

Bradway Bugle

In and around Bradway, Greenhill, Dore & Totley

Bradway's leaking water mains

There are almost half a million kilometres of water pipes running under the ground in the UK, carrying more than 17 billion litres of water a day, so plenty of potential to spring leaks.

The water industry has reduced leakage levels by a third since the 1990s, and water companies in England have committed to reducing leakage by a further 16% by 2025. The industry regulator Ofwat has set a long-term target of 50% reduction by 2050.

Ofwat has put leakage management standards in place, as well as annual leakage targets that each water company must not exceed. They can fine a company that fails to meet its targets, although it tends to put legal agreements in place to ensure companies spend appropriately to minimise leaks instead. Companies that miss their targets must explain how they'll put things right.

For many years most of Bradway has suffered from holes in the road caused by Yorkshire Water seeking and repairing the latest burst or leaking main. If residents on the Wollaton Estate think it is bad those in the St Quentin area may claim it's worse there – but the Poynton Wood estate is bad too!

Unfortunately in hilly areas the pressure at the lowest point in the main
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Convention on Biodiversity

Most attention about the big environmental stories has been focused on climate change but there is another challenge that gets considerably less attention. The Convention on Biodiversity has its COP15 taking place next year in China.

In the run up to this there are meetings and reports and statements including one from the Natural History Museum which recently published research that was utterly damning of the UK. We have lost nearly one half of all the wildlife from the country since the Industrial Revolution.

We are the worst of the G7, and in the bottom 10% globally. We may think of ourselves as doing good - and individually some of us make an effort - but nationally, we have a long way to go.

More at <https://www.cbd.int/>



Looking towards Owlbar from Totley Lane near Tinkers Corner. It helps us to realise how beautiful the countryside is near Bradway. Picture by Chris Morgan

Clean Air Zone

Air pollution contributes to 500 deaths a year in Sheffield. The harm done includes lung cancer and cardiovascular disease and stroke. The biggest cause of pollution is transport, especially diesel vehicles. Sheffield has been in breach of the legal limits for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) levels since January 2010.

Sheffield City Council plans on introducing a category C clean air zone in Sheffield City Centre including the inner ring road from late 2022. This will see many vehicles charged up to £50 a day for driving in the City Centre if they don't comply with the latest emission standards. This will be enforced by cameras.

It is proposed that all private cars will be exempt from the charge, which given that for both environment and congestion reasons, you'd think people should be encouraged to switch to public transport, rather than the other way around.

However other initiatives are already in place to encourage motorists to drive more environmentally friendly cars and there is also of course the question as to whether the City Centre economy is strong enough to be potentially discouraging visitors!

The charge will be £10 per day for light
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Public Transport

Service changes: Buses and trams continue to face staffing issues nationwide, however this is now not just about sickness levels caused by staff self-isolating - some have left to take up career opportunities involving either more money or more sociable hours.

Meanwhile the recruitment of new trainee bus drivers has been hit by delays at the DVLA in issuing provisional licences and at the DVSA arranging tests. Another issue facing buses is increased traffic congestion in places, partly due to people being discouraged from using public transport because of the pandemic, which has resulted in increased car use.

To address service reliability problems caused by the above issues, new timetables have been implemented on some bus and tram routes with some frequency reductions and extended journey times. The good news for Bradway is that our service 25 into town will still be running up to every 15 minutes (every 30 minutes on the Wollaton/Longford estate) on the new timetable. Some trips will become double decker operated whilst our local bus M17 is unchanged. The Totley buses are also unchanged, although as usual the Sunday service on the 218 to Bakewell is

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Editorial

If you walked down past Beauchief Abbey in September you may have noticed excavations to the left on the golf course next to the road and in a nearby patch of woodland. These were being made by Sheffield University archaeology students looking for the abbey's long lost precinct boundary.

The functioning Abbey may be long gone, but its ongoing significance may be that the reason Sheffield became a centre of the steel industry was because of the abbey's early focus on iron and steel production along the river Sheaf. Perhaps something different to thank the monks for.

I'm frequently struck by how many houses don't adequately display house numbers. In these days of doorstep deliveries, it's even more important that a number is visible from the kerbside. Searching for a number wastes time for delivery drivers and means they might miss you or deliver to the wrong address.

So if that birthday present fails to turn up on time, just stop and consider that it might be because the Amazon driver couldn't find you. So, Get numbered.

Talking about deliveries, at this time of year we should say a particularly big thank-you to those intrepid volunteers who deliver our pages up drives and down alleys in all weathers. It is no good us gathering the news if it doesn't make those last few steps to your front door! So to our deliverers THANK-YOU for a year's work well done.

As we go to print the Pandemic roles on with no sign as to whether we are past the worse or have more to fear. Let us hope that 2022 is a healthier year than 2021 and that things do improve. So with just a slight hesitancy can I wish all our readers a more happy and prosperous year ahead.

John Baker, Editor

PUBLISHING DEADLINES

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Beauchief Environment Group

We follow a programme of work agreed with Sheffield City Council Parks and Countryside. Most work in the area is done by ourselves on Monday mornings from our base at Beauchief Abbey Barns, but we occasionally have help with the larger jobs from partners such as SCC, Green Estates and Abbeydale Golf Club. Work undertaken from August onwards includes:

- * cutting back vegetation encroaching on footpaths, meadows and ponds across the area, and the orchard above Beauchief Allotments;
- * repairing the drystone wall at the bottom of Gulleys Wood Meadow;
- * removing Himalayan balsam from the bottom of Ladies Spring Wood;
- * repairing a fence in the field between Beauchief Drive and Parkbank Wood to enable cattle to be grazed there;
- * laying surfacing material on the muddy path around the edge of the Beauchief Hall estate and on the potholed section of Beauchief Drive;
- * clearing fly-tipped garden waste from a public footpath;
- * repairing the fence behind the deer park at Beauchief Hall;
- * litter picking across the area.

On 11th September, we had a stall at Bradway Fun Day and on 17th October, had an afternoon stroll enjoying the beauty of autumn in our area through the nature park and woodlands.

During the next two month our work will include clearing fallen leaves from public footpaths across the area, and planting heather and cutting back gorse on Little Wood Bank.

Please see our website www.beauchief-environmentgroup.co.uk or call 0114 236 9876 for more information on the group, including news, events and how to become a member.

Jon Smith

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Clean Air Zone

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goods vehicles (vans, campervans, pickup trucks and minibuses) and £50 per day for buses, coaches and heavy goods vehicles. Those that are Euro6 diesel, Euro4 petrol or better will be exempt from the charges.

For City Centre residents and businesses there may be higher costs for tradesman and deliveries to incur, however the increased costs for bus operators may impact people citywide.

Just as an example, bus 25 from Bradway requires 12 buses in service to provide a bus every 15 minutes, so that is potentially an additional operating cost of £600 per day and that is just one route so a potential big fares increases! That said the buses allocated on a routine basis by Stagecoach on route 25 are actually quite new Euro6 diesel single deckers and the double deckers that we sometimes get are diesel-electric hybrids and will therefore be exempt from the charge.

However there are older buses around town and they are often found on tendered services (those that aren't commercially viable but deemed as socially or economically necessary for the communities they serve and therefore subsidised by our local authority). So it is quite likely that bus operators will need to build in costs of either new vehicles or clean air charges into the tenders they bid for routes in the same way London operators do.

Andrew Cullen

Ed. Although the proposals have been passed by the council, there will be further public consultation in November before they are implemented.

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Ticketing: A range of unlimited travel passes are available for 1 day, 7 day, 28 day or a year from Travelmaster that include all buses, trams and trains in South Yorkshire regardless of operator - see sytravelmaster.com for details.

Those still working from home some days and not commuting every day may be interested in the new Flexi-5 deal, offering a discounted bundle of day tickets priced on the basis of five for the price of four. They are loaded onto a smart card and each day you wish to travel you scan the card on the ticket machine to activate one of the tickets.

Stagecoach, who operate service 25 also offer a range of tickets for those travelling beyond Sheffield with adult, child and family versions available. The Silver passes include all their buses and trams in South Yorkshire and Chesterfield while the Gold passes also include destinations further out such as Buxton, Matlock, Mansfield and Nottingham.

At the weekend in South Yorkshire they also continue to offer a "five travel for a fiver" deal on bus only. Details online at

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stagecoachbus.com or you can use the Stagecoach app.

The rail industry increases their fares every January, it is assumed (but not confirmed) some bus and tram tickets may change at the same time following a price freeze throughout the Coronavirus pandemic.

