who have set up standing orders to pay their membership subscriptions for 2020. The small amount of income received allows us to commit to modest projects within the community. Our only other income is any surplus from the Fun Day and voluntary donations.

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

Future BAG Activities - More details on our website or Facebook page; <http://bradwayactiongroup.weebly.com/> or contact Chairman as above.

Saturday/Sundays in December – There will be Bradway Traders Christmas Events

Chris Morgan, Chairman

TOADS

Here I am again with another TOADS update. Hope you have all had an enjoyable summer.

Rehearsals are well underway for our November 2019 production, with Alan Wade directing his very own play which he wrote especially for TOADS to perform.

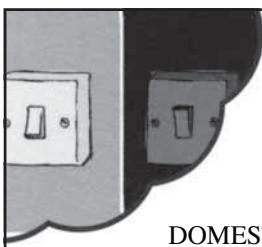
"Biddies' War" is a comedy/drama set in a farmhouse in Kent prior to the D-Day Landings in 1944. Alan wrote the play to commemorate the 75th anniversary of this event, and we are very honoured to have been asked to perform it. I hope we can do him proud – we'll certainly do our best.

The dates of the play are Wednesday 20th November to Friday 22nd November at 7.30pm, and our usual Saturday matinee on 23rd November at 2.30pm.

The venue is as usual St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Please call 0114 2351206 to reserve your ticket, or contact any TOADS member. Ticket price £6/£5 for concessions.

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Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Here we are, October already and into a new rehearsal season. I hope you have had a good a summer despite the weather being too hot or too wet. Thank goodness we are in a far better state than the nation's politics!

We had a successful barbecue in August and luckily the weather held fair for us. Unfortunately, the concert I mentioned last time at The Merlin Theatre had to be postponed to a later date (not yet fixed) but I'll keep you posted as and when.

We have begun rehearsals for our next show under the auspices of our new musical director, the lovely and talented Stephen Godward who, if you remember, stepped in at the last minute when James Newby sadly died just before our last year's show. The rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at Millhouses Methodist Church at 7:30pm

We could use some more male chorus members so if you fancy making new friends and enjoy making music why not come along and give it a go. One of our newer members started later in his life not having done anything like it before and now is a stalwart of the Society and regrets not having joined sooner so don't be afraid to come along and see for yourself.

The show which we will be doing this coming April at The Merlin Theatre will be Gilbert & Sullivan's Patience which takes the mickey out of the aesthetic movement of the late 19th century; almost the forerunner of the 1960's hippy bunch where love and beauty was all. There are some wonderfully comic elements where the senior ranks of The Dragoon Guards try to win the ladies' affections by trying to emulate the aesthetes.

As usual, there is some lovely music and fun songs too. Even Hinge and Brackett chose one of their more famous



The Lieutenant of the Tower (Alan Wade) trying to persuade Elsie (Gwen Nimmo) to wed Colonel Fairfax while Jack Point (Ian Stewart) looks on.

offerings from this show. Patience will run from Wednesday April 1st - Saturday 4th April 2020. The weekday shows will start at 7:30pm and the Saturday matinee will begin at 2:30pm. Tickets will be available from about Christmas time but I'll let you know details later.

Before then however, we have two Christmas Concerts, one in Millhouses Methodist Church and our usual one in Dore Methodist Church on Saturday 21st December at 2:30pm. At the time of writing I do not have details of the tickets for the Millhouses concert.

The tickets for our concert here in Dore are available from me at £8 each. Phone me on 0114 236 2299 to order but don't leave it too late as we have sold out for the last two years. Have a good autumn and we'll see you when you come and join in the fun on 21st December.

Derek Habberjam

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Lowedges Fun Palace

On Saturday 5th October Lowedges had its very first Fun Palace! The Fun Palace weekend is all about raising awareness of the arts in local communities, and getting local people of all ages involved in joining in with new and exciting activities. A Fun Palace can be as small as a few people getting together to do some crafts or singing, or it can be a large community event.

This year we (Pam and Joy) from the Terminus Initiative decided to create our own Fun Palace. This was after Pam attended some workshops at the crucible and became inspired after hearing other people's stories about Fun Palaces. We decided our Fun Palace would have a health theme and would include science, arts & crafts & music.

We are no strangers to running community events: we run a 'Spring Forward' and 'Winter Blues' event each year. This was slightly different in that we wanted people from the community to

come along and run activities. We had a very generous grant of £750 from the local councillors to help towards the cost.

The activities on the day included: our art group having a colouring table and display of their work, a local lady demonstrating card making, a volunteer and her son with a science activity involving the 5 senses, a Kurdish lady doing hand massage, a family who demonstrated science experiments and a belly dancer involving people of all ages in dance. We also had a local university lecturer who brought along some musical instruments he'd made, including an 'air piano'.

We had Lucy Booth from the (soon to open) Lowedges Library with a reading activity. We had Sally and Rebecca from the 'Better Life in Lowedges' heritage project and the Befriend group with an activity for the over 65s. Local urban artist, Mikk Murray also attended and got the children & young people involved in creating a piece of community artwork. In addition to all of this we provided a free lunch and free raffle to everyone attending, and also had apples for people to take home, provided by the 'Abundance' charity.

The day was a roaring success, with over 150 people attending, and 25 volunteers helping to run the event. Some comments from the day: 'A great atmosphere with a real buzz. All ages represented'. 'Great activities, all the children have enjoyed it. We will look forward to the next one'. 'Wonderful, real sense of community spirit'. 'Really good event. Lots of variety for adults and children. I really enjoyed volunteering.'

The Terminus would like to thank all of the volunteers who made the day possible, and each person who attended. If you'd like to be involved in the Fun Palace Movement next year visit <http://funpalaces.co.uk/>. For more info on the Terminus Initiative please visit <https://www.terminusinitiative.org/>

Joy Arnott

Neighbourhood Watch

Well the darker nights are here and the increase in burglaries is likely to spike upwards as well, despite the success our local Police Officers have had recently in arresting and successfully prosecuting several local criminals. The recent rise in cars being ransacked and number plates stolen shows the biggest increase in Bradway incidents over the last few months. Please remember to lock your vehicles even if just popping into a local shop.

Whilst we in Bradway have not been so badly affected as other local areas regarding burglaries, we must still be on our guard. The period between 4pm and about 6:30pm is acknowledged as a high-risk time for a burglary to be committed. This along with properties being vacant whilst the owners are on holiday. Probably due to the criminals being able to see if anyone is home by the lack of some form of internal lighting or flickering of a television screen. Timers that can be used to switch lamps on at random times are very inexpensive nowadays. It is better to have more than one in different rooms or hallways to give the impression someone is home. Anything to give the impression the property is occupied and not an easy target.

Following complaints about inconsiderate parking around the Primary schools here and Totley, SYP and the council parking enforcement team are

taking positive action to ensure illegal parking is not tolerated throughout the area, not only around schools. Unfortunately, this does also affect slight infringements such as where a vehicle's tyres were just touching the double yellow lines at Totley Rise shops, resulting in a fine from what most of us would call an overzealous warden.

One of our irritating problems of recent months has been the surge of graffiti around the village, the village green, shops, road signs, as well as fencing and garage walls have all been sprayed with mindless scrawl. If you come across any recent daubing's please take some photos and send them to me. SYP are creating a database of the "TAGS" to be able to identify the culprits by various means.

In my role as regional coordinator I am pleased to report four more new groups in the SYP South West Policing area. My thanks to our local PCSO's for providing the contact information. If you are not a member of NHW please contact me to join, it is free to enrol, and we provide door stickers and other aids along with weekly reports on local crime and detection details.

South Yorkshire Police offer crime prevention advice online. Please see the link below to information on keeping safe in relation to a wide range of crime types including burglary, theft and cyber-crime: <https://www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/>

Les Day

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Local Pubs & Beer

The Shepley Spitfire on Mickley Lane, a pub leased from Greene King Brewery, recently closed for a refurbishment, following which it is expected to have a new food menu and also an open mic night.

Mitchell's Hop House Brewery, attached to the well-known off licence, is still brewing but all the production is going into bottles which are available from their shop. Hopjacker Brewery, based underneath the Dronfield Arms pub, is only brewing sporadically and is available to lease to anyone wishing to take on the brewery business there.

Drone Valley Community Brewery, based in Unstone near Dronfield, have brewed their annual green hop special - October is the time of year when fresh hops are available and they have used some grown locally in Dronfield in their "Green Man IPA".

We also approach the time of year when local breweries start producing special Christmas beers! Bradfield are wheeling out their Belgian Blue whilst Abbeydale have Doctor Morton's Christmas Hamster - a 4.1% ABV ale brewed with Dr Rudi and Wakatu hop varieties.

The third edition of "Sheffield's Real Heritage Pubs" is now available as a free download. This 114 page book includes almost 100 new images, updated text and new entries. It is available from www.sheffield.camra.org.uk/rhp.

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Greenhill Library

Five Years On: Friends of Greenhill Library have just had their fifth birthday! At 10am on 6th October 2014, Greenhill Library opened its doors to the public for the first time under volunteer control. Celebrations have been low-key, with a visit from the Mayor and a social evening for volunteers, but we are proud of our achievement.

Since 2014 we've been open for 6,250 hours, loaned out 153,000 books, held 13 farmers' markets, two open gardens weekends, around 90 ticketed events, and much more. And we've created a welcoming environment, causing one visitor to remark that "Coming to Greenhill Library is like coming for a hug!"

More numbers: Dragging together a few statistics in preparation for our AGM, I was pleased to note that over the last 12 months our book loans were up (by 3%) on the previous 12 months. In the context of nationally declining library usage this is quite an achievement and a testimony to the hard work of the team that keeps our book stock invigorated.

What's On: To get us in the mood for Christmas, we have a talk by Maureen Taylor on 15 November titled "How the Tudors Celebrated Christmas". Our Christmas market is on 25 November – a great opportunity to pick up that elusive present for auntie Agnes. Then "Christmas in the Library", featuring singing from school choirs, our very own Greenhill Songsters, storytelling, festive refreshment, crafts and more, is on 14 December, and there's a free end-of-term family film show at 6.30 on 20 December when we'll be showing "The Muppets Christmas Carol", arguably the best of the many tellings of this classic Dickens story, and certainly the only one with Miss Piggy in it.

Evening activities resume in the new



The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Tony and Val Downing, kick off the celebration by cutting an anniversary cake.

year with a talk on 17 Jan about the history of Sheffield football by football historian Martin Westby, and then on 21 Feb Edward Patnick will be presenting his "confessions of a junk dealer". As usual, these evening talks are ticketed; tickets go on sale about a month before. Our usual cinema program continues, but you'll have to look at our web site or newsletter for details.

What happens to your donated books?

We continue to get a lot of books donated and have a comprehensive system in place now for dealing with them. We routinely scan books to check for trade-in value with "World of Books" and have made just over £1,000 in this way since we started doing it in February. Mainstream fiction or biography is likely to go onto our "yellow sticker" system (i.e. be put into circulation) or be sold in our bookshop – the latter is bringing in around £5,000 per annum and some of the books even get donated back after they've been read.

A few older, more valuable books have been sold to a specialist bookshop. Finally, some suffer the ignominy of being sold off by weight, which brings in about 7p a book. So keep those donations coming, and we'll keep looking out for that signed first edition of Harry Potter.

Our next newsletter is about to go to the printers and may well be with you before you get to read this. If you don't get one, pick one up from the library. It has all the details of our events program, featured volunteers, a book review, and more.

So ... if you haven't visited the library in a while, why not come in for that hug?

Chris Brown

Our house on Bradway Road faces due south, so I always think in terms of Bradway Road being aligned east-west. Twentywell Lane heads off at right angles, so that must lie north-south, mustn't it? On reaching Abbeydale Road South there is another T-junction to negotiate, so presumably we're back to east-west again? Dore Road then also heads off at right angles, so this must be north, right?

Wrong! Abbeydale Road South actually heads more or less due north from the bottom of Twentywell Lane before settling down to a generally north-easterly direction as it continues into town. And much of Dore Road goes due west, even veering to the south-west as it approaches the village!