Christmas holiday services: Christmas is coming and will hopefully be a bigger celebration than last year's lockdown experience! No public transport operates on Christmas Day whilst a revised timetable operates over the rest of the festive period. More details will be posted online at travelsouthyorkshire.com along with the individual operator websites closer to the time. May I be among the first to wish you a merry (and safe) Christmas and a happy new year!

Real Time bus tracking: The independently operated bustimes.org website provides a useful map showing where all the buses are in real time - always reassuring to see your bus is on its

way! This website benefits from the industry wide "B.O.D.S" project which provides timetable, tracking and fares data nationally to developers producing their own apps and websites to provide information to the public.

Andrew Cullen

Nature Recovery Sheffield

Nature Recovery Sheffield held its first event at the end of September following the declaration of a nature emergency in Sheffield during May by over 1300 people and 30 groups across the city.

More than 70 people joined the online discussion about how individuals, groups and organisations from Sheffield can work together to restore, enhance and protect local nature and wild spaces.

The group has now presented their draft recovery plan to those who have signed up to support the initiative. The next step for Nature Recovery Sheffield is to create working groups that focus on different areas of the plan and to get more people across Sheffield involved.

To find out more and sign up to Nature Recovery Sheffield, please visit wildsheffield.com/naturesheffield or naturesheffield@wildsheffield.com.

Nature Recovery Sheffield is an alliance of organisations which came together to declare a Nature Emergency for Sheffield and put an action plan in place.



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Dear Sir,

I noted the update in your last edition on the Twentywell Care Home by Chris Morgan on behalf of BAG. The developers Pacy and Wheatley provided the planning department with a preconstruction agreement of many pages.

Local residents would have been pleased to note that it included on-site parking and lorry traffic entering Twentywell Lane from the top but to leave the site to the left and then going down Twentywell Lane in a one way fashion.

As a member of the Bradway Neighbours group, together with others, much of the last 3 months has involved making complaints to the developers and to the planning department through their enforcement officer, since these conditions have been repeatedly disregarded.

Extensive staff parking has been, and is presently occurring on many adjacent roads causing the worst traffic chaos I have seen in 70 years. Indeed at one point the enforcement officer was told by the developer's management it was not happening when photographic evidence showed to the contrary.

Rather than plan ahead for problems which as constructors they know will arise, the developers just ignore the agreement in the knowledge they have a window between disregarding it, our complaints, and any action by the enforcement officer (which to date has been minimal!) Indeed as I write this there is no on-site parking and no provision off site, the roads again being hazardous.

The granting of new access to the site area via the Kenwell Drive ginnel gate agreed at the start of construction is also perhaps significant. Reviewing that planning application, I do not share the reported surprise expressed by the developers at its receipt, and I see this as one of various likely attempts to provide alternative access with more associated traffic problems.

Dr Richard Atkinson
296 Twentywell Lane

Dear Sir,

Tackling pavement parking

Pavement parking can cause real problems for pedestrians, especially for people with sight or mobility impairments.

Tackling pavement parking would help free pavements for vulnerable pedestrians to make journeys safely and more easily. It would reduce the occasions when pedestrians are forced into the road to navigate around vehicles. It would also reduce pavement damage that can pose a trip hazard.

Scotland has passed legislation to control pavement parking and Wales has announced plans for new regulations.

The Department for Transport has consulted on options to help local authorities address the problem more effectively and will announce next steps later this year (2021).

Susan Kirkman

Dear Sir,

I wonder if you could put this appeal in the bugle.

Many refugee children after fleeing their country arrive with no toys or games. With this in mind we are trying to give newly arrived refugee children a small rucksack containing, toys, games, paper, pens, hat and gloves, socks, tooth paste and brush.

We are working with the refugee council to give out the rucksacks and with the Sheffield Mulberry Clinic.

If you could provide any of the items new or in excellent condition we would be very grateful. Nothing war or religion related please.

Please leave items in a box under cover outside 10 St Quentin Mount, Bradway.

With thanks

Dot and Paul Smith

Dear Sir,

What3words

Some of you may wonder what this means. So did I, even after seeing an adv. on TV, I still did not understand it. Today, however, I have learned that three words are being used by Air Ambulance and other emergency services to find you or your chosen location. It is accurate to a 3 metre square, which is more specific than your post code.

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals are

looking at it also to enable a visitor/patient to find the door of the place they need to be, just by looking on a smart phone. It even gives a satellite view of the place.

It has been created by a British company, and everywhere on the globe, has 3 words identification.

For example, *Bradway Primary School is - hurry.finds.asking*. What a wonderful creation for finding anywhere specific, even in a large building complex like Northern General Hospital. (They have not got it yet!)

How to get it – Go into your app. Store, and enter What3words. It only takes a few minutes to install, log in, enter a few details, click the privacy box, and then there is a demo, to show you your address. There are lots of options, for example, to speak the three words, save them and so on.

Enter the address, and click on the correct option, then search, and find your three words. You will also get a *street map* of what you clicked on, *or, if you click on the small circle on the bottom right, you see a satellite view. TheWhat3words logo is:- !!!*

Have a look; it might save you time, and yours or someone else's life.

Roger Hart

From your local MP

As many of you will know, in January 2021 I launched a series of climate assemblies, to bring the issues that will be discussed at the COP26 UN Climate Summit back to the people of Hallam - so that, in the absence of a government willing to act, we could begin to build our own vision of what a green recovery looks like.

After 10 months of assemblies and discussions I was extremely proud to launch our Hallam Citizens' Climate Manifesto ahead of COP26. At the time of writing I have just travelled to 10 Downing Street with some Hallam constituents to hand-in a copy of our manifesto to the Prime Minister and COP President Alok Sharma.

The ideas and principles outlined in this document have been drawn from these assemblies and the points now raised with government. They describe the changes people in Hallam said they would like to see at a local, regional, national, and international level and are wide-ranging, speaking to policy on planning and local government, energy, transport, finance, food, nature, industrial strategy, and international climate justice. Above all, they speak to the dynamism and ingenuity of the people of Hallam in imagining how to do things differently.

I hope Boris Johnson will consider these thoughtful, considered, and practical suggestions the people of Hallam have put forward. They provide an excellent starting point for COP26, and the debate over how we build an economy and society with climate justice at its core.

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I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in this project. I have really looked forward to each assembly and have loved having the opportunity to discuss these important issues with you. During the ups and downs of the past year these meetings, and the many ideas shared, have brought me hope and energy to keep fighting. I hope we can now use this Manifesto to push for the radical change needed at and beyond COP26.

In some other exciting news we have had a big win on our miscarriage support campaign. For the past year I have been working with constituents and national campaigners to change the guidance around miscarriage care and support so that people don't have to wait until their third miscarriage before receiving support. Earlier this year I held a debate in Parliament on the issue, and I have also been involved in a documentary, helping raise awareness.

So, I am overjoyed to see the new draft Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists guidelines, which should mean people can get support after their first miscarriage. This is a huge step and an incredible win for campaigners and individuals who have been speaking up about this injustice for years.

If implemented, these new guidelines will mark the end to the outdated and immoral three miscarriage rule, which has prevented millions of people from accessing vital support and care when they most need it.

It has been nearly a year since I first



Olivia Blake and fellow Hallam constituents hand-in a copy of the Climate Manifesto at No 10 Dowing St

spoke publicly about my own experience of miscarriage. The number of people who have contacted me since that day and shared their horrific experiences of being turned away from support because they hadn't "had enough miscarriages" has only driven me to further push for change. I said then that I didn't want anyone else to have to go through what I went through. So, to know that the days of telling women to simply "go home and try again" are nearly over is truly amazing!

I want to thank everyone who has shared their story with me and spoken up about their experience. There have been many days when it has been really difficult to talk about this issue - but today it all feels worth it.

Finally, I want to wish you all well this winter. I have really enjoyed being able to get out and about and meet with more of you and I hope this can continue into the festive period. If you would like to read what else I have been getting up to you can do so on my website, where I post weekly updates.

As always, please get in touch if there are issues you would like me to raise or campaigns you would like me to get involved with!

Olivia Blake
MP for Sheffield Hallam
<https://www.oliviablake.org.uk/>

GB no longer valid abroad

These are changes brought in by the British government following Brexit. Since the end of September British motorists driving outside the UK must now remove old-style GB stickers or cover them up. Instead they should display a UK sticker or have the UK identifier on their number plate.