Similarly, even the section of Bradway Road where I live is only roughly east-west (our house being at a slight angle to the road). By the time it becomes the Greenhill Parkway, that too is not far off being north-east. This misconception is always brought home to me when I return on a moonlit night from a certain establishment I frequent two or three times a month in Nether Edge. Seems the moon is never quite where I expect it to be!

Another stark reminder of this failing of mine occurred a couple of months ago when I visited the Madina Mosque on Wolseley Road when it featured in the programme of Heritage Open Days. The visit itself was delightful. It is a beautiful building. Everyone was made very welcome and we were given an excellent briefing on the main principles of the Islamic faith.

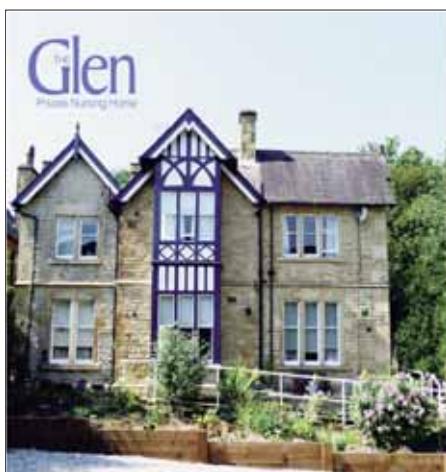
But I was puzzled when we came to the main prayer area. I knew that Muslims prayed towards Mecca. I wasn't entirely sure where Mecca was (I am now!) but knew it was somewhere in the Middle East, so I figured we should be facing roughly south-east.

However, we were actually looking out more or less towards Ponsfords. South, or even south-west, surely? I even asked an elderly Muslim which direction Mecca was, but he replied with a smile that he hadn't a clue and just did as he was told!

Needless to say, it was my sense of direction playing tricks again. In my mind, Wolseley Road headed roughly north-east. In fact it lies east-west, so to my (and everyone else's) great relief the Mosque is aligned correctly!

As well as being interested in the Mosque for its own sake, I also had a more personal reason for my visit, for it is built on the site of the house my grandfather lived in on Wolseley Road as a small boy in the 1880s. What I didn't appreciate until afterwards is that the Mosque also covers the location of the house on Gifford Road where he was born in 1879. The eastern (or should that be north-eastern?) minaret covers the exact spot. The other one is just a few yards from the site of the house on Wolseley Road. A handy reminder whenever I pass.

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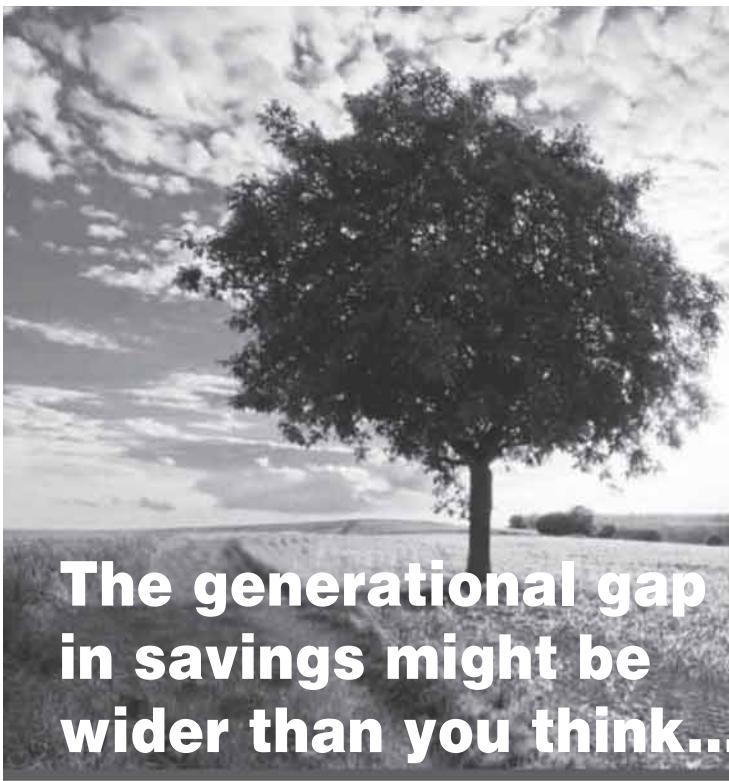
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Losing My Way but Finding My Roots!

It's strange how the brain plays tricks on you. I've lived in or close to Bradway all my life, so I know the area like the back of my hand. Being a bloke, I also like to think I have a good sense of direction. But even locally I never seem to get it quite right.



The generational gap in savings might be wider than you think...

A new report by Scottish Widows (SW) has found that savings habits among younger people are rather lacking when compared with older generations.

14% of people aged 20-29 are not saving any money, whereas 20% are saving between 0-6% of their wages and 26% are saving between 6-12%. That leaves only 40% of people between the ages of 20 and 29 making what SW deems to be 'adequate' savings (12% and upwards).

The figures differ for those over 30 where 59% of savers are saving adequately.

Scottish Widows outlines that the central problem with savings in the UK is that people simply aren't saving enough. This could be attributed to the decline in defined benefit pension schemes and wider economic challenges. Though progress has been made, with record highs in the adequate savings category, according to SW, this is still not enough.

The lower level of savings among younger people is likely to be a reflection of differences in priorities. SW's study found that 45% of younger savers (under 30s), the highest of any age group, are saving towards medium-term goals such as buying a house. 27% were found to be saving for the long term and 28% were saving for rainy days.

SW notes that the savings gap for young people "is perhaps unsurprising but nonetheless worrying." Those under 30 are at a time where long-term saving can be hardest, yet investment growth can be advantageous. SW outlines how younger people are missing out on "the power of compound growth."

They later go on to present four interlocking issues that have led to this general lack of savings made by younger generations:

- **Most people remain disengaged with long-term savings** – 38% of people are not aware how much they are saving
- **Financial pressures** – 28% of individuals earning between £10,000 – £20,000 say they're not saving at all
- **Self-employed individuals are being left behind** – 41% of the self-employed aren't saving at all
- **Home ownership is a struggle for young people** – 56% of 20-29 year olds say they have not saved for a deposit

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Scottish Widows then set out a number of reforms that would benefit savers:

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2. **More flexibility between pensions and property** – including the ability to use some retirement savings to help with the purchase of their first property
3. **Create better education and guidance** – which includes information on the role of property and pensions in retirement
4. **Provide a hardship facility** – allowing some savings to be used to avoid problem debt
5. **Ensure the self-employed have access to similar benefits as those in employment**

Though there are marked improvements from last year's report, it seems there is still a long way to go in terms of saving habits in younger individuals. As suggested above, there may even be a requirement for governmental reform in order to achieve the goals that Scottish Widows have set out.

For advice on how to develop savings plans to stand the test of time, don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Majestic Predators return

This year has seen the return of a breeding pair of Goshawk to the Sheffield Lakelands, laying four eggs and three young, of which two successfully fledged over the summer.

Goshawks are charismatic and secretive raptors, reliant upon woodlands and forestry as hunting and breeding sites. Goshawks were hunted to extinction in the UK in the 19th century. A national program of reintroductions (both deliberate and accidental) led to the species return in the 1960s before suffering significant declines in South Yorkshire during the 2000s, with the result that no birds have bred successfully for years.

The Goshawk is one of the key species that the Sheffield Lakeland Partnership is working toward protecting and supporting. As part of a four year National Lottery Heritage Funded project, raptor experts (The Peak District Raptor Monitoring Group) and key habitat managers are working together to make sure the land management they undertake results in suitable nesting and rearing sites for these birds.

Loss of habitat, persecution and disturbance have all been identified as putting these birds at risk, but by working together, the partners can positively influence habitats and manage the landscape in such a way as to minimize disturbance.

Mike Price, Peak District Raptor Monitoring Group (PDRMG) said, "It is encouraging to see these fantastic birds returning to historic breeding sites in the Dark Peak. We hope that a corner has been turned and that Goshawks, alongside other larger raptor species such as Peregrine Falcons and Common Buzzards will continue to thrive.

A recent peer reviewed paper published in British Birds highlighted concerns



Goshawk chicks. Image taken under licence by PDRMG

regarding illegal raptor persecution and the disparity in site occupation and success rates for Goshawk and Peregrine Falcons between the White Peak and the Dark Peak areas of the Peak District National Park."

People can visit this website to find out more: <https://britishbirds.co.uk/raptor-persecution/>

Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust are currently campaigning to end the illegal persecution of wildlife, especially our local birds of prey, many of which are internationally important or are locally rare such as the hen harrier, peregrine and goshawk.

The Peak District Raptor Monitoring Group, are a small but dedicated group of volunteer field workers, who under licence from the BTO and Natural England monitor and ring birds of prey and owls in the Peak District and surrounding areas. Their aims are to monitor the birds, participate in national surveys and identify real and potential threats as they arise.

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CHRISTMAS. RE: PAST

Although it might be more fashionable to put the 'anti' in 'anticipation' at this time of year, there's a lot to be said for enjoying the coming weeks of the festive season. Like the initial lift of a rollercoaster, the ascent is half pleasurable, half terrifying until, at the apex of the hill (usually the first calendrical instance of December) the screaming starts. Theme park rides, like end of year festivities, may have become more elaborate and complex, but the basic elements that light the white fuse of December are the same as they ever were.

Regular readers of this column (and even some irregular ones) will know that it doesn't have much truck with simple nostalgia; history is much more convoluted than that. For one of the past's biggest twists is that the pleasures and travails of former years are still with us, despite the intervening thick layers of technology. In the case of the 12 days of Christmas, the 21st century was already alive and well in 1960's Bradway, but, to quote novelist William Gibson, it just wasn't evenly distributed.

Take that arch-symbol of modernity, the artificial Christmas tree. Granted, the one we had in those days was so small it had to be placed on a side table to avoid being trodden on. Yet it positively revelled in its sci-fi artificiality, a glowing red berry warning the unwary of the metal spines beneath the shredded plastic 'pine needles', like flashing red aircraft beacons on tall buildings.

Smothered in pipe-cleaner thin, back-combed tinsel, its base, with a pinch of postmodern irony, was a wooden cube stencilled with holly leaves. For all its haunted mixture of austerity and optimism, no taller, pine-scented, colour-coordinated symbol of 16th century Germanic Renaissance could have been loved as much.

Local language courses

Just a few words to remind you about the Workers' Educational Association's successful language courses at St Johns, Abbeydale Road South, Totley. .

We currently have a number of French courses available from Beginner to Advanced levels, Italian Beginner and Intermediate, and a new Spanish Beginners' course. These will all be in their second term by January, but all are welcome to join – and don't worry if you're new to the language – there'll be plenty of opportunity to catch up. In addition, we hope to have a brand new Learn German through Story course in the new year – more on that later.

For information on any of the above, please contact me on 07958 940821 or email sylviamay@gmail.com

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Loved even by my Father, who despite his grumbling, secretly enjoyed chasing invisible breaks in the electrical circuit of the tree lights, searching up and down the thick cabling that smothered the tree and snaked across the floor. Working intently in a room that thus resembled a set from ‘Quatermass and the Pit’, his patience and manly restraint in the face of obdurate technology was always rewarded with a precious ‘Ta Daaa!’ moment of illumination.

Those of the family who had started out by helping but had drifted away to other parts of the house were drawn back in wonder by the change in the quality of the light. This was not entirely in recognition of the official start of Christmastide; the power drain of the Vesta tulip bulbs was large enough to cause street lamps outside to flicker. An early form of Combined Heat and Power, ours were not the only lights likely to give the unwary visitor festive contact burns if they sat in close proximity to their fusion-core brightness. Even unlit, the tree affected your vision, its unnatural

shade of green dark enough to absorb light from the next room.

Just as futuristic were the intricate machine-cut paper decorations that unfolded their colours like accordion bellows strung across the ceiling. The ‘in’ thing when new, with each passing year these techno paper chain upgrades required increasing amounts of artifice to ensure that breaks, tears and browning Sellotape were twisted out of view. Each year, our hearts and memories unfolded with those chains, stringing a corner of recent Christmases Past to a corner of Christmas Present.

And this brings us to the sour/sweet sting in the season’s tail. Annual celebrations of all sorts help us to get our bearings, to discover where we are in relation to where we thought we would be, where we have been, where we might be. Finding out where you really are isn’t always a pleasant surprise, but on the whole, most people would like to know rather than blunder on into the future armed with only the compass hidden in the heel of your shoe (Historical Cultural

Reference: Wayfinder boy’s shoes introduced 1965; they seemed like a good idea at the time – which must surely tell us all something about that era). The difference now is that Christmas and New Year ‘must-haves’, even in our multi-cultural age, are all but ubiquitous, making the emotional elements of such benchmarking hard to avoid.

On top of that, cultural observers (you can always spot us, we’re the ones with the Senior Bus Passes) note that the underlying panic-fuelled demand for end of year excess has been ever more difficult to meet each festival. We all fall into the trap of thinking that previous generations enjoyed positively austere, nay Dickensian, levels of jollity-assistance, as though they were somehow more easily pleased, less complex, marking time until the spotlight of the Right Here Right Now revealed their obvious material lack.

Yet those who notice something ebbing away, an undercurrent in the ever-rising tide of stuff, may be on to something. If they call our attention to the fact that the gap between the ties we feel and the bills we pay is widening, they’ve spotted an important correlation. It is, of course, all too easy to take that link and push it too far, right over the cliff edge of causation and claim that we lose touch with what is important *because* we have so much.

In truth, it’s a case of value confusion, not value erosion. Take the ‘funny Christmas pullover’, once a traditional hand knitted garment, lovingly produced by a distant relative, now a store-bought consumer item. It fills a gap in the retail market perhaps, but misses the point in real life. It’s easy to take it as a joke and overlook how lucky we would be if we were able to wear something so far from our own taste but so close to someone else’s heart.

Luckily, even cynicism itself takes on the mantle of familiarity at this time of year, hauled out of its wrapping and dusted off as though it was an original invention each time. That’s what comes of hanging around with all the other Christmas decorations – gilt by association.

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Christopher Sheldon

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Well dressing in Greenhill

During the summer months, Greenhill Village History Society has been working on a number of projects. Thanks to donations to our Archive collection, we have identified various topics which require further investigation. One item which was of interest was a set of slides of Greenhill / Bradway well dressings.

A number of us remembered these and thought this would be an ideal subject for one of our Open evenings. Consequently, our Archivist, Sue, an ex-guider, who was involved in producing the well dressings, set about contacting other members of the local Guide Association for their memories and photographs. The production team set to work and the result was that on Tuesday 8th October, the Society showed a short presentation entitled 'Well, well, well.'

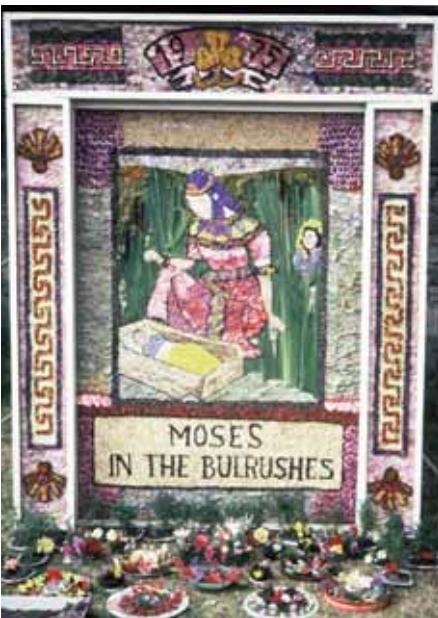
After a general introduction about varying types of wells, the emphasis turned to the well dressings done by members of the Girl Guide Association in the Greenhill / Bradway area between 1972 and 1996.

The idea for well dressings was first suggested during a conversation between two local Guiders, Margaret White from Woodseats who ran the 173rd St. Peter's Greenhill Brownie pack and Pansy Howarth from Greenhill who was the District Commissioner but who will be better remembered as the Guider who ran the 59th Greenhill Methodist Guide Company for many years.

Miss White was telling Mrs. Howarth that St. Peter's Church was going to hold a flower festival in June 1972 and suggested that it would be a good idea for the local Guides and Brownies to make a well dressing to be displayed at the same time. Undaunted by the task ahead Mrs. Howarth agreed and that was it! Well dressings in Greenhill had started.

Although both villages were formerly in Derbyshire where it is a common custom to dress the wells, no one seemed to know if it had ever been done in this area, or what was involved, so Miss White visited various Derbyshire villages to find out what to do.

Jack Howarth made the first boards. Ann Rayment, a Brownie Guider, provided the clay from her garden (and got a rather large flower bed at the same time) and hordes of eager Guiders set



about puddling the clay by hand – a painful task! Simple designs were chosen by the Guiders and in the early years, these were enlarged to fit the boards by Pauline Clegg (nee Mitchell), a former Guide Guider,

A lot of background work had to be done. Seeds were collected the Autumn before, boards were taken out of storage and soaked in a pond for a week to keep the clay moist, the Police had to be notified about the well blessings and local ministers were contacted to take the services. 'Extra' flowers were begged from the Parks Dept. and nearby Nurseries. Local gardens were also raided (with permission of course).

Finally, a room was prepared in the Methodist Guide hut and the boards were spread with clay. The designs were pricked out, although later, this tedious part was made by drawing round templates. At last, the children could start. It was amazing to see how quickly their nimble fingers adapted to petalling. This of course was done from the bottom upwards, with the petals overlapping, to allow the rain to run off. Only the faces were left to an adult to do, Mrs Elliott being the expert for this over many years.

After a week of frantic activity, the boards were ready to erect on the Saturday nearest St Peter's Day on June 30th. Local Scouts and Venture Scouts did this heavy job.

Of course, many problems were encountered over the years. In some years, there were few flowers available, so seeds were used to fill some of the gaps. (Unfortunately, the birds pecked the seeds). Vandals caused damage, several times and the charity collecting boxes were stolen. This resulted in moving the Bradway dressing to a site that was easier to monitor at St Peter's.

In 1978, all but one of the boards were stolen during the winter and had to be replaced and in 1980, mice chewed through the bags of clay which then fell through the wooden laths and was lost, so new clay had to be acquired. By trial and error, lessons were learned and the well dressings continued until 1996, when, due to a lack of support, they were discontinued.

Hopefully, though many local people now have fond memories of being involved and no doubt when they visit one of the excellent Derbyshire well dressings, they have a deeper appreciation of the effort that has gone into producing them.

**Lesley Fox (Chair)
Greenhill Village History Society**

Greenhill Village History Society meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 2pm in Greenhill Community Library. For further details, contact Lesley Fox on 0114 2377928. (December's meeting is our AGM – members only.)

Transport 17

Summer is now a distant memory and everyone is back in action after their breaks including Transport 17. Usually August is a quiet time for Transport 17 with the office shut down for two weeks and the clubs we serve on holiday. However 2019 has been an exception. With work on the buses, sale of the property, John Savournin retiring and planning for a number of events in September we have been kept really busy. More of this to follow.

Firstly the buses. If you happened to be passing the office during the shutdown you won't have failed to notice their presence outside the office. Mike Finn was giving them a spruce up and spring clean following a course he did during the summer. Now all 3 of them are gleaming and looking like new. It has been hard work but worthwhile - well done Mike.

As well as getting shiny new buses it has also helped raise our profile as several people stopped to chat to Mike. This included Tajinder Singh from Totley Pharmacy. The MX05, as mentioned before, is ready for replacement and costing money which we can ill afford. When Tajinder discovered the power steering was not working he generously offered to pay for the repair. The Management Committee are hugely grateful to him for this but our volunteer drivers will be even more so as their job will be so much easier. Thank you Tajinder from us all.

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Both drivers and passenger assistants are back in full swing now. It was great to welcome Neil and Malcolm Lockwood back on board again, they have been missed hugely. We also managed to recruit someone new at Totley Show, but our search continues. We had a good response to our advert for an admin assistant and have appointed and welcome Kerry Machon.

Mike Finn and I recently attended a partnership meeting for People Keeping Well. It was good to meet up with the other partners and get a feel for the things that are happening. The Management Committee are going to be looking at the ways in which the buses are utilised and we are keen to support our partners in delivering their activities where we can. We have faced uncertainties, changes and challenges in 2019, but as we are working through these we are pleased to report that a sense of optimism is emerging as we look forward to a new era for Transport 17.

Progress to date - we now have a new landlord, Andrew Morton. Although he lives abroad he has a close connection with the Greenhill/Totley area. He is keen to keep us as a tenant and admires the work we do as a charitable organisation in the community.

John Savournin was with Transport 17 for 24 years. After a career as a chartered civil engineer working for Sheffield City Council he joined us in 1995 as (in his words) a sort of admin assistant/book-keeper. He was elected as Treasurer at the

AGM in 1997 and he became a paid, part-time member of staff in September 1999.

He and Mike Finn have worked together over this time, sometimes having to take a lead themselves when there wasn't an effective Management Committee. We would like to thank John, who finished at the end of September, for all he has done over that time and wish him a long and happy retirement.

There have been three events for us in September. The first was Totley Show. Jenny Nuttal and her daughter created a Totley Quiz which Hamnett Wealth Management sponsored. Once again it was a real success, raising about £60. The bus was also there helping to raise our profile. We are proud once again to benefit from the support we receive from this event. Thank you.

On 28th September we held a Pea and Pie Supper with entertainment from Totley's own Jimmy McWilliams at St Johns Church on Abbeydale Road South. It was a really good 'DO", the hall was packed and there was a great atmosphere with so much catching up being done. Liberty Foods provided excellent pies. Jimmy was in fine voice and a delight to listen to. In a true music hall style he got everyone involved with some of the songs. Huge thanks to all the helpers who worked so hard on the day

On Monday 30th September we held our Pairs Duplicate Bridge Drive at Abbeydale Golf Club. The golf club made an excellent venue, it was a

beautiful day so several people had their lunch on the balcony in the sunshine admiring the view. Hopefully everyone enjoyed their day and will pass the word onto their friends for next year. We made over £600, a very satisfactory result.

It's not long now until the Annual Christmas Fayre at the Cross Scythes on Saturday 16th November 10am - 12noon. We are planning to have our Bottle Bonanza Stall, Strictly Christmas Stall, a Cake Stall and the ever popular raffle which will have a festive theme. If you have any contributions for the stalls could you drop them off at the office. As always we are very grateful for your generous support. Deb Leonard will be there and no Christmas Fayre is complete without Cross Scythes mince pies to go with your tea or coffee. So pop the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there.

Finally we have received two donations one was in memory of Bill Glossop which was bequeathed to us in his will, we are very appreciative of his generosity and support. The other was from Activ Physio who kindly made a donation following a daily step challenge they set themselves. Their Totley and Bradway Clinics set up a competition to see who could reach the most steps and Clare from the Bradway Clinic was the winner! They kindly translated this into a donation of £127.51 which they presented to Transport 17. Thank you!

*Sandra Longley
(For the Management Committee)*



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Cycling to Work

"Over 300 progressive South Yorkshire companies are seeing cycling as a way to get to work, and as a way to carry out your business during the working day," said Rosie Frazer of Love to Ride, who promote cycling around South Yorkshire on behalf of the city council.

"In this day and age, why on Earth wouldn't a business want to minimise costs and increase productivity? Why wouldn't a director of a Sheffield company want to do their bit to reduce congestion and improve air quality?"

Funded through a £7.5m Access Fund for Sustainable Travel grant from the government, Love to Ride has so far signed up over 330 companies of all sizes and over 4,200 cyclists since 2017, who between them have ridden over 3 million miles, cutting over half a million pounds of CO₂ from the area's car-based carbon output. This year, local companies have been able to hire e-bikes for staff to try through the city's Sheffield CycleBoost scheme.

Thanks to the encouragement of Dr Ollie Hart of Sloan Medical Centre more of the city's GPs are taking to cycling with e-bikes so they can arrive at hilltop visits looking like doctors rather than exhausted track cyclists. Dr Aarti Bansal says her e-bike has changed her life. "It gives me the legs of an athlete so I can build up my fitness slowly," she said.