"It might only be a matter of replacing two letters, but this is a significant change for drivers who in normal times take their cars outside the UK," said RAC spokesman Rod Dennis. Halfords has warned that drivers who failed to display their UK badges could be refused entry to some countries.

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will always be far higher than that experienced by properties at the highest point. Pressures across cities in flatter areas like Hull and York are more equal.

Yorkshire Water is able to monitor sections of mains to see how much water is being used. At 2-4 am pressure is highest and little is normally being drawn off. Any weaknesses will be greatest at this time and proactive monitoring should isolate any section where abnormally high levels of water appear to be using.

Occasionally you can see very clearly that a main has fractured as water gushes up in the air then down the road. More often it just seeps through the surface. So many holes are where pro-active efforts are being made to find leaks before they appear above the surface, thus reducing the amount of water lost.

Water engineers are trained in using various types of leak detection equipment and listening devices to pinpoint leaks and locate the supply pipes so repairs can be made. Unfortunately even when water rises to the surface the leak may not be immediately below. Water seeks to find the easiest route of escape. So leak detection is not an exact science and it's often necessary to excavate to confirm the location.

There's another part of our problem. In some Bradway roads the mains may be almost 2 metres below the ground level. Many of the acoustic leak detection devices struggle to hear leaks that deep so maybe a third of the proactive holes dug don't find the leak.

It's usually not the main itself that's leaking. Here we need to consider that most of our mains were newly laid in the



Thumbs up as another leaking water main is traced in Bradway



The familiar sight of footpath disruption in Bradway as the quest for leaking water mains continues

1960-70s and were made of asbestos cement. That's not the problem for most of our leaks, although they will degrade over time. It's the connections from the mains to the service pipes for individual houses that account for the majority of failures.

Why doesn't Yorkshire Water replace all the mains? Thames Water for instance is doing a lot of replacements, but their leakage rate is far higher and their average mains are a lot older. Yorkshire Water will replace stretches of main where the number of bursts in a set period of years over a fixed length in metres reaches a trigger figure. Service pipe joint leaks don't count. Holes in the road that fail to find a leak don't count.

BAG has gone through this with Yorkshire Water's leak specialists armed with detailed maps. Undoubtedly there are some parts of Bradway that experience more than their fair share of leaks or 'dry' holes, but they're not the sort that count towards replacement and they're not statistically worse than most of Pennine Yorkshire.

If the mains were re-laid it would mean a lot of deep trenching and disruption to supplies for many days. Alternatively a new plastic based insert could be slid through the old main. In that case a hole would need to be dug outside each house to connect it to the new main. More disruption and lots of expense.

Summing up, and putting it bluntly, we're unlikely to get any Bradway water mains re-laid in the foreseeable future. We'll continue seeing dug up roads and pavements as efforts are made to proactively trace the latest leak and hit that reduction target before 2050.

Chris Morgan
Chairman, Bradway Action Group

Local Area Committees

The South West Local Area Committee is one of seven LACs in Sheffield. LACs give you the chance to raise your views, share your opinion on what the council does in your area and contribute to making changes in your neighbourhood.

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from the four wards in the South West. The decisions they take will be informed by residents' views, plus information from partner organisations, community groups, and other stakeholders and specialists. Your views are an integral part of the LAC work to ensure we develop a Community Plan that is appropriate for the SW area.

Our next meeting will be in January 2022 where a draft of the Community Plan will be discussed based on surveys that have been undertaken in recent weeks. The date and venue will be confirmed as soon as we are able to do so.

The SW LAC can be contacted by either email or telephone. If you would like to be added to their contact list to be kept informed about the SW LAC, please get in touch.

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Find out more and have your say at <http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/lacs>

Rosie Choppin

“Did you know”

Did you know that the days of the week in our modern English language are named after celestial bodies and mythological figures? Saturn, the Sun and the Moon are fairly understandable in representing Saturday, Sunday and Monday. However, the rest of the week is a little more obscure, unless you know your mythology and understand that much of the Anglo-Saxon and our English language have Germanic origins.

Tuesday is named after Tiu, the Germanic God of Combat. Wednesday is Woden's day. Woden is also known as Odin, associated with knowledge and wisdom. Thursday comes from Thor, the Norse god of Thunder, while Friday was named after Frige or Friya, the Norse goddess of love and beauty and the wife of Woden.

Modern Scandinavian countries have generally adopted the same Norse God names as we have. Although France, Spain, Italy and other southern European countries have retained Roman origins for the names of days. These are more recognisably based on stars and planets: Sun; Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn.

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Bradway Birds

For eighteen months, we had an RSPB bird feeder made up of a pole, with danglers for hanging food on. There were squirrels straight up this until we fitted a baffle the size and shape of a large Mexican sombrero and coated the pole with Vaseline. Squirrels still tied very hard to climb the pole, but failed, and its slippery-sliding failures caused our grandsons much amusement.

However, the birds didn't particularly like the feeder if it was in the open and more accessible for hawks. Near the bushes was of little use because the squirrel would make astonishing leaps onto the danglers.

Clearly the pole wasn't made of stainless steel because after two winters it rusted and fell to pieces. Since then, we have used every trick we know to put coconuts, seeds and nut holders in spots accessible to birds but not to squirrels.

Of course, we have failed, and have accepted our defeat and the resultant larger food bills! Three or four squirrels at once arrive, but they do tend to stick to favoured times rather than be present all day. Also, there is a squirrel hierarchy with disputes. Some squirrels turn up but can't feed, not because of us but because of other squirrels. Well!

We have had a succession of tits, Blue, Great and Coal, on the feeders, sometimes in parties of over twenty. Far more continuous however, are the magpies and jackdaws. They are fairly large birds, and not constructed to flick



Grey squirrels always keep an eye out for opportunistic bird feeder visits



Jackdaws can fly up from the ground vertically onto a feeder, and hang there in a nimble and stable manner

around on small hanging objects. Nevertheless, they have persevered and practiced and have become adept.

Jackdaws manage the better and can fly from the ground vertically onto a feeder, and hang there in a nimble and stable manner. The jay is more occasional, but can also behave as though it is a giant Great-tit.

Magpies still have to do a lot of wing flapping to hang on long enough to take a nut. They fly directly at the half coconut fat and seed mixes, take a stab and drop to the ground. Food fragments fly around, to be collected by sparrows, blackbirds, dunnocks and robins.

None of these large birds are able to feed by hovering near the containers. Their build presumably doesn't allow them to learn this skill. Crows are always present in or near our garden but have never tried to use the feeders. The wood pigeons have tried but failed miserably.

A surprise is that the starlings are as adept as the blue tits on the nut holder and the coconut. The Everard Avenue starling colony is recovering its numbers. For a week, twenty or thirty starlings will fly in and be all over the food, jabbing, spilling, and squabbling. Then off they will zoom and not return for a fortnight. They clearly know our garden is there because they always fly straight towards it rather than circling and looking for it, so why refuse its enticements?

Blackbirds are ever present and the same size as starlings, but they have never tried to use the feeders. Odd.

John Kirkman

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Time to think

After experiencing these past two difficult years, I know that I am not alone in my efforts to recalibrate my life and to re-examine what is important, both at home and at work. In some instances, what seemed very important two years ago, seems much less important now, and things that I took for granted previously; freedom to roam, freedom to meet people, have become much more precious and important to me.

I think everyone has been forced to have a think about their lives and what really matters; in a sense many people have seen, often for the first time, that their lives have previously been really cluttered and that it is time for a bit of a clear out.

In education, there is sometimes a tendency to cram more and more areas of study into the curriculum, under the false premise that in doing so we are doing a better job. Actually, by trying to do too much we sometimes end up doing many things badly, our curriculum becomes overly complex and children don't learn as well as they could, or only achieve shallow learning.

I have recently been inspired and encouraged by a 2020 book written by Mary Myatt entitled 'Fewer things, greater depth.' In her book she recognises that spending time to really embed learning is time well spent and that schools should focus on what really matters in education, removing those aspects which are, on closer inspection, just clutter.

This principle of decluttering is a good one to consider, not just for school leaders such as myself, but for us all. Some people, particularly those with children, have commented to me that they have tried to keep their lives simpler following lockdown, resisting the urge to fill every minute of the day and providing time for their children just to be.

Boredom was perhaps one of the greatest revelations for some people during this time, the discovery that boredom is nothing to be afraid of and that children sometimes need to be bored if they are to become independent and self-motivated.

Karen Gasper, a researcher at Pennsylvania State University, says that "boredom operates similarly to feeling happy or excited. It results in you trying to approach something that, in this case, is more meaningful or interesting. It encourages people to explore because it signals that your current situation is lacking so it can end up being a stimulus to seek out something new."

Of course, we don't want our pupils to be bored at school, but neither do we want to bombard them with so much information that they are unable to process it all properly. Children need to understand that life isn't always going to be exciting and that, although some learning is inevitably boring, that doesn't mean that it is not important and worthwhile.

Bradway Primary School

Dates for your diary

End of autumn term

Friday 17th December 2021

Spring term starts

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Spring half term

Monday 14th February

to Friday 18th February 2022

For example, learning your times-tables isn't everybody's idea of enjoyment, nor is learning your musical scales, but the benefits of knowing them is incalculable (no pun intended!).

Enabling children to become independent as learners is one of the greatest gifts any school can give its pupils; we don't want to end up filling the children's school days and leisure time to the point where they never learn to learn for themselves. Instead, schools need to provide space in the curriculum for children to be able to reflect on what they are learning, to ask the big questions; to have time to think and space to properly explore their learning.

Paul Stockley (Headmaster)
Bradway Primary School

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Councillors Update

September 16th saw the first public meeting of the new Local Area Committee (LAC) in Greystones Primary school. Councillors for the South West area (Dore and Totley, Ecclesall, Fulwood and Crookes and Crosspool) and around 60 members of the public met in the school hall.

A new setup for locality working was agreed by the council in March and this will lead, we hope, to greater local control and accountability of local services, better engagement and collaboration with community groups and more say for local people over how the council operates.

To what extent this will actually happen remains to be seen. So far, very little in the way of powers and budgets have been devolved to local area committees. This needs to change if they are to be successful. Members of the public at the meeting raised both questions of process: "how are we really getting a better say here?" – and local issues of concern, from highways and road safety concerns, to the river Sheaf turning blue. How well will both types of question be answered? That is the test.

The South West LAC is expected to meet in public 4 times per year, once in each ward. This first meeting was an introduction and the work is due to begin in earnest with consideration of a local plan that will set policy priorities for the committee.

A draft of this plan will be circulated in

time for comments before it goes to the LAC. To receive this and updates visit <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/south-west-local-area-committee> or google Sheffield South West area committee.

We want to stress however that the new working arrangements do not alter the basic function of your local Councillors. We are here to represent the residents of Totley, Bradway, Dore & Whirlow and help them with any concerns they have about our local area. You can contact us by email, phone or at one of our regular surgeries.

Regrettably there is less positive news about the Local Development Plan. This is a vitally important document that should set out the vision for how the city will grow and develop over the next 20 years. It should also include a decision on where major housing development will take place.

For a neighbourhood like Bradway that is close to the Green belt and other open space this is incredibly important. Unfortunately the draft plan has been delayed *again* and may not be available for another year. Local Councillors are pressing for the earliest possible conclusion to this long-running saga.

In other news the Christmas lights on Abbeydale Park Rise are a well-known attraction and raise a lot of money for charity. Unfortunately their popularity can cause a lot of inconvenience because of traffic congestion. We are working with local residents and the Highways department to see if we can find a way of easing the situation this year.

Thanks to an initiative by local teenager a wildflower bed is being planned for the Dore Recreation Ground. We are working with the volunteers, Dore Village Society and the Parks and Countryside department so that next spring there will be a fine splash of colour as well as providing an enhanced habitat. If anyone would like to start a similar initiative somewhere in Bradway please let us know.

Finally we have resumed face to face surgeries in Dore Old School on the second Saturday of each month between 10.30 and 12.00. The surgery on the second Monday evening of each month cannot resume at present due to the reduced opening hours in Totley library, but we are hopeful that these too will resume shortly.

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

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

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Bradway Fun Day 2021 and the Old School Field

Our best ever, the three passes across the site by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's Dakota aircraft were the highlight. Ice creams were a first for us this year, how could we have omitted them before? A queue all afternoon, they'll be back. The Drone Valley Brewery sold out. The Scouts games went well as always, the bouncy castles were over run – and all those dogs in the dog show! Paul Stockley's Blue Seven Jazz band entertained us.

A very big thank you must go to Anne Sharpe and all the Fun Day team for all their hard work. It takes a year of planning to get all in order and that has already begun for 2022.

Following the Fun Day we realised that the play equipment currently provided isn't suitable for older children. We are in preliminary discussions with the council



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Preliminary plans for suggested improvements to Bradway Recreation Ground

to identify what, where and how much it might cost to add something that would be more suitable. Watch that space.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was memorable this year for the surprise we all experienced when we discovered all the adult sized chairs and tables had gone from the school hall. Nevertheless we covered a wide range of topics seated at junior school pupil sized dining tables on small stools. No new nominees came forward for election although we hope one or two may join us on a co-opted trial basis. All existing office holders were confirmed for a further year.

Long standing committee member Peter Smithson who has been active with BAG since it was formed about 14 years ago stood down. He served for several years as Treasurer. His calm and helpful approach to any problem, combined with all that experience, will be greatly missed. Hazel Bland has left us for Bakewell and we understand she's now well settled.

Forthcoming major work on the railway

Work has started, initially from a small enclosure on the railway triangle, but soon to expand across the lower areas to form a ramp down to track level from where the major work will begin by February. We may not notice the transition from preparation work to actual construction!

We are in close contact with the contractors and they have undertaken to consult and co-operate with the community as much as possible.

Network Rail and Volker/Story will be holding a Community Information event on Tuesday 16th November between 5:30-8pm at Abbeydale Sports Club to meet the project team in person and ask any questions you might have about the Hope Valley scheme.

BAG has been involved over the past few years, in conjunction with Sheffield City Council, in the improvement of local public rights of way. This has led to increased use of local paths and in particular access to the station via those through Poynton Wood. One of the key aims of this work was to try and reduce car commuting either for complete

journeys or just to the station, where the car park pre-pandemic was always operating at capacity with significant overflow onto surrounding streets.

We are talking to Volker/Story to see if they may be able to help with this work as part of their contribution to the community. They have already confirmed the path across the triangle will be diverted and kept open.

Recreation Ground Improvement

BAG have been in discussion with Sheffield City Council Parks & Countryside to agree what can be done to improve the fields behind Sainsburys. This might include its ambience, biodiversity and address the swampy area that appears each winter. We have already laid a path to provide an avoiding route around the last issue and we're pleased to say that SCC are fully on board with addressing the other issues.

The plan shows roughly the agreed improvements, which can be summarised as follows:

- Creation of a wildflower meadow using the small field to the left coming from the Bradway Road/Driving Range entrance. We will be involving Bradway School children to play their part in seeding this.

- Other action includes reducing grass cutting on the margins of the larger fields to twice a year roughly as indicated. Planting suitable trees such as willow and alder in the boggy area of the main field, to help absorb the excess moisture.

- Also, SCC will conduct an ecological survey on the area to the left of the foot of the steps coming in from Twentywell Lane. This becomes a pond and swamp each winter and the survey will provide a basis for how/whether this spot can be improved from a species perspective.

South Yorkshire Local Heritage List

A test for next time. Did you know Bradway has 7 Grade II listed buildings? The South Yorkshire Local Heritage List identifies heritage assets that are valued as contributing to the distinctiveness and history of South Yorkshire but that are not protected by statutory national designations, such as Listing or Scheduling. Inclusion on the Local Heritage List can allow the more local significance of a building, place or site to

be taken into account in planning decisions that affect it or its setting.

The listings don't just include buildings. Ladies Spring and Twentywell Sick Woods are Sites of Special Scientific Interest. Before the railway cut through it Poynton Wood was a continuation to the south. Totley Lane was a corpse road, an ancient bridleway, from Totley to Dronfield church. We're looking to see what should be recorded for Bradway

The Twentywell Lane Care Home – Outram Fields

Work is progressing but is a little behind schedule for planned completion by July 2022. It's a very restricted site with little room to receive, store and then safely assemble all the various materials. Some are arriving late and in the wrong order causing more to have to be stacked on site or turned away. That's a major problem for many construction sites at the present time.

It is unlikely cars or vans will be able to safely park on site until the spring. The contractors were trying to negotiate off street parking nearby but that seems to have fallen through. Several local residents and BAG have asked if the junction with Twentywell Road can be kept clear. It happens for a day or two then they come back. (Contractors vehicles are not the only offenders along this stretch.)

The Senior Site Manager for contractors Pacy and Wheatley is now Simon Elvin. If anyone has any immediate concerns they should call in to see him or call him on 07392 087252. (The previous manager, Gary Bramhald, was taken seriously ill and will not be back to work for some time.)