One of Sheffield's largest pro-cycling companies is HSBC, whose new base on Furnival Gate, includes bespoke changing, showering and bike storage facilities, drying rooms for wet kit and dedicated lockers for clothes and toiletries, all of which means that around 1 in 20 of the firm's 2,000 staff cycle in to work every day.

Andy Wrigley is one of the company's 'cycle champions.' "We have tried hard to create a cycling community here," he said, "and there have been so many benefits from this, from basic information sharing right through to lobbying the company for changes and



Cycling staff at Sheffield Sustainable Kitchens where 1 in 3 staff cycle to work regularly

new investment. The power of social networks like this is also a strong source of motivation and advice: people can share their routes, find help with problems or even find someone else to cycle in with."

Smaller companies may not be able to install state of the art cycle parking racks, but if directors recognise that more staff will choose to cycle if some basic needs are met, they can still make a difference, says Rob Cole of Sheffield Sustainable Kitchens, where 1 in 3 staff cycle regularly. The company have bought tools, puncture repair kits and a track pump, and arranged for staff bikes to be hung from the ceiling in a corner of the workshop.

Love to Ride's Rosie Frazer said: "Now we have the city region Active Travel Commissioner Dame Sarah Storey pushing for better facilities for people to get about using their legs rather than a machine powered by fossil fuels, there's never been a better time for companies to encourage trips by active travel. "We

think those 3 million miles cycled on Love to Ride so far shows how serious Sheffielders are about twenty first century city transport."

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David Bocking

Bradway Birds

Sparrows

I think the sparrow is making something of an urban comeback. As you probably know, there used to be over 12 million in Britain, with town squares hosting hundreds of them. Trafalgar Square had thousands. Two thirds were thought to be urban but 4 million plus was a handy total for the countryside.

There were so many that people not only took them for granted without observing them, but regarded them as a sort of nuisance, getting under their feet and being noisy.

The environment department allowed them to be shot, along with the gull, crow and pigeon families; indeed they are still on that permitted list. Books on rare exotica such as raptors and birds of paradise far outnumber those on the sparrow family.

Decline set in the 1980's, first in London and then in provincial towns and cities. By 2016, the British population was down by two-thirds, and the bird was on the red alert list. The collapse was overwhelmingly urban. Kensington Gardens went from 4,000 birds in 1938 to zero by 2000. In addition, intensively farmed arable land lost nearly all its sparrows, as well as nearly everything else.

Go to Argyll or Northern Cumbria or coastal Northumberland, and you will see and hear sparrows all the time. Groups will chatter and squabble in bushes, clusters will race down the village street, mobs will flurry around a farm yard.

Bradway was late to lose its sparrows, but there were very few after 2015. Their cheeriness, their presence everywhere, were missed, and denied youngsters yet another link with the natural world that we're all part of.

The good news is that if you walk around Bradway, you will hear them again. The shrubs along Bradway Road, down the Wollaton estate, on Everard and Rosamund Avenues, Drives, Crescents and Places, all have chattering groups. If a dozen or so "little brown jobs" zoom past you, cross the road or race into a bush, there are your sparrows.

Our garden used to have 20 sparrows before the breeding season and double that in late summer and autumn. In 2015/16, we recorded hardly any, and several months would pass with no garden sparrow. Now we are back into the 30's, and very welcome they are. Only a few nest in the garden, but sparrows are clever and observant birds with a fine memory, so they fly in from other local colonies.

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squabble. Sparrows are lively and inquisitive birds as well. Adults eat seeds and fruits, but should really be regarded as omnivores, eating any animal small fry, plus cheese or sausages or bacon scraps when they have a chance. We have sat on outdoor tables at cafes and had sparrows join us on spare seats and on the table.

The young need food which is soft, moist and rich in protein. Aphids, weevils and caterpillars do the trick. You will see the parents all round the garden. In ours, they flit about in the birches and rose hedges almost as nimbly as blue tits do. They patrol the lawn, scour the gutters, search the kerb stones, and even manage to hover in front of flowers like second rate hummingbirds. Butterflies are

chased, but the prey has such a zig-zag flight that success is limited even if optimism is not.

At the sea side you will find them among rock pools and along the sand line where the rotting sea weed is full of flies and tiny crustaceans like sand hoppers. They are brilliant birds. You won't find them in Poynton Wood, because they much prefer open spaces with cover nearby for socialising, hiding and nesting.

They probably evolved 10 or 20 million years ago in the African savanna. Early human species began to evolve there too and sparrows joined in. When humans domesticated animals and began to farm, the sparrows were well suited.

Although related to the weaver birds,

which have complex and immaculate nests, sparrow nests are feeble, scrappy affairs, just a loose cup. If you watch them, you will see they are excellent if short distance flyers. Rapid acceleration, twisting and turning, corkscrewing, flying in formation, a decent speed and short spells of hovering, are all within their capability.

The starling declined with the sparrow, perhaps for similar reasons. Nobody knows. However, the causes cannot be identical, because the starling decline is still occurring. The once healthy group of 60 at the foot of Everard Avenue has almost disappeared, and I have seen no sign of a starling bounce back anywhere around Sheffield.

John Kirkman



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Take a Break

This US State is BeUTAHful!

Anyone who knows me knows I am 'America-holic' ... and no year is complete without a return visit ... or two!

So, another adventure in one of our favourite states, Utah, was long overdue. With its breath-taking 'Mighty 5' include Zion, Bryce, Canyonlands, Arches and Capitol Reef National Parks, are a feast for the eyes, for sure ... as well as a workout for the legs and camera!

From the moment I started planning this epic Road Trip, I knew I wanted to include these stunning National Parks and although we'd visited some of these amazing areas before, this visit I wanted to explore some of the experiences we'd sadly missed previously.

First stop Zion, the most visited National Park in Utah and for good reason; with towering red rock cliffs rising on either side of the canyon and the clear Virgin River carving through the centre, it's breathtaking. The landscape is unmatched; your jaw will literally drop at the beauty of it all.

So, whether you're in search of a challenging hike with epic views, like the infamous Angel's Landing or you'd like a more relaxed visit seeking out waterfalls, Zion will certainly leave you starry eyed.

The famed beauty does come at a price, so be prepared to experience its grandeur amongst crowds, no matter what day of the week you visit ... my tip is arrive early to avoid the lengthy lines at the shuttle stop to enter the park.

Not mentioned above, but definitely one of my favourite places on earth, the iconic Monument Valley, located on the Utah-Arizona border, a 'bucket list' destination made famous in movies of John Ford, such as Stagecoach & Rio Grande, featuring John Wayne, never fails to make my stomach flutter as the recognisable red rock monoliths come into view. Once inside Monument Valley Tribal Park our first stop is always the jaw dropping view across the valley with The Mittens and Merrick Buttes looming large. Breath-taking.

From here we headed out on the 17-mile drive for a closer view of the historic buttes, mesas, and striking vistas, a favourite being John Ford's Point Overlook. All I can say is it

never disappoints, however, leave more time than you anticipate, as this awe inspiring landscape has an undeniable way of pulling you in for more ... and one final stop before we leave the area has to be the now quintessential Forrest Gump Point, looking back at this incredible place.

was Shafer Trail Road taking us up a narrow dirt path into Canyonlands NP. Having manoeuvred with ease for the first section, we were suddenly stopped in our tracks after the distant rolls of thunder suddenly produced a vicious hail storm right above us.

Too far along our journey to turn back we continued along the trail in 4WD mode as the water poured down the steep canyon sides. Slowly but surely we made the summit, albeit a few shaky moments ... and as if by magic the sun appeared! Phew! Canyonlands is known for sweeping views of - you guessed it - CANYONS! We now had chance to take in these dramatic views at the

edge of a seemingly never-ending canyon, without the stress of our previous drive! Stunning.

Our Arches NP adventure was sadly cut short by the inclement weather, which was a shame, however, having visited before we didn't feel too aggrieved and just enjoyed short hikes between storms. A must see is Delicate Arch, which we had to miss this time, but so pleased we had experienced this on our last stay.

With the weather clearing on our departure day, we headed north to Capitol Reef NP, a lesser known national park, but never the less, the landscape is out of this world! A hidden treasure filled with towering red rock cliffs, canyons, domes, and bridges in the Waterpocket Fold, a geologic monocline (a wrinkle on the earth) extending almost 100 miles. Stunning! Capitol Reef gets its name from a series of white domes, which early settlers thought resembled the dome of the Capitol building in Washington DC, so cool.

This time around we explored the areas sadly closed on a previous visit, including the narrow road into Capitol Gorge, a slot canyon for cars, followed by an easy few mile stroll in the gorge, as well as a hike to the vast Hickman Bridge. First stop was the visitor centre to check out conditions, before starting the glorious scenic drive. We hiked both Capitol Gorge and Grand Wash, keeping our eyes peeled for storm clouds, as this is a flash flood area - YIKES!

Our 2nd & final day in the area took us out to Cathedral Valley, a more technical option requiring a 4WD vehicle to access parts. With blue skies above us, the storms of



Monument Valley, on the Utah-Arizona border, in Zion National Park

Our Canyonlands NP journey started in the needles section of the park. The Needles form the southeast corner of Canyonlands, named for the striking colourful spires of Cedar Mesa Sandstone that dominate the area and offer a plethora of hiking trails and scenic viewpoints, some easily seen from right beside the road or on short paved-path hikes. The vast scenery always leaves us in awe and with more than a few photos of this imposing and majestic landscape, it was time to head on.

Moab would be our base to explore more of Canyonlands & Arches NP and with the weather closing in we meticulously planned a few journeys to experience what we'd missed on previous visits ... and Corona Arch was top of the list.

With an early start we headed to the trailhead and meandered along the path taking us over slick rock following the well placed cairns, until we could see our destination in the distance. All that was between us now was a few short scrambles, including a sturdy cable helping us up the steep trail and a ladder. Easy! The vast arch towered above us and for a short time we were the only visitors there ... what a magical experience.

Retuning to our rental wagon and heading along Potash Road, via Thelma & Louise Point, where famously their car flies over the canyon edge, our next destination



the previous week had left its toll on this unmaintained dirt road, but our reliable Toyota 4Runner did us proud as we sped along the track to the imposing monoliths of Temple of the Sun and Temple of the Moon. Wow, just wow!

Our final stop before moving on would be Hickman Bridge, a scenic 2 mile trek to this wondrous natural arch, passing white domes and overlooking the Fremont River. This trail was the busiest by far, but nothing compared to other parks.

To reach our final park in the Mighty 5 Utah national parks we took scenic Highway 12 running from Torrey all the way to Bryce Canyon. This breath-taking route is a destination in itself, offering stunning viewpoint after stunning viewpoint ... Utah, sure has it all.

Our 2-days in Bryce Canyon was cut short, a crazy snow storm was on its way! So packing in all the magical vistas into one day would be tough, but achievable, so heading out early, we were up for the challenge! With red rocks, pink cliffs and endless vistas of fairytale hoodoos, although these types of formations exist on every continent, Bryce Canyon is the largest concentration found anywhere on Earth! For me the many viewpoints and vistas,

albeit spectacular, we're a little 'samey' ... but a definite highlight was hiking one of the many trails for a close up view, meandering through this incredible landscape!

... and just like that our spectacular



The Corona Arch Trail in the Canyonlands & Arches NP

journey around the Beehive State had ended! There is never enough time to take everything in, in only one trip, but we certainly tried our best this time around. Will we return, for sure, this incredible adventure only left us wanting more ... until we meet again, Utah, it's been a BLAST!

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Paul Pashley sings

Acclaimed Sheffield singer Paul Pashley is bringing his vocal talents to Abbeydale Picture House as he raises money for St Luke's Hospice.

Paul, who has performed around the world with his popular range of Swing and Jazz standards, will take to the stage on December 7 for a concert that is also a tribute to his dad Terry, who was a St Luke's patient. The evening is being sponsored by The Devonshire Arms at Middle Handley.