Poynton Woods paths and other activities

Physical work on paths has continued most Thursdays. We will consider anything else that's safe, legal and in the community interest so let John Sharpe know if you'd like to join us, or just want to make a helpful suggestion. He's at; john.c.sharpe54@gmail.com

Success - we've got a new litter bin on Twentywell Road beside the Castle Inn something we've been chasing up for years! Thanks may go to the South West Local Area Committee team for that.

BAG website

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

BAG Facebook Group

We've over 1200 people in our Facebook Group and add new names every day. You can find lots of lively information, news and opinions about Bradway, its history and residents. It enables local residents to keep in touch with all sorts of local happenings. Just explain your Bradway connection and accept the simple rules and you should be admitted.

Full Members

Many thanks to all who have already set up a standing order to pay their



Building works at the new care home on Twentywell Lane. A very restricted site with little room to receive, store and then safely assemble all the various materials

membership subscriptions for 2022 on 1st January or soon after. The income allows us to commit to modest projects within the community.

Paid up members have the right to vote at General Meetings and are eligible to be nominated and stand for committee positions.

We'd greatly welcome more fully paid up members. To join BAG or to renew your subscription, please go to; <http://bradwayactiongroup.weebly.com/membership.html> or contact Anne Sharpe as above. It's only £2 a year, £3 for households. Many round it up with a further donation which allows us to spend more on our activities to help the community.

Future BAG Activities

Outside practical work locally most Thursdays, see above.

Committee Meetings are 3rd Tuesday of each odd month in the small Bradway Community Hall.

We'll have Christmas lights on the Twentywell Lane shops again this year.

The next Open Meetings for members should be in April and July 2022, dates and venue to be confirmed.

The 2022 Bradway Bounds Walk should be on Sunday 29th May.

The 2022 Fun Day is planned for Saturday 10th September,

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

Chris Morgan, Chairman

“Did you know”

Did you know that the military rank of 'Lieutenant' has a French origin? This is the lowest rank of commissioned officer and means someone acting in place of a more senior officer (in lieu of).

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September was the 7 year anniversary of Totley CRIC forming as a volunteer-led library and charity. We'd like to thank all our volunteers, members and supporters for their help and commitment during this period. We are looking forward to serving the community for many years to come.

We are all keen to get back to being the community hub we were before the pandemic with many events and activities restarting this autumn – our first book sale for 18 months took place on Saturday 9 October and went really well, we had a steady stream of people and raised £153.36.

You can still purchase books from our Sales Shelves which have been restocked, just pop into the library to have a look. We have a good selection of crime, fiction, non-fiction, CDs, DVDs and jigsaws. A minimum donation of just 50p per item is expected.

Community & Library Events

Health Walks resumed in August, Baby Time restarted on Tuesday 14th Sept and Children's Story Time is currently running craft activities on a different theme each week for young children and accompanying adults in the library on Wednesday mornings.

There is no need to book for these events but due to limited numbers please visit our website www.totleycric.org.uk for times and further information on attending.

Totley Library Cinema

Our film programme will restart with 3 screenings between October and

December. Tickets (which are free) can be booked in person at the library or by calling 0114 236 3971. These are socially distanced events limited to 20 seats, with hand sanitising and masks encouraged.

The first film is Paddington 2 on Sunday 31 October at 2pm, followed by a Thursday matinee of Downton Abbey on 18 November and a Friday evening screening of Everybody's Talking About Jamie on 10 December at 7pm. We anticipate a return to our regular film programme in 2022.

Covid Measures

Although all legal restrictions have been removed, the Trustees of Totley CRIC understand that many people coming to community events will be

who have made substantial contributions to the country. At Totley library there is a dedicated book section curated in response to Black Lives Matter and our Children's Section has a range of books celebrating famous People of Colour.

We have also added a substantial number of new fiction, large print and audiobooks to our Orange Sticker collection. We would love to hear more from library members on books to purchase. If you'd like to make a suggestion for a new book, we have added a section to our website for your recommendations at <http://www.totleycric.org.uk/suggest-a-new-book/>

Just fill it in with a book title and author and press submit.

Current Opening Hours

We have extended our opening hours on Wednesdays and are now open all day from 10 - 5pm. We are also open for browsing on Mondays 2pm - 5pm and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday between 10am - 1pm. We are continuing to encourage use of masks and hand sanitising.

Three of our computers are available for use - sessions need to be

booked in advance by telephoning the Library on 0114 236 3971 during opening hours and toilet facilities have re-opened for library users.

We continue to monitor the numbers in the Adult and Children's sections and at busy times a queuing system may be in operation to maintain social distancing. So far, however, we have not had to do this at any of our sessions.

By and large our library users have respected our social distancing guidelines and the majority have worn face coverings and used hand sanitisers provided.

You can search, reserve and renew books at www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries. Click the link to "My Account" to review what you have out or on reserve, or to renew items on loan.

Do keep an eye on our website www.totleycric.org.uk and Facebook www.facebook.com/TotleyLibrary/ which is the easiest way to find out about upcoming events.

Norman Rolfe

"Did you know"

Did you know that the name Sledge Hammer is thought to derive from the Anglo-Saxon word 'slaegan' which means 'to strike violently'. However, another possibility is that sledge hammers were named after the large hammers used in 15th century shipyards to knock away the 'sleds' supporting ships in the dry docks.



A selection of some of our new books

taking cautious steps towards "normality" and are keen to provide an environment that feels safe to groups using the Library. We have done a risk assessment to ensure a safe basic environment but groups hiring the Library will need to carry out their own risk assessment in relation to the conduct of their meetings.

Following 2 trial events the Trustees have decided that bookings can now be taken for community events outside of Library opening hours but are recommending that attendance at seated events is limited to 30 people and that attendees be asked to wear face coverings.

Lost Books & Fines

Sheffield City Council have extended the exemption on council book fines until 31/12/21. Totley Library are doing the same for Totley Loans (Orange Sticker books). During the pandemic, with libraries closed for an extended period of time, many users were unable to return books as usual - some are still missing.

Please help us by having a good look around your home for any long overdue library books and return them to the library as soon as possible. There are no fines on any books that were taken out after March 2020, but lost books will incur a charge unless a replacement copy is produced.

New Book Purchases

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Beauchief Abbey an eventful September!

Fairway to Heaven - During September 1st and 2nd year undergraduate Archaeology students from Sheffield University completed a Field Survey at Beauchief Abbey, mainly on the surrounding Golf Course. The students were directed by Professor Colin Merrony, in an array of lots of scraping, shovelling and good natured banter.

Being close to the 4th hole on the Golf Course made for interesting digging with the odd flying golf ball. Apparently only once did a ball almost strike a student - with the ball actually rolling into the students' pocket as he ate his sandwich - a wholemeal in one?*

The most interesting find during the three week visit was without question the discovery of the original 12th Century Outer Precinct Wall of the Abbey, together with what is thought to be the site of the Gate House. There were other bits and pieces found which included clay pipes, pottery and of course you've guessed - golf balls!

Interestingly during October some of the findings were celebrated in an unusual exhibition at the University of Sheffield. It is described as "Fairway to Heaven: An Artistic Celebration of the University of Sheffield Archaeology Field School, Beauchief Abbey 2021". It incorporated a lot of skilled work by Bronwen Stone and her daughter and students.



Scaffolding on the Abbey Tower



Discovering the Precinct Wall.

We are hoping to host the 'Fairway to Heaven' exhibition in the Abbey during the 2022 Heritage Open days.

Field surveys of this nature bring valuable knowledge and interest to local communities and beyond, as well as enabling students to acquire essential skills in geophysics, digging, recording, processing and team work.

Unfortunately this may be one of the very last field surveys undertaken given the news that the renowned Sheffield University Archaeology Department will close shortly, despite over 47,000 people signing an online petition against this decision.

Scaffolding on the Tower - You may also have noticed the scaffolding on the Tower - not quite as exciting but essential maintenance work was carried out on the Tracery window in the Tower.

The Abbey welcomes the Ex-Cathedral Choir - we were delighted to welcome the Steel City Clerks Choir to the Abbey for a very special choral evensong - the music was fabulous and it was if the 12th Century Cannons had returned to the Abbey! We are looking forward to welcoming them again in the New Year.

The Abbey is open for services every Sunday 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays at 11am for Holy Communion and the 3rd Sunday for Evensong. All welcome.