Paul explains "Following my dad's death I made a promise to myself that I would do something for St Luke's in his memory because the support he received was beyond anything we had ever expected. "Dad

had lung cancer and I remember the first time I went to see him at St Luke's, the atmosphere was incredible, so supportive and so peaceful – there was nothing at all clinical or stressful about being there.

"That's why I want to give something back, so other people can experience what our family experienced."

Paul will be performing with his own six piece band in an evening that will also feature support from fellow Sheffield singer Julian Jones and a charity auction.

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Gainful employment

Have you ever felt you were in the wrong job? I know I have: overworked, unappreciated and too much month at the end of the money. The truth is that many of us would be better off employed differently.

I think we have enough television personalities, financial advisors, bookmakers, money lenders, estate agents, tax collectors and bureaucrats but why are we so short of doctors, nurses, teachers and police? Crime figures are up but there are almost 20% less police officers in West Yorkshire than 10 years ago. No wonder calls must be prioritised.

NHS staff shortages are well documented, they affect our lives. Somebody close to me lives in constant pain and needs to see a specialist - the earliest appointment they can get is five months away. Yorkshire schools desperately lack good teachers, or money to pay them, so it gets harder every day to recruit and retain staff. This is not how it should be.

There are many people doing the wrong job. We need to do away with all Ministers, Commissioners, Chief Executives and so-called managers producing strategic reviews, setting 10-year structure plans, or demanding statistics and so-called surveys which create needless work. Head teachers face such a pile of forms to be filled in every day that they can be forgiven for forgetting why they first went into

teaching.

It starts at the top: there are about 650 M.P.'s at Westminster, each representing about 70,000 of us. We could do without a fair few of them. In the United States a Congressman represents over 700,000 voters – ten times our provision. Who would claim that we get a government that is 10-times better?

M.P.s are obsessed with commissions, committees, review boards, agencies and pressure groups, how much better if some of the computer-clickers got off their backsides and actually did something to help the sick, the poor, the homeless, the uneducated, victims of crime, the old, the cold, and the confused.

Thousands of people produce millions of pieces of paper which are then posted through our letter boxes only to be thrown away. There are thousands more making pointless phone calls which we don't need, some of them less than honest. How many experts spend time telling us how we should live better lives, have nicer homes, cook better food or eat more fruit? We would, if only we could afford it!

It's time to change jobs: people producing pointless paper could be redirected to picking the litter up. Call centre charlatans should be retrained to phone the lonely, vulnerable or confused so that there hear a friendly voice - then they might not need to dial 999 twenty times a day.

The planners who allowed sub-standard housing to blot our landscape could be

made to live in some of the horrors they have created and do a bit of painting and decorating whilst they're there. The cheats who do little more than muck around with other people's money should teach young people life-skills that will enable them to control their own finances.

The petty officials who enjoy telling other folk what to do could patrol our streets at night, making us all feel safer, and freeing up the police for more important duties. The advertisers, who have encouraged others to eat, drink, smoke, spend, borrow and gamble too much might instead try to help some of their unhealthy and unhappy victims turn around their sorry lives.

What of all those surplus politicians? They could be employed making bricks; there must have been a shortage for the last fifty years because we obviously haven't been building enough decent-size houses. A young couple near me are paying a fortune for a flat but have so little space that she has to keep the vacuum cleaner round at her mother's and fetch it at weekends. With more bricks, builders could make the shoe-boxes that are going up around here a few bricks wider; then you might actually be able to fit a real bed in the third bedroom.

Is there anybody still short of work? Well, you can come round and mow my lawn; then I'll have more time for essential duties – like writing to the Bradway Bugle.

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Brexit and your medicines

To state the obvious, medicines form an essential part of healthcare provided by the NHS. More than one billion items are dispensed annually through community pharmacies, and the total bill for medicines is more than £17bn. We all know someone with a regular prescription, whether for blood pressure, cancer, asthma or diabetes. Many of us have taken treatments for infections, or used creams for skin problems.

Of course, these are usually available readily and quickly from the excellent pharmacy network in the NHS, so everyone takes it for granted that they will be able to get their medicines when they need them.

Unfortunately, everything we take for granted may be at risk as a result of Brexit. The pharmaceutical industry nowadays is, as with most large industries, an international operation. Currently, medicines enjoy free movement across Europe, and the whole industry relies on this to ensure timely delivery of medicines. A disruption to

this, such as a no-deal Brexit, has the potential to cause supply issues. Medicines shortages have actually been a significant problem throughout this year already, with Epipen and HRT medication shortages making the news.

Understandably people are becoming very concerned about how they will continue to get their medication and some of you will already have personally experienced the stress this can cause. I will try to provide some information about the plans in place to minimise disruption.

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has been working closely with the NHS, pharmaceutical companies, suppliers of medical devices, and supply chains to make sure medicines and medical products continue to be available.

Where these medicines have a short shelf life, DHSC has asked companies to ensure that they can fly these medicines in from the EU in the event of no deal. The NHS Supply Chain organisation is holding extra stocks of medical products.

To ensure that there will be enough

space available for extra stocks of medicines and medical products, the Government has secured extra warehouse space including refrigerated and controlled drug storage that companies can use to store products.

The Government has also put in place extra shipping for suppliers to use on a variety of routes to ease pressure on the short straits crossings to Dover and Folkestone. This includes capacity on ferries to Poole, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Immingham and Felixstowe. The Government has agreed that medicines and medical products will be prioritised on these alternative routes.

What about the supply of blood and blood products?

There are some medicines that are derived from blood plasma such as immunoglobulin, albumin, and clotting factors. As these are licensed medicines, they are included in the medicine supply plans. The United Kingdom is largely self-sufficient in blood and blood components and does not routinely export or import these products

What about vaccines?

Public Health England (PHE) manages significant stockpiles of vaccine for the national immunisation programme, as part of their business as usual planning. It is working closely with vaccine suppliers to ensure replenishment of these existing stockpiles continues in the event of supply disruption in the UK, for example, agreeing increases in supplier's own UK stockpiles.

Official advice from the NHS is that there is no need to change the way that you order prescriptions or take your medicines. There are enough medicines and medical products to meet current needs but if patients order extra prescriptions, or stockpile, it will put pressure on stocks, meaning that some patients may not get the medicines they need. GPs will continue to prescribe your medicines in the same way, and official advice is not to ask for greater quantities on your prescription.

The above measures should reduce the occurrence of shortages. Occasionally, however, the NHS does experience temporary shortages of specific medicines. If this happens to your medication, please come and speak to us and we will try to arrange the best solution.

Typically, this will involve giving the same medicine in a different strength so may you have to take 2 tablets instead of 1. This is the ideal scenario, as you will not need to change your actual medicine. If this is not possible, we will then try to supply a similar medicine from the same class, so that you feel minimal difference in efficacy and side effects.

All of this will be done after consultation with your doctor. Medicines that you buy over the counter from pharmacies may also be affected, but we should be able to advise you about suitable alternatives.

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The Time Travellers Travelogue

As so often happens when the evenings start to draw in and the weather discourages our outdoor historical activities, The Time Travellers ramp up our programme of talks and presentations and moves indoors.

Autumn kicked off with a talk in September about Meersbrook Hall. Time Traveller member, archaeologist and historian Ken Dash spoke to a near capacity audience about the little known house tucked into a corner of Meersbrook Park. The Hall was built for the prosperous Sheffield merchant and banker Benjamin Roebuck around 1759, probably on the site of earlier buildings and over the years was extended several times.

Meersbrook Park was bought by the Sheffield Corporation in 1886 and between 1890 and 1953 Meersbrook Hall was the very popular home of the Ruskin Collection, attracting large numbers of visitors. Sheffield Council's Parks Department used it as an office base from 1954 until 2016. Thanks to a volunteers group, Friends of Meersbrook Hall and the Heeley Development Trust the Hall has become a community and heritage resource and from time to time opens its doors to visitors.

Another full house at the Dore Old School in September heard an amusing and informative description from Time Travellers member and Chairman of Friends of Dore & Totley Station, Chris Morgan about the development of the railways locally and in particular, the Totley Tunnel. This talk was followed up a few weeks later by Chris leading a walk along the route of the Tunnel between Dore and Grindleford.

At the end of this walk we were given a special look inside Padley Chapel near Grindleford. This small but beautiful 15th century gatehouse of the former Padley Manor, also known as Martyrs Chapel, has a fascinating history and is well worth a visit.

The Time Travellers have a number of special interest groups and this year our Brigantes Group organised an excellent exhibition in the Dore Old School as part of the annual Heritage Open Day in September. The theme was 'The Brigantes – daily life in Iron Age Britain' and displayed ancient crafts such as hand spinning and natural dyeing to almost 150 visitors.

Every year since our formation in 2011, The Time Travellers have embarked on an excursion to an interesting part of the country. In the past we have visited Hadrian's Wall, Stonehenge and Chester and this time it was the turn of historic Norfolk to come under our scrutiny.

There are some iconic sites that just had to be seen such as the Bronze Age site of Flag Fen with its wooden causeway to its 'island' and boats hewn from tree trunks. It was a busy few days with lots to see including the Neolithic flint mines of Grimes Graves, tours of Norwich,



Colchester Castle, one of the historic sites visited in the town by the Time Travellers

Roman Colchester and Kings Lynn, the recently reopened visitor centre at Sutton Hoo and the castle and abbey at Castle Acre.

More than 20 of our more enthusiastic 'diggers' and a few people getting their first experience of real archaeology braved the wet weather during a week-long dig at Whirlow Hall Farm in early October. This number was bolstered on one day by a dozen youngsters aged between nine and 15 from the Sheffield Young Archaeologists Group.

Last year an excavation at this site discovered charcoal in a test pit. This was the same location where a Bronze Age flint arrow head had previously been found and thought to be of archaeological significance. Samples from the pit had been dated to 5,500 BC, the late Mesolithic period when people were hunter gatherers.

Our dig reopened last year's trench and extended the area of excavation to reveal a large oval hearth and a second hearth of later date. Samples were taken from this second hearth for radio carbon dating. A large number of angular stones in a linear band were also revealed, the exact purpose of which is still to be decided. Despite the mixed weather the dig was thoroughly enjoyed by those taking part and we hope to return next year to learn even more from this important site.

Robert Allcroft has led another group on his ever popular archaeological walk to the Froggatt white coal kiln and lead smelting site. This allowed more members to see one of the best preserved examples of a 17th century white coal kiln, all set in our gorgeous Peaks woodland. Our monthly coffee mornings continue to be popular with members, providing an informal and friendly environment to 'chew the fat' about all things archaeological and historical.

As well as more coffee mornings we have lots of events lined up including a report from Tom Parker, the site Project Officer for ARS Ltd, about recent excavations at the site of the Roman Fort at Navio (you might know this better as Brough, on the road to Castleton). Then

in November we have a historical talk by Carl Clayton about William Humfrey's part in the development of lead smelting in Derbyshire.

Finally, to mark the winter solstice, The Time Travellers will be holding our annual celebration, looking back at another very busy year for amateur archaeologists and historians in and around Bradway.

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 <http://www.thetimetatravellers.org.uk> or join us at one of our meetings.

Glynn Burgin
The Time Travellers

Dore and Totley United Reformed Church

Friends in Harmony: On Saturday November 16th we will be entertained by Friends in Harmony, a local choir singing a mixture of well-known music including songs from the shows. The concert will be from 3 to 5 pm and tickets at £6, including refreshments, can be booked from Marie on 07592353906 or Elaine on 07929720977. Proceeds from the concert will be split between Sarcoma UK and a charity supported by Friends in Harmony. Come along for a very relaxing afternoon's entertainment.

Christmas Craft Fair and Coffee Morning: The final event of the year will be a Christmas coffee morning with craft stalls on Saturday November 30th from 10 am to 12 noon. If you would like to book a stall please contact Margaret Barron on 0114 2311831 or email r-barron@sky.com. Stalls will include photography from Lensflair, So Me Jewellery, handicrafts and bric a brac.

Carers Café: On the first Wednesday of each month we are holding a Carers Café from 10 am until noon. Drop in at any time for a chat or advice from the Sheffield Carers Centre.