Liz Jaques, Beauchief Abbey

*an extract taken from the introduction to the Fairway to Heaven display at the exhibition



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TOADS

Hello everyone!

I am so happy to inform you that TOADS will at last be performing in November 2021. It's been a long 2 years!

As I have previously reported, TOADS have remained in close contact with each other, using our usual Tuesday evening rehearsal time for quizzes, play-readings, anecdote-telling, etc., via ZOOM. On 2 occasions we met as a group for an evening stroll around Millhouses Park – so lovely to see everyone in the flesh, so to speak.

The play in November will be a thriller written by Leslie Sands – “Something to Hide” and will be directed by my John. Rehearsals are well under-way.

The dates of the play are Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th November at 7.30pm, and Saturday 27th at 2.30pm. Tickets can be ordered from Jeff on 0114 2351206, or from any Toads member - £6 or £5 for concessions. The venue is St John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South.

Please come along and support us – your very own local Am Dram Society! It will be lovely to see you.

Don't forget, if you fancy having a go at acting, or helping backstage in any capacity, TOADS meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Guild Room at St John's Church Hall.

Best wishes to you all.

Anne Bettridge



Members of TOADS together on an evening stroll around Millhouses Park

Bradway.

But what, you ask, can so young and tender a mind have confronted to prompt such uncertainty, such a deep need for options in a future that promised it all and promised it now?

In truth, it took no special powers or traumatic experiences to question the accepted wisdom that progress was good and faster progress even better; I had only to observe and partake in the delight of domestic chores of which, then and now, there seemed a never ending supply.

Even more worryingly, the daily schedule of housework, waiting patiently for the late 20th century labour saving devices, involved cleaning materials bearing a strong resemblance to the contents of the larder. For some readers this will hardly be news.

Vinegar and bicarbonate of soda as cleaning aids are but one example (OK, OK, two examples) of an item (Yes, alright, items) that has (<Sigh> have) been making a quiet resurgence amongst the cognoscenti of amateur-status auto-didactic Google-powered home economists of late.

But I confess I was slightly puzzled if not alarmed to see my Mother casually count bread, sugar, salt and tea amongst her cleaning armoury. It prompted two thoughts;

a/ who was the first person to consider these items worth trying out on dirt

removal? They would most surely have been in desperate straits for such an idea to be entertained seriously, let alone attempted. ‘Our Vera, pass me that bread if you’ve run out of dripping. I’m just going to clean the upstairs windows’

b/ if a foodstuff is effective at removing soot, grime, grease and general indeterminate filth from exterior objects, what is it doing to our insides when we ingest it? Would our colons sparkle if we could get a light beam down there?

Thanks to high fibre content and gastroscopy, if we’re talking Bread, then the answer to thought (b) turned out to be ‘yes’, demonstrating that even in young minds, stray thoughts are not always off target.

As for thought (a), closer acquaintance with social history would eventually reveal to me that times prior to my own had been hard enough to consider such possibilities as a pragmatic response not idle conjecture.

Still, being dragged into the whirlpool of my Mother's household schedule left me with the impression that no amount of Cream of Tartar made up for any lack in the mysterious substance known as ‘elbow grease’. It was the thought of expunging this last ingredient that fired the imagination of Fifties and Sixties technologists, though some of their initial attempts were triumphs of hope over useful delivery.

In fact, the closer I looked at the changing domestic scene, the more I sensed that early labour saving devices simply rearranged the amount of effort to do a job, rather than lessened it.

Twin tub washing machines required cold-filling, a threateningly large pair of wooden tongs with which to manhandle sodden/leaden washing and the use of an industrial-press-sized mangle with a bucket underneath before even thinking of placing clothes in the spin drying drum.

It was no wonder that Monday was washday; it took that long to get everything out and set it up, let alone start the family washing.

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DOMESTIC BLISS(TERS)

I can't quite remember when it was that I first started to probe the idea of ‘progress’ for it's weak points. It was certainly just after I had stopped adding ‘and a half’ to my age(s) when asked. (Come to think of it, I might go back to this fractional chronological record just for the heck of it).

From this recollection, however, I can deduce that I was already wondering if I could pick and choose my way through the impenetrable cloud of future promises made by science and technology while still nestled in the broad and warm bosom of pre-1960's



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Lever action floor sponges were advertised as 'self-wringing mops', a description that was ambiguous to say the least; the 'self' clearly applied to the mop-wielder rather than the mop. Upright vacuum cleaners, if you were lucky enough to be able to afford one, were built from the same mild steel as an armoured vehicle, or so it seemed on attempting to wield it round furniture and up stairs.

Even some foodstuffs were sold on the basis that they could be opened by a lighter touch, indicating that the norm were containers that required the presence of Rosie the Riveter (or to maintain the gender balance so obviously lacking at the time, Charles Atlas) to guarantee access. When getting the top off is more important than the nutritional contents, one can definitely observe, as I did, that 'progress' is a non-linear process.

Yet the drivers of those domestic skills (with or without the physical workouts they engendered) still call faintly to us today. It's true that my ability to do 'hospital corners' with flat bedsheets is nowadays little more than a source of secret pride and that perhaps now more than ever one person's 'housework' is another's OCD.

It's also true that most 60's domestic goddesses (and to a vanishingly small extent, domestic gods) would have probably laughed themselves silly at the idea that one could have so many material goods that decluttering might be

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an issue. Decluttering was something you did to a mantelpiece not an entire house.

Even so, beyond maintaining a healthy familial environment, a hidden wellspring of cleanliness still remains the search for acceptability in the eyes of others; it may not be associated so openly with social respectability as it once was, but the need for a benchmark against which one can gauge oneself still drives audiences to watch re-runs of 'How Clean is Your House?' or 'Filthy House SOS'.

So when you next put your feet up having done all your household chores, peel away the years and join hands with all those Bradwegians in the past who have revelled in the same warm glow of domiciliary ecstasy. Technology is a veneer and the structures underneath are the same as they ever were.

Can't stop long mind, I've got to revivify the bathroom grout with lemon juice and an old toothbrush.

Chris Sheldon

Dore and Totley United Reformed Church

We are really pleased to be fully open again, although we still advise caution.

Services are being held on Sundays at 10.30 am and Wednesdays at 11.30 am.

Over Advent we will be having some joint services with the other URC churches in Sheffield. On Sunday 28th November from 3 to 5 pm we will be singing carols, decorating the Christmas tree and having seasonal refreshments and games. You are welcome to join us.

Carers' Café. This meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30 am. Anyone is welcome to join us, get advice or just share experiences with other Carers. There will usually be a representative from Sheffield Carers Centre on hand.

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Fitness classes. There is a yoga class on Tuesdays from 1.15 to 2.45 pm. If you'd like to join or get more details please contact Rachel Quinn on 07708 996984.

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Greenhill Library

Does the library have a role to play in restoring normality? I think so. At our first film showing since covid struck ("My Fair Lady"), an attendee told me afterwards that it was the first time she had been out in the evening for 18 months, and I think there were others for which the same was true. Little things like that help us to feel we're doing something useful in the community. Subsequently we showed "Fiddler on the Roof" (also well attended) and on 22 Oct we're showing the 1959 classic "Some like it Hot".

Unfortunately, the delays inherent in magazine publishing mean that by the time you read this, it will already have happened. The same is true of several excitements scheduled at the end of October, including our Halloween children's cinema showing of "Frankenweenie". Our planned visit by the Duke of Devonshire has unfortunately been delayed (probably to March) as his Grace is having surgery for a knee replacement.

We held our first post-pandemic market event on 26 September. This time all our stalls were outdoors and although the number of stallholders was less than usual, a fine day brought the community out in droves and created a real buzz. We opened our bookshop which was well and truly ransacked - we reckon we sold 350 books in 4 hours! Our next market is on 28 November and this time we're planning on a mix of outdoor and indoor trading. Encouragingly, we're already over-subscribed with applications from stallholders.

I'm pleased to announce that we've recently been able to extend our service times from 12 to 18 hours per week. This is still quite a way from the 26 hours we

offered pre-pandemic but is a big step in the right direction. Check the web site (greenhill-library.org) for the details. We face challenges in extending the times further as we strive to recruit and train new volunteers.

We are particularly short of people willing to take on a little extra responsibility as session leaders. Returning volunteers are also needing a little extra support and re-training, having forgotten many details of library operation over the last 18 months. Much



Cupcakes, Kevin's Pies, and Moss Valley Meats, three of our regular traders, all did a roaring trade at the September outdoor market.

of this falls to our operations manager, Ann Hartley, whose hard work deserves special mention.