Elaine Ferguson

Helping bereaved families

One of the hardest tasks facing family members following bereavement is having to collect a loved one's belongings. But a new initiative instigated by St Luke's Hospice In Patient Centre Senior Sister Laura Chesters is aiming to make that experience just a little easier to handle.

"We used to give people clear plastic bags for belongings but one day I saw a relative leaving the IPC with one of those bags and I thought it looked so undignified," Laura explains. "That's not what we're about at St Luke's and I really didn't like it, so I decided to look at alternatives."

The solution eventually agreed on was a special canvas bag, big enough to take away clothing, with a smaller trinket bag for more personal items like rings, watches and jewellery. The bags have no St Luke's branding but do feature a discreet floral design that mirrors the St Luke's annual Celebration of Life daisy. The bags, which are eco-friendly and reusable, were launched a few weeks ago and have proved instantly successful.

"The team really like them and feel much more comfortable giving them to relatives and loved ones," Laura says. "It's a simple thing that can make a big difference and it also means that if we see somebody carrying one of the bags we know what they are here for can be supportive."

John Highfield



Laura Chesters (left) and nurse Katie Wallace

Established in November 2014 by Katie Bell, the clinic draws on its Founder's knowledge and expertise to support a wide range of customers' needs and injuries. The clinic initially offered Physiotherapy, sports massage and Pilates services, with Katie as the only employee, but due to popular demand, it grew to 10 employees within a year and required double the space.

The clinic now boasts a team of 30 experts, whose focus is helping people move better, feel better and live better. Fundamental to the clinic's success is the attitudes and motivations of staff, who are deeply committed to providing their clients with the exceptional standard of care they need to feel their best.

To this end, the clinic now offers Physiotherapy, Women's health Physiotherapy, sports massage, manual lymphatic drainage, diagnostic ultrasound, acupuncture, nutritional guidance, wellness workshops and holistic health sessions. The team also host 56 Pilates and yoga classes a week, allowing the team's skilled teachers to impart their knowledge to a range of clients looking to use techniques to improve their flexibility, vitality and overall health.

Thanks to the reputation the clinic has cultivated since its inception, Katie Bell Physiotherapy & Wellness now welcomes not only clients from Sheffield, but also those from further afield, who are drawn to the clinic's exceptional facilities and expert team.

Move better, feel better

For five years Katie Bell Physiotherapy & Wellness has been providing award-winning Sports Physiotherapy and wellness treatments to enhance the lives of customers from across Sheffield.

This November the clinic celebrates its fifth birthday and the team are hosting a complimentary health evening and you are welcome to attend. Choose from Physiotherapy consultation, Sports Massage, Manual Lymphatic Drainage consultation, or Pilates classes. All completely free of charge! Follow this link to book your appointment. <https://katiebellphysio.com/five-year-celebration/>

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Friends of Dore & Totley Station – FoDaTS

Extinction of Class 142 Pacers

This article was to have featured a tribute to the Pacer trains that were introduced 35 years ago and were to have been withdrawn and scrapped before the end of 2019. They may be getting a 3-6 month stay of execution but in the meantime we've asked if we could have two of them at busy times to ease the crush, particularly on Saturday mornings. In the mid-1980s they were expected to last 20-25 years but have been patched up to soldier on. That story should be coming in a 2020 edition! We're seeing some double units so passengers' feedback is being noticed.

What's new? The second platform

At long last things are starting to happen. Back in August FoDaTS committee members met Network Rail's project sponsor for the Hope Valley Capacity Improvement Scheme. That will provide a second track and platform at Dore & Totley. We were very unhappy to discover that the project had slipped back another year with completion not expected before December 2023. A representative from SYPTE was present at our meeting and fed back to Sheffield City Region and Mayor Dan Jarvis. After his visit to open our canopy a few months ago he was not pleased to hear this news.

At the time of writing we can't reveal every detail we know but it's fair to say Dan is now rattling cages and with some success. An air of urgency is starting to blow through. Unfortunately we don't think Network will have the new station fully operational before late 2023, much as Dan may try to get it ready earlier. There's too much civil engineering requiring track access and diversions. However, when we spoke to Network Rail 2024 was mentioned as a possibility. We are all determined it will not slip back that far.

Sheffield City Region are in active negotiations with Transport for the North and have spoken to Network Rail at both the highest national and northern levels. FoDaTS have been writing and talking to as many as we can reach. Further meetings with Network Rail will be taking place.



Looking like something out of science fiction, this was a snow plough literally ploughing through Dore & Totley Station in December 2010

A feasibility study into extra parking is imminent, but is unlikely to bring more formal spaces before 2024/5 at best.

Services from Dore & Totley

It has been confirmed that TransPennine Express will soon be operating a few more 6 coach trains on the Manchester Airport – Cleethorpes services. By the time you read this our 8.14 should be one of them.

From 16th December TPE will be stopping a train for Manchester at 5.15 arriving at Piccadilly at 6.03 and at the Airport at 6.27. We'll be interested to see how many use it. As all their trains currently average at least 2 minutes late we're unlikely to get agreement to more stops until better punctuality is achieved - in 2023/4?

Northern are also being pressed to add more stops, particularly out of Sheffield. Ideally we'd like a half hourly services into and out of the city, but Northern have the same problem with the single track as TPE. We'll continue to press for the big gaps to be filled but it may not be possible before 2023.

From 16th December the 15.45 from Sheffield will be stopping at 15.53 instead of skipping by. That still leaves a 90 minute gap, but it's a step in the right direction.

Northern operate our services out of

Manchester where drivers' Sunday work is voluntary (it's within the rostered week for their Sheffield crews). It's very disappointing to see that several services have been cancelled on recent Sundays, usually at short notice

What might happen, eventually

Some signalling improvements are part of the Capacity Scheme, however we understand they may be extended to include most of the line. Timescales for that work are being sought but when complete it should help more trains to run to time.

HS2 seems to be less and less likely to come through Sheffield, certainly not by 2033 as planned. The Extinction Rebellion movement is but one of many bodies wanting to see more electric railways. Transport for the North is pushing for electrification of the mainline through Leicester, Nottingham and Derby. It might even happen, and the early 2030s may be a realistic target.

The Hope Valley line has been looked at before and the report concluded that with all the tunnels it wasn't viable for electrification. In the present ecological climate that will be looked at again with a possibility of using bi-mode trains. 'Looked at' and 'possible' in railway parlance has meant decades of battles to achieve little or nothing, but one day,

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perhaps. We'll be encouraging it to be looked at more closely and sooner rather than later.

The canopy and ticket machine

The canopy has been greatly appreciated and the ticket machine works, although a few practice sessions may help the unwary when it's quiet. There are knacks that need getting used to. 5 popular fares appear on the opening screen and 5 more should be added 'shortly'. Increasing numbers are now using electronic ticketing, 50% of fares nationally are now paid that way with no paper tickets, although our numbers are probably nearer 25% at best. (I've mastered it and have a Northern identity card to go with a season ticket that can be bought from the machine.)

Amazon locker and defibrillator

Amazon locker Peak is proving popular for deliveries and some returns. By Christmas it could be almost full on some days.

We're in discussions with Northern, TPE and SYPTE to install a defibrillator at the station. FoDaTS has received a donation to be put towards this worthwhile project. It seems we only need Network Rail's permission so installation may be this year.

Hope Valley Line 125, Bradway Tunnel 150.

We held a second walk to Grindleford in conjunction with the Time Travellers for the 125 celebrations, including a visit to Padley Chapel. An evening talk about the tunnel was given to the Time

Travellers to go with the walk.

Next year we'll be celebrating 150 years of Bradway Tunnel and that will feature walks to and from Dronfield in conjunction with Friends of Dronfield Station. Dore & Totley wasn't opened until 1872 so we have time to think how to celebrate that.

Planters and volunteers

Watch this space. In addition to planting lots more bulbs we hope you'll see some improvements around the station by the spring, if not before. Our volunteers have recently appeared in a promotional video for Northern, Dore being one of about 10 of their 478 stations included to show diversity, Dronfield and Darnall being two others.

To the future

In December the passenger numbers for 2018/19 will be out. We had almost 6 months of Saturday strikes to contend with in that period so the steady 5% increase sustained for over 10 years must have been impacted. Nevertheless we'd expect the trend to have continued upwards.

Anyway, Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

Chris Morgan, Chairman

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Sheffield Beekeepers' Assn

Sheffield Beekeepers' Association is open to all beekeepers and people interested in bees and beekeeping in Sheffield and surrounding areas.

The Association provides a forum for members to meet, discuss and learn about beekeeping and has monthly meetings with talks by experienced beekeepers, question and answer sessions and presentations. Working with our own experienced beekeepers and guests we:

- * provide training courses for novice, beginner and experienced beekeepers alike, including how to manage bees and how to produce honey and allied products;

- * run Honey Shows to help improve skills in processing honey and wax;

- * provide advice on buying specialist equipment and offer discounted prices;

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- * provide equipment for loanmembers.

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Organic Wildlife Gardening

We cannot complain that there has not been enough rain so far this year, but it would have been nice to have had warmer, sunny days and less strong winds at times. While plant growth took off, some of the taller plants struggled to withstand the wind and heaviest downpours, but most of them recovered.

Sadly, the worst damage was done in two areas where local cats had hidden among taller plants below or near bird-feeders in the hope of catching birds. I do wish, while caring for their cats, many of which will no doubt be from rescue centres, people would take more responsibility for the serious damage they do to our wildlife. I have now moved the feeders so that they hang over lower-growing plants, which has helped.

Trees are very important for pollinators early in the year, when their blossom provides both pollen and nectar. They also support many varieties of caterpillars. They have grown strongly this year, especially the three largest Hawthorns which have been well-used by birds for cover and also gave young birds confidence to move safely round the garden.

Having sought some advice from a local ornithologist, I took the opportunity when guttering was being replaced to have 4 swift boxes fixed below the gutters on the side of the house. Ideally, they need to be in colonies and not facing due south. I am told that, in the late summer, the young ones will be looking for new nesting sites, although they may not use the boxes for a year or so.

There are colonies in our area - not far away - so we are hopeful that they will find our boxes to their taste and take up residence!! The roofers happily did this job and have agreed to come back, when



Field Scabious, self-seeded Poppies and Betony border the patio and gave a pretty show for the summer

necessary, to clean up any mess on the walls!!

The rain kept the two water-butts full for most of the summer. Rain water contains no added chemicals and is, therefore, much better than tap water for cleaning and filling water dishes, which I do every day.

During the summer, as more varieties of flowers bloomed, the number of pollinators increased and, apart from on very wet days, the flowers were keeping them busy from morning until dusk. Along with the established Betony, Field Scabious and Marjoram, popular long-lasting flowers included Greater Knapweed, Chicory, Ox Eye Daisies, Purple Loosestrife, Red Clover, Birdsfoot Trefoil and Self Heal, along with the shade-loving Nettle Leaved Bellflowers and Wood Cranesbill. Meadow Cranesbill is popular too.

One plant I thought would not be worth planting is the annual Herb Robert, but it is easy to grow, looked lovely under trees, and, when the pink flowers died off, new ones replaced them and flowering went on for months - from April to September!

I have been particularly pleased about the butterflies. In previous years, they tended to visit briefly and move on, but this year there were more and they have stayed in the garden for most of the day. Varieties seen were Orange-Tip; Large, Small and Green-Veined Whites; Gatekeeper; Small Tortoiseshell; and Meadow Brown.

There are also a lot more spiders around (at least four species - I hope to identify more of the wildlife in my garden when time allows!) - and from large to very tiny. Clearly, they are finding the garden to be a haven and many invertebrates find the crevices in the dry-stone walling around my patios a good place to be. Some of the spiders come into the house where they are not so welcome and are carefully put outside

again . . . and probably again and again!!

There are also more insects of varying sorts generally, some flying around under the Hawthorn trees and, so far this summer, one earwig, which I haven't seen here for a long time. When the light was right (particularly on some summer evenings), it was possible to see real blooms of tiny insects filling much of the garden.

The situation with Canadian Pondweed is certainly better now, and the October "pond maintenance" will hopefully be a chance to remove any that is getting a hold again. Similarly, green slimy weed is reducing, as I have been trying to keep that under control more regularly using a pond net to carefully remove it without upsetting any wildlife.

I saw one Green Dragonfly fly from the pond to the side of the garden, but it disappeared among the plants. I was disturbed to read that, if they fly into another garden, they might succumb to any chemicals used there. In fact, after twenty years of chemical-free gardening, I may not be able to officially call it organic if chemicals are used nearby - which is very disappointing. Red Damselflies tended to stay in the garden and were seen on the Field Scabious and Greater Knapweed.

A slim moon-shape of grass has been allowed to grow longer at one side of the largest pond and wildflower meadow plants are being introduced, along with some that like a damper area. Poppies were sown there last year and bloomed well and some of the seeds have grown in this meadow area again and, also, further afield, giving a very natural and random look to the garden.

The lawn has been green and healthy - even during very hot periods. Clearly, the worms and micro-organisms in the soil below have been recycling any debris and there has been no need to scarify at all. The lawn is never mown too



Purple Loosestrife between the two ponds - pretty, even when dying back

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frequently, even during the wet spells we have had, or treated in any way as chemicals will destroy the living organisms in the soil which not only recycle any debris but are vital to the many processes involved in maintaining a healthy, nutrient-rich soil.

Very disturbing was a report on a recent BBC Countryfile programme concerning green bin collections. The contents are composted and various companies prepare and package it to sell on to garden centres. I have recently mentioned that some are labelled "organic", but there can be no guarantee of that as many gardeners still use chemicals, despite the damage they do to the soil and to wildlife.

Even worse, is to hear of the discovery that considerable amounts of plastic have been found in these composts and, as well as being used in gardens, it is also used on farmland where our food is grown and animals are fed.

On a farm shown on the Countryfile report, pieces of plastic were quite obvious, but many of them were extremely small and not easily seen. Organic farmers use various methods to compost the waste - both animal and vegetable - that they produce on the farm, and crop rotation, even growing a crop to then dig in to add nutrients, are techniques being increasingly employed in an overall effort to ensure a sustainable and truly organic approach to fertilising their land.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) is a



A Gatekeeper butterfly among the grasses, a frequent and delightful visitor

well-known charity which endeavours to maintain animals and plants around the World. The reasons why species become rare are many, but, currently, climate change is having a huge impact. In this year's summer issue of the WWF magazine, there is an article by Kate Bradbury about the loss of bees and how vital they are to us.

She said, "We cannot live without bees, but, in the UK, they are being pushed to the brink. So this summer, let's make every garden an oasis for pollinators." - well, it's a bit late for this year, but, hopefully, more people will start to include our many native wild flowers in

their gardens.

These really offer our insects the very best chance to survive and there are wild flower growers who can supply them. But we also need to badger our garden centres to emphasise how they should be championing our natives - both plants and seeds - not only to help our pollinators, but also to reduce the enormous environmental damage done producing all the cultivated plants they sell.

At the recent UN Climate Change Conference in New York, the young environmentalist, Greta Thunberg, gave a short speech which said so much. I cannot forget the look on her face and the repeated phrase: "HOW DARE YOU". What a brave young lady.

Marian Tiddy

No Derbyshire Badger cull

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust is delighted to have successfully fought off a Government badger cull in the area this year. They will continue to expand their badger vaccination programme to ensure that Derbyshire's badgers remain healthy and safe from the cull and will use the findings to better inform the Government's strategy for managing bovine TB.

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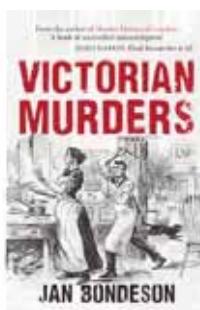
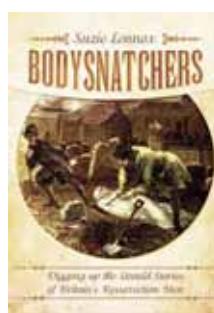
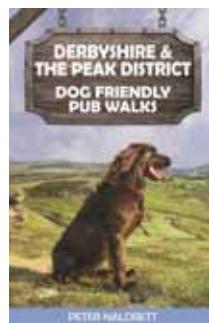
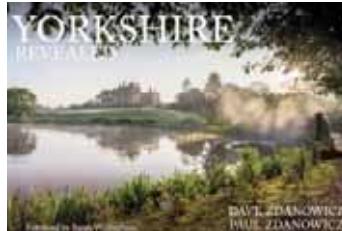
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The Final Cut?

Our house is pretty much surrounded by hedges. As I get older it becomes more and more of a challenge to keep them neatly trimmed.

There are three privet hedges that need cutting three or four times a year and I can just about manage these with my electric trimmer. The large laurel hedge at the front only needs doing once a year, but it is quite high and wide.

Hitherto I have used my petrol trimmer for the top as it has a longer reach. But I'm less able to balance on top of a step ladder these days, and the machine itself is also quite heavy, making it rather difficult to maintain a straight line. I suspect I'll not be using it for much longer.

Unfortunately, just as I was finishing the final cut of the privet hedges for the year, there was a loud explosion and a flash of orange flame. I had cut through

the cable! I've never done that before, and I was reminded of an occasion over forty years ago when I allowed my elderly neighbour to borrow my hedge trimmer only for him to do the same thing. Clearly, I've now become the elderly neighbour!

Luckily the cut-out switch on the extension cable did its stuff, immediately switching off the power supply, so I suffered no ill-effects.

A subsequent check of both the mains socket and the extension cable revealed that they too had escaped unscathed. What to do about the hedge trimmer? Deciding I'd better first check that it still worked, I reconnected the two severed ends of the cable and gave it a go. Success!

With the cut having occurred only a couple of feet from the trimmer itself, and with normally using an extension cable anyway, I decided I could do

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This is not a new book having been first published in 2016, but **Bodysnatchers** by Suzie Lennox is a fascinating insight into that evil trade. In this chilling history of the bodysnatching, the stories of Britain's lesser known Resurrection Men are told. Here are the stories of the men who robbed graves during the winter months of 1742 - 1832, selling fresh cadavers to anatomists up and down the country all in aid of medical advancement.

Stories involving medical students and anatomists who would pay high prices for corpses, the steps taken by loved ones to prevent these foul deeds are retold, providing a window to an unhappy past. It even relates a story around the churchyard at High Bradfield.

Published by Pen & Sword in paperback, 133 pages, price £12.99 ISBN: 9781783463428

Judging by the mix of programmes on the TV, murder mysteries must top the viewing polls, especially in the winter months. This book **Victorian Murders** by Jan Bondeson, features fifty-six Victorian cases of murder covered in the sensational weekly penny journal the Illustrated Police News between 1867 and 1900. Some of them are famous, like the Bravo Mystery of 1876, the Llangibby Massacre of 1878 and the Mrs Pearcey case of 1890; others are little-known, like the Acton Atrocity of 1880, the Ramsgate Mystery of 1893 and the Grafton Street Murder of 1894.

Well illustrated with contemporary reconstructions, locations and drawings, this densely packed book will keep you fascinated by the depths that Victorian murderers went to. Not for the squeamish.

Published by Amberley Books in paperback, 320 pages price £10.99 ISBN 9781445694436

without the last section of cable, so set about trying to take the machine apart so I could remove the severed end of the cable and reconnect the remaining length.

There were over a dozen small bolts holding the two halves of the trimmer together, but I soon managed to find a suitable screwdriver bit and set about undoing them.

All went well until I got to the last one. For some reason this seemed to have a different head from the rest, and no matter how many different screwdriver bits I tried, I couldn't remove it.

Maybe I'll just make do with the temporary connection, as I did for many years with my old machine after my neighbour cut the cable in two. Or maybe I'll take it as an indication that it's time for me to give up cutting the hedges myself and employ a gardener instead!

The Bradway Bodger

Ash Dieback Story

"It's been called a 'period of Ecological Collapse,'" said Ted Talbot, Countryside Manager for the National Trust in the Peak District. "Doesn't sound nice, does it?"

Earlier this year, Ted and his team of rangers learned that the deadly ash dieback fungal disease had reached every part of the National Trust's woodlands in the White Peak. The conclusion was that 85% of the ash trees in Dovedale, Miller's Dale, Taddington, the Manifold Valley and hundreds of roadside trees are likely to die from ash dieback in the next few years: maybe 250,000 trees in total.

"There's a real sadness," Ted said, "along with enormous frustration and annoyance because this is a human-induced tragedy." Originating in Asia, where local ash species have adapted to the fungus, it's believed the disease arrived in Europe and the UK through global free trade in garden plants, and its fungal spores have since spread on the wind.

Walkers this October will hear chainsaws across Dovedale, as dead or dying ash trees are cleared: visitors are asked to check National Trust social media for path closures. Over the last three years, afflicted ash trees felled in the White Peak for public safety by the

National Trust have jumped from 10 to 80 to 200, and Ted believes the scale will increase.

His tree felling contractors, Anderson



Paths in Dovedale have been closed for tree felling

Tree Care and Sheffield Tree Care, are only removing trees near paths or trails that could be dangerous to the public, while in 90% of the woodland "nature will take its course" Ted said. If 15% of ash trees do survive the disease (or manage to live with it), rangers hope they'll eventually set resistant seed to restore and maintain a healthy ash population. But that could take 70 years, Ted warned.

"I remember working with my dad as he cleared woodlands of elm trees in the 1970s," said Richard Anderson of

Anderson Tree Care. "This is potentially an epidemic on a similar scale, and I find it very distressing."

A study by Oxford University and the Woodland Trust estimated the cost to the nation of ash dieback is likely to reach £15 billion in public safety costs and the loss of 'ecosystem services' like carbon capture, water retention and air purification. The National Trust charity in the Peak District will spend close to £50,000 just this year for tree removal work in Dovedale, money that could have created new woodlands elsewhere.

The public can help by organising an event or donating to the National Trust's 'Woods for the Future' Peak District Appeal to fund planting of other native trees in the White Peak, not least to mitigate the effect on woodland wildlife as thousands of ash trees slowly die. New trees are already growing among the ash in Dovedale, and the hope is that species like lime, hazel and wych elm will take root alongside more resistant ash trees, and the White Peak's woodlands will survive.

"I'd say let us as a nation try and create more woodland," said Ted. "They help us deal with the climate crisis and are good for us as well as other species. Planting a tree is a symbol of hope for the future."

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

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Dec 3rd A salute to Vera Lynn – Lorrie Brown. Followed by Christmas lunch at The Castle Inn. (Members only)

Jan 7th Northumberland – Talk by Andy Firth

Feb 4th The building of Totley tunnel. - Talk by Ted Hancock

For more information contact Stuart Sawyer on 236 9830

Broadway Community Association

Dec 1st Ramble

Dec 14th Christmas Event

Jan 5th Walk & Luncheon

Feb 2nd Ramble

Badminton 8.30pm Broadway Scout Centre Thursdays John Child 237 6577

Walks: Peter Smithson 236 9876

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Totley (M) Townswomen's Guild

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Nov 19th Buckingham Palace. Talk by Pat McLaughlin

Dec 17th Christmas meeting

Jan 21st Sovereign Isle of Man. Talk by Catherine McKay



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Feb 18th Sheffield in Tudor and Stuart times. Talk by David Templeman

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

Holmesfield Flower Club

Nov 20th Demonstration of flower arranging by Beverley Artis (NAFAS Demonstrator) entitled "Christmas at Tiffany's". 7.30 pm Tickets available at the door: visitors £10, includes refreshments. Sales table. The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. All are welcome.

Venue: Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield, S18 7WZ – ample parking.

Totley Probus Club

Nov 13th The English Longbow - Pete Lawton

Nov 27th Robots in Space - Dennis Ashton

Dec 11th no meeting

Jan 8th Street Names of Central Sheffield - David Templeman

Jan 22nd The TT Races - Paul Thompson

Feb 12th Through Kirton Tunnel – Sheffield to Cleethorpes Pt 2 - Stephen Gay

Feb 26th In War & Peace – The Life of William Cavendish, 1st Duke of Newcastle - John Taylor

We are a social club for retired & semi-retired gentlemen with meetings at Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall on the second and fourth Wednesdays. 10am until noon. If you would like to attend as a visitor, please phone John Appleton 0114 236 6106, or just turn up on the day. We have interesting talks given by visiting speakers and social occasions.