At our AGM on 20 Oct we were pleased to elect Lyndon Hennard to the board as secretary, and Michael Corbishley as vice chair.

Coffee mornings have undergone several reincarnations in recent months. We ran them on zoom for a while, then we did them outdoors, and we've finally been able to move them back indoors, from 10.30-11.30 each Thursday (not Friday as it used to be). Personally, I think the coffee was better when we did it on zoom, but don't tell anyone I said that.

Book club has restarted, and there are now plans in place to restart "Story Time" for pre-schoolers with fortnightly sessions beginning on 4 November. It will be so good to see the little people beginning to return to the library.

Our library in Lowedges (relocated to what used to be the Terminus Café) is open Monday 10am-1pm and Wednesday 10am - 4pm. If you're interested in volunteering to help here please email lucy@greenhill-library.org

Greenhill is not alone amongst volunteer-run libraries in its struggles back to normality. We remain in touch with the others, through regular zoom meetings of VLiS (Volunteer Libraries in Sheffield), and nationally through the "Community Managed Libraries Peer Network Group". Some are further down the road to recovery than others, but all are telling similar stories.

One final good news story: Greenhill Air Conditioning have now completed the replacement of our ancient gas burner with air-source heat pumps; with funding

from Viridor Credits. Given the way gas prices are going, it's not a moment too soon!

Chris Brown (Chair, Friends of Greenhill Library)

Bradway Bowling Club

Well I can't believe that another three months have passed and that we are now heading into autumn. The bowling season has now finished and the green won't be open again until next March. But fortunately as a club we are now fully opened and have plenty of other activities and entertainment to keep us busy.

We have excellent well maintained snooker tables and two teams playing in a local league. We have an internal competition of darts and snooker every Tuesday evening starting from the first week in November. The art group is back every Wednesday and is thriving and Thursday evenings we have an internal domino's and crib competition which has just resumed.

Even Saturday evenings are getting booked up now with quiz nights and private parties. We have a very comfortable lounge which can accommodate reasonable sized parties so just pop in and have a look around. We even have entertainment booked for New Year's Eve so it certainly feels like we are back on track.

The Bowling Club is a lovely little private club and a really friendly family place if you fancy a night out. Anyone is welcome to come and have a look around and new members are always welcome.

Any more information can be found on our website bradwaybowling.org.uk or you can always give me a ring Jean 07900 220696

Jean Morton

Don't burn it

It is really important that people refrain from burning garden and other waste at home, because it releases harmful pollution into our air that particularly affects young people and those with breathing issues such as asthma. Everyone is entitled to clean air and we must all do our bit to support this.

Burning waste in residential areas can be a real nuisance, especially with so many people still working from home, unable to hang out their washing or even just open a window to make sure they have that all important ventilation that helps prevent the spread of Covid.

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Neighbourhood Watch

We all are aware that there are very few, if any, facilities for teenagers in Bradway or most of the S17 area. This is no excuse for the few who are intent on causing problems and damage to what few we do have.

Once again the Village Green (Old School Field) has been the scene of their latest Anti Social and destructive activities. Not content with completely destroying the two benches last year, the new replacements benches were targeted in the first week of October. Overturning two benches and then breaking the seating panels from the main frame.

BAG committee members were fortunately able to repair them, so providing a place for parents, and the teenagers, somewhere to meet out of school. Along with this bench damage, they virtually dismantled the entrance gate, there to prevent tiny tots running out into the busy road. Then someone decided to break some glass on the cricket pitch leaving it very unsafe for children and dogs alike.

The matter has been broached with our local Inspector and she has agreed that officers will patrol the parks when operational requirements allow, with emphasis on the evenings. The council has been requested to trim down the hedge at the front of the village green to the fencing height, so it will be easier to see who is in the area from Bradway Road.

One wonders what havoc they would cause if we ever managed to get funding to provide some more appropriate equipment for the village green. Our local Facebook groups, have been subject to numerous comments about lack of anything for the teenagers in our area to do. Suggestions of skateboard parks, gym equipment and other facilities abound all the time without any thought to the potential costs of providing and maintaining whatever is to be provided. Any of these schemes would be welcome but at a significant cost, which the council are very unlikely to approve under the current financial situation.

When I was growing up we had two youth clubs at the local church halls on different nights. They only provided basic facilities, a snooker table, table tennis, darts, card and board games and sometimes records, with soft drinks and crisps the only snack available.

There were no mobile phones or computers, only two or three television channels, we played football and cricket, even softball and were rarely bored. Certainly we never resorted to damaging any of the limited swings, slides or seesaws that were the limit of our playground equipment.

As my daughter is keen to tell me, I have no idea of the stress and pressures that today's youngsters are subject to. Perhaps it is down to the fact that our age group did not have all the modern technology and social media to play havoc with our thoughts and self esteem.

We had to provide our own entertainment, which probably included scrumping apples in autumn, smoking a cigarette when we could buy one and then the odd bottle of brown or pale ale if we were very lucky. Nor did we have the money to pay for mobile phones, even if they had been available then.

Now I would probably be classed as an old fuddy duddy despite the fact that I have worked with and used technological products for the last forty five years. However like many of my generation we use these products as tools not essentials to our life.

We do not walk down the street with a phone stuck in our ear or texting all the time. Wasn't life good in those days of old when you had to use a phone box to phone anyone (apart from the smell) and it was really posh when someone actually had a phone installed in their home.

Many of you will have been receiving notifications about the new Local Area Committees and your chance to put your ideas via survey of what the councillors should be doing on our behalf. Similarly

South Yorkshire Police have a survey that allows you, the residents to highlight your concerns and priorities regarding what you consider the main areas they should be concentrating on in each division.

We, in S17 have one of the lowest crime rates in the city despite what we see and read on social media. This by no means lessens the trauma and upset should you become victim of a crime. Taking some simple precautions will help give some added protection to your property, secure locks, CCTV, burglar alarms and security lighting are the priority. But door handle alarms and window sensor alarms are inexpensive additions. NHW has a small selection of these alarms at nominal cost should you require them.

This is also the time of year to remind you all to check and replace where necessary the batteries in your torches, smoke and CO2 detectors.

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Friends of Ecclesall Woods

The group was formed in 1993 to help preserve, study and work in Ecclesall Woods, the largest ancient woodland in South Yorkshire.

So many activities are now carried out in the woods that it is a challenge to cater for the various and sometimes conflicting needs of visitors as well as manage the native flora and fauna.

The Footpath Group

A volunteer group was set up to look after footpaths, but as funding cuts continued the group has taken on more tasks to help the rangers maintain the diversity and structure of the woods. Some work is seasonal. Clearance of undergrowth such as brambles and holly is done before bluebells and other spring flowers start to emerge.

The ancient art of coppicing and using greenwood for crafts is carried on in the woods and the group control growth where native invaders can over grow any newly coppiced hazel, willow and planted "whips" (young trees).

Tasks also include removing non-natives such as cherry laurel and Himalayan balsam, and the planting of hedging and trees. The group has helped with installing bridges and has re-fenced the bird sanctuary. Other areas have been fenced where footfall has resulted in bare patches previously occupied by native spring flowers. Litter picking is always on the agenda.

The group meets on a Tuesday morning at 9.30. Contact Jane Beresford janeanden@gmail.com or 07518 750262 for more information.

The Ecology group

The Ecology Group was formed soon after the launch of FEW and undertakes regular plant surveys and compares the results year on year.

The woods are divided into 24 survey areas using natural boundaries such as streams, paths and roads. The survey results have been plotted on a large map to give a clearer overall picture.

The woods are renowned for their spring bluebells but there is concern over areas of woodland undergoing bluebell decline due to the spread of brambles and holly along with human impact.

All the available ecology surveys are listed on the FEW website (see below).

Archaeology in the woods

The area has witnessed human presence over more than two millennia. A late Neolithic cup and ring stone was found in 1981 and a second more recently. The archaeology group has investigated the more recent industrial archaeology, recording the position of charcoal hearths, the charcoal being used for iron smelting and Q pits where wood was burned to form whitecoal used for lead smelting.

Crossing Abbey Lane

In November 2020, several Friends formed a pressure group to campaign for

a safe crossing on Abbey Lane. At present there is no designated crossing between the woods, unlike towards Woodseats where there are 5 refuges to aid crossing. We were very grateful to the many people who signed the petition.

In August, the City Council put in a bid to the government's Active Travel Fund which included a crossing between the woods on Abbey Lane. We wait to find out if the bid has been successful.