Sheffield Photographic Society

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

Nov 12th Sheffield-based photographer Pandora Maund

Dec 3rd Members' Evening

Dec 10th "Match a Picture" a fun digital game with three teams

Jan 7th The Ken Doney Trophy. Six digital images on your chosen theme

Jan 14th Royston Packer of Doncaster Camera Club - "Journey Through India"

Jan 21st Sheffield wildlife photographer Paul Hobson will show images f

Jan 29th Colin New on images from the 2019 London Salon Exhibition.

Feb 4th Members' Print Competition

Feb 7th Our Annual Exhibition judge

Marilyn Roberts talk "What Judges Look For – How to Reduce Judges' Criticisms".

Feb 11th Ian Daisley of High Stone Gallery tells us of "Croatia's Cascading Lakes"

Feb 18th "8 for 10". 8 members show their pictures for 10 minutes.

Feb 25th Members' Evening

"Perspectives15" Our yearly Exhibition of members' prints in the Sheffield Winter Garden will be shown from Monday 18 th November until Sunday 1st December

Friends of Ecclesall Woods

Nov 19th "Sheffield Trees and Woodlands" Speaker Dave Aspinall Countryside Manager responsible for managing council woodlands at 7pm. Followed by refreshments and AGM. Woodland Discovery Centre, Off Abbey Lane.

Totley History Group

Nov 27th Christmases Past. Opening Meeting to share memories of past Christmases. How have things changed since the time we were children? Do we idealize those earlier Christmases or were they really different from today?

Dec 17th Spitewinter Concert 2019. Winter songs through the ages with the Sheffield Folk Chorale and Guests at Ecclesall Parish Church, Ringinglow Road.

Jan 22nd The Shepleys of Woodthorpe Hall by Dick Shepley

Feb 26th The Old Town Hall: past, present and future. Talk by Valerie Bayliss

Meetings 7.30pm Totley Library. Non-members welcome visitors £3

Sheffield General Cemetery

Nov 10th - Remembrance Sunday 10.30am to noon which will include a two minute silence at 11am. Start 10.30am from The Gatehouse, Cemetery Avenue. At the Chapel light refreshments will be served and our selection of history books will be available for sale featuring the book "A life too soon done" which outlines the lives of all the men linked to the Cemetery who died in World War One. Tickets cost £5

History Tours - first Sunday of the month, starting at 2pm at The Gatehouse, Cemetery Avenue, S11 8NT. Tours last 90 minutes finishing at the Gatehouse or the Samuel Worth Chapel for refreshments. To book your place please follow booking details on the website at www.gencem.org. Suitable for adults and children over 11.

Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Dec 21st Christmas concert of Music and More, 2:30pm, Dore Methodist Church , Savage Lane, Dore, S17 3GU Tickets £8 from Derek Habberjam - Tel: 0114 236 2299.

Totley Rise Methodist Church

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

Broadway Scouting

The new school year has seen a change in the meeting night for Scouts: they now convene on Tuesday evenings. Cubs remain on Thursdays and Beavers on Mondays. Late November will see the Annual "Splash" events – one for Cubs and the other for Scouts. Held at the Graves Leisure Centre on Sunday evenings, these offer some simple, yet silly, challenges in the pool.

Beavers: Numbers are holding up well, and the Section is supported by a parent rota. This term the Beavers are working towards the My World challenge award. They are also training for the Health & Fitness activity badge: this involves a lot of exercise, and making healthy fruit kebabs – all of which will help them to evolve into the kind of adults the world will need in the future.

Cubs: Autumn term welcomes three new Cubs to our pack, taking our numbers to the highest we have seen for some time. We have dived straight in to the 'Our Adventure' challenge award with a night hike, orienteering in the dark and a visit to a laser tag centre in Sheffield. As the evenings draw in, we shall be celebrating Diwali, bonfire night and Christmas with games and craft nights.

This year, we are setting our older Cubs' 'Our Personal' and 'Team Leader' Challenges. These badges encourage the Cubs to take responsibility for something they wish to improve about themselves: helping with housework or cooking, doing their homework on time, being more confident and speaking up more, taking responsibility for family pets or being a better friend. Our new Cubs are (hopefully!) benefitting from these challenges; part of the 'Team Leader' Challenge includes taking a new Cub under their wing. We will have some fabulous young citizens moving up to Scouts next year!

Scouts: The term usually kicks off with preparations for the Survival Camp



St Luke's Hospice Flu fighting champions aiming for 80% uptake amongst staff

competition, where teams of four build their own shelters in Holmesfield Woods and spend the night in them. They also cook their own meals over open fires with minimal utensils. The preparations went a treat. Then the camp itself was cancelled because of the threatening weather forecast for September 28th. Had it gone ahead, "survival" would have been the watchword through 24 hours of torrential rain. Those rafts they worked on last term might have come in useful.

Throughout the coming weeks, the theory of survival will continue to be worked on, as will culinary skills, with the annual Christmas feast in prospect, followed by the Indoor Cooking Competition in January.

Jubilee: Eagle-eyed readers may have spotted that the date we gave in the previous issue - Saturday 20th July 2020 – is not a Saturday. The correct date is for one month earlier i.e. June 20th which really will be a Saturday. A "flier" has also been produced. This will be emailed to as many former members as we have e-mail addresses for. Additionally, it will be printed and put through local letter boxes where we know former members live.

For further details please contact Pamela Powell on their email: 297at50@gmail.com or 0114 235 0191.

The Broadway Scouting Team

Sister Laura Chesters, who knows from personal experience just how dangerous and life-threatening flu can be.

Laura has a flu vaccination every year because she suffers from asthma and also because she is working directly with patients. But in January this year – despite the precaution – she developed two strains of flu, made even worse by her asthma, and eventually found herself hospitalised for four days and then signed off work for almost six weeks.

"If I had not had the flu vaccination I am firmly of the belief that I could potentially have died," she says. Because of my personal experience I am sharing my story and reminding people how important it is to get that flu jab."

St Luke's HR Manager Helen Day commented: "It is vital throughout the year that our teams maintain top levels of fitness but that becomes even more important at this time. "We will be doing everything we can to encourage staff to take up the offer of vaccination and help safeguard against flu."

John Highfield

CONCERT
with
Friends in Harmony

on
Saturday 16th November
3-5 pm
at

Dore and Totley United Reformed Church
Totley Brook Road
S17 3QS

Tickets £6 from
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Raising funds for Sarcoma UK and Cancer Research

Fighting winter flu crisis

Staff at Sheffield's St Luke's Hospice are leading the fight against the spread of winter flu! The hospice has been set a Commissioning for Quality and Innovation (CQUIN) target of achieving an 80 per cent uptake of the flu vaccine among clinical staff.

As part of that campaign, St Luke's has brought together a group of Flu Champions, who will be spreading the message about vaccination between now and the end of November. And one of the first people to take advantage of the campaign was In Patient Centre Senior

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & COFFEE MORNING



Saturday 30th November 2019

10 am - 12 noon

Dore & Totley URC

Totley Brook Road S17 3QS

Artist Bill Kirby

The man whose colourful scenes of Sheffield's past became a long running series of popular Christmas cards for St Luke's Hospice – has died at the age of 85. His paintings were strongly associated with his love of Sheffield, but Bill was actually originally from Liverpool and would always describe himself as a son of Liverpool but a man of Sheffield. And although fans of his work would assume he had spent a lifetime in art, he actually spent most of his working life as a top hair stylist to the stars and successful salon owner

Born in a Liverpool tenement in March 1934, Bill started to draw as a way of escaping his surroundings and found work as an errand boy for a screen printing company specialising in vast cinema posters. His drawing moved to another level in the print shop and at the Liverpool School of Art where he studied at night between his evensong duties as a choir boy at Liverpool's Protestant Cathedral.

Called up for National Service, he fought in Korea as a marksman and mortar bomber in some of the most intensive actions of that war, his only injury a lifelong profound deafness in his left ear. Even under fire, though, Bill sent home drawings from the front line which were featured in magazines and national newspapers.

On his return from Korea he married wife Audrey and it was she who spotted an advert for an apprentice stylist at the Andre Bernard salon in London's Knightsbridge. Taking a leap of faith, they used their savings to pay for Bill's training and after three years he was a fully trained stylist in a salon which saw him cut the hair of the world elite of the late 1950s. The celebrated and controversial socialite Lady Docker would always ask for Bill and even recommended him to Hollywood star Joanne Woodward.

When Andre Bernard expanded north to Sheffield, Bill became the salon manager and its success prompted Bill to establish his own salon, William and Graham, with musician Graham Bower. And it was in Sheffield that he and Audrey raised their three children – Carlton, a writer and sports commentator, Paul, a renowned Hollywood set designer and daughter Sally, a gifted sculptor and Head of Art at Lichfield Cathedral School.

Painting was always close to Bill's heart though and along with friends Joe Scarborough and George Cunningham, he developed a style which captured a nostalgic view of Sheffield past. For many years Bill provided one of his works to be used as a St Luke's Christmas card and it was at St Luke's that he died on September 15 following treatment for a spinal stroke and other subsequent complications.

He is survived by Audrey and his family, including seven grandchildren. Son Carlton said: "Dad was a staunch supporter of St Luke's creating a series of



This year's St Luke's Christmas card by Bill Kirby of Coles Corner

paintings which were used as Christmas cards for sale in aid of their fine work. He held the hospice in such affection that he describes his move there in his final days as being like coming home."

St Luke's Retail Area Manager Chris Quinlan, said: "Bill was a wonderful man who gave his time so generously to St Luke's over many years. His cards have become an important part of Christmas for many St Luke's supporters and we are proud that Bill was able to create a final image for us for 2019. I know he would have been delighted to know that his work continues to support St Luke's and we are enormously proud of our association with him."

John Highfield

Local Buses

Starting with the bad news, service 25 no longer runs in an evening, leaving us with just an hourly late evening service provided by route 24 (operated by First), however the last buses are still at the same time - leaving the City Centre for Bradway at 23:32.

In better news Stagecoach have invested in a fleet of brand new single deck buses for route 25 which feature USB charging points for mobile phones and free WiFi.

The bargain "five travel for a fiver" deal continues to be available on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays, offering all day travel on Stagecoach buses in South Yorkshire and Chesterfield for a group of up to 5 passengers.

In other ticketing news you can now buy Travelmaster products such as Citywide and South Yorkshire Connect online and fulfil to your smart card using a Travelmaster phone app. The Travelmaster range of tickets include all buses, trains and trams in South Yorkshire. See sytravelmaster.com for more details.

Andrew Cullen

New Book by Rail Historian

Local rail historian Ted Hancock is pleased to announce that he has finally completed the first part of his three volume work, entitled The Hope Valley Line: Dore to Chinley Volume One. The book has 304 pages, with 376 illustrations including 72 in colour, and is an A4 size hardback. The price is £30 with free post & packaging.

It is the first ever book which covers the Hope Valley line exclusively and includes a large amount of original research which has not been seen before. The book is different from most railway books in that it is designed to please the railway enthusiast and also those interested in the impact of the railway on the local communities.

It has biographical information on the main personalities. It covers the canals and railways never built; how the railway reached Dore & Totley and Chinley stations; the building of the line including the troublesome Totley tunnel; the period from the opening in 1894 to the end of the LMS in 1947; passenger, freight and excursion traffic from the working timetables and motive power.

Volume Two, which is planned for release around June 2020, will cover the tunnels, stations and bridges and branches for the reservoir constructions and the new Earle's Cement branch. Volume Three will cover the British Railways period from 1948 to Privatization in 1993 including the Beeching report and the miracle of the line's survival at the expense of all its rivals, the end of the steam era and the demise of staffed stations and the closure of the goods yards.

The book can be seen and purchased at Totley Library - a donation to the library will be made with each sale - or email tedhancock30@gmail.com or tel: 0114 237 7395