Sunken trackways are one of the Woods' more obvious archaeological features



Himalayan Balsam one invasive plant which needs to be controlled each year



Coppicing and using greenwood for crafts is carried on in the woods

J G Graves Woodland Discovery Centre

In October 2011, the then Lord Mayor, Sylvia Dunkley, opened the Discovery Centre on the former sawmill site. It has been a great success but sadly was closed to the public during the Covid crisis. We are hoping that it will fully reopen in January.

This year instead of a regular "Feast in the Forest" the centre staff, together with FEW, celebrated 10 years since the opening with a series of events during October. Future scheduled events at the

Centre are:

Sunday 21st Nov; Collier's Market
Saturday 4th Dec; Wreath making mini workshop between 10-3 - pre booking required at www.craftcourses.com/providers/ecclesall-woods-craft-courses
Hector's House Christmas Shop opens on Wednesday 19th November
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The Woodland Coffee Stop is open every week Tues-Fri 10am-4pm

Membership

If you are interested in joining the group contact our Membership Secretary at johnrbaker8@gmail.com or on 0114 236 9025. Family membership is £10 per annum

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Local Pubs and Beer

Pub news: You'll recall reading in previous issues about the planned "Tunnel Tap" micropub at Totley Rise shops and notice not a lot has happened there yet! They now have all the planning consents in place, however some conditions were put in by the council and as a result work has been taking place with the architects to change some of the specifications for the refurbishment that will convert the shop unit into a small bar. As of late October they were finally in a position to get on site to start stripping out, relocating the plumbing and other such works.

Meanwhile all our other local pubs that serve food are now taking bookings for the Christmas period which should hopefully be much more sociable than last year's lockdown when pubs were restricted to home delivery only!

A new dining initiative at the Castle Inn is their monthly supper club held on the first Tuesday of the month and is aimed at local singles or couples wanting to meet new people over a nice 2 or 3 course meal. Guests will all be seated around the long tables in the "Castle Keep" marquee. Advance booking is required and more information can be found on their Facebook page.

The Shepley Spitfire is now getting back to being a lively community local. The pool table is now back in use, they have sport on the TV and a programme of live music planned, pub food and discount offers on Mondays.

Brewery news. Drone Valley Community Brewery at Unstone, Dronfield, have now extended their weekend tap room opening to include Sundays 12-4pm. This started from 7 November when live acoustic music featured! Recently brewed was the 2021 edition of their "Green Man" beer which used freshly harvested green hops grown locally in gardens and allotments rather than the normal dried hops! News of tap room events and latest brews can be found on their Facebook page.

Abbeyle Brewery have been ramping up production ahead of Christmas including some one off special beers available in cask, keg and can. This includes some special editions of their popular "Heathen" American hopped pale ale (which is Gluten Free and Vegan), the latest in their Salvation series of flavoured stouts - this one being sea salt & caramel; and Hibernation, a dry hopped pale ale using the Centennial and Simcoe hop varieties.

Intrepid Brewery, located at Vincent Works between Bradwell and Hope, now opens every Friday to sell take home beers. As well as bottles and cans you can fill takeaway containers with draught beer. For details of opening hours and beer range check their Facebook page before setting off! An interesting beer featuring on the handpulls recently was Mocha Odin, a 5% ABV porter with the decadent addition of vanilla, cocoa nibs and coffee.

Eyam Brewery have brewed a new beer in their White Label series, White Gold Fruity Pale as a result of a mistaken delivery of El Dorado and Blanc by their hop merchants. This 4.6% beer is a modern pale with grapefruit/tropical fruit aroma and flavour with a gentle bitterness.

Andrew Cullen



Public meetings resumed at Totley Library in September but on a trial basis with attendances limited to 30 people to allow for a degree of social distancing.

Our September began with a short, much delayed AGM to receive Chair and Treasurer reports for 2019 and 2020. The plan is to hold a further AGM in April

2022 at which a major topic will be the future of the group.

The AGM was followed by the first part of Stephen Gay's virtual railway journey from Sheffield's abandoned Victoria Station via Darnall, Kiveton Park and Worksop to Retford. Our October meeting was the second part of the journey from Retford through Gainsborough, Brigg and Grimsby to Cleethorpes, with a side trip up the scenic North Lincolnshire branch line to Barton-on-Humber.

Following the success of these meetings the Trustees of Totley CRIC have now opened the Library to community events with a recommendation that seated events are limited to 30 people.

The THG committee is happy to adhere to this limit so if you wish to attend this and future meetings could you please register your interest by sending an email to secretary@totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

Our November meeting will be at the Library on 24th November 7:30pm and is a talk by Rod Amos entitled "The Bodysnatchers of Yorkshire".

For updates on all our activities please visit www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

Norman Rolfe

On The Beat

This year seems to be passing very fast, we're well into the darker nights now and it feels like, in the words of a famous TV show I have never watched, Winter is Coming!. Obviously with darker nights and relaxation of restrictions meaning people returning to work and actually getting away on holiday there is more opportunity for crime and I'd recommend having a look at all the home security advice issued over the last few issues.

We have already seen an increase in burglaries across the district. A few simple steps can help to make your home a lot more secure and less attractive to burglars:

Try and make sure your house looks occupied whilst you are out or away in the evening by using staggered timer lights and TV simulators, if you are close to your neighbours consider asking them to pop in each day to open and shut your curtains. If you have alarms please make sure they are set, if you are in and heading up to bed and can isolate your alarm to downstairs only please do so.

Make sure keys are not left near doors or cat flaps, implements can be used to reach through and hook the keys leading to easy entry. For keyless cars protect your keys, either in a tin box or wrapped in foil, commercial RFID blocking containers for keys can also be bought. Never leave keys near the door nearest to the vehicle.

Very importantly make sure all doors and windows are locked and secured properly even whilst in the house, too many burglaries are still committed through open doors or windows. Check you have anti bump and snap locks fitted. Eurolocks are still an easy target and are

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Be vigilant in your neighbourhood and report any unusual or suspicious activity. Although it may seem that the police are unable to do anything, any information we receive helps us to build up intelligence on where incidents are happening.

If you are worried about any aspect of your security as usual you can contact me on the details below and we'd be happy to make an appointment to come and see if we can offer any help or advice.

If you want to be kept informed about crime in your area and you're not yet signed up to SYP Alerts I can do this for you if you send me your house number, postcode and email address to my email below. Whilst local Facebook groups can be very useful they also sometimes exaggerate and inaccurately report incidents nearby!

I'm aware of issues raised recently regarding parking on the Twentywell junctions and anti-social behaviour issues within the Adventure playground. We are trying to monitor as and when we can, as you may know we are very limited in what we can do regarding parking having transferred a lot of enforcement capability to the Council Parking Attendants.

However we will take action where we can. It's worth saying however that the Highway Code rule about parking near to a junction is a non-enforceable rule not backed by any traffic offence.

We have recently completed the Snap

Survey which we ran in all the wards areas over the months of July and August. Thank you for the responses from the Dore & Totley Ward (which includes Bradway); I believe we had the biggest response rate of all the 6 wards we cover.

The three priorities which have been highlighted from this for the community are: House Burglary / Speeding Vehicles / Drug Dealing in that order. We will work with these alongside our priorities as a Police Service and, where we can, share the results and activity on all our social media pages.

We have a co-ordinated approach to investigations of House Burglary and operate alongside a number of specialist teams in respect of these offences. We monitor them daily and develop information and intelligence to seek to prevent offences but also gather evidence to prosecute offenders.

We welcome information and intelligence in respect of such offending and would like to remind our communities that if you want to give information anonymously then you can do this either on the Crime Stoppers Website www.crimestoppers-uk.org or via their telephone number 0800 555 111.

The teams are running Community Speed Watch operations in a number of areas which have been highlighted. They will work closely with the Safety Camera Partnership to co-ordinate enforcement in these areas and conduct regular high visibility operations to prevent this and also educate motorists.

It's worth noting that the Police do not decide on the placing of speed cameras, fixed or otherwise, this work is carried out by the Safety Camera Partnership and Sheffield City Council but information we gain from the Speed Watch operations does feed into their decisions.

Drugs dealing and taking is a priority for the team, again we would welcome information and intelligence. We are preparing and working a number of operations to seek to tackle this in our communities as we know the impact that this has.

Now a number of the Covid restrictions have lifted we are returning to some of our community meetings and events and hope if you have any issues you feel able to approach the team or contact us via 101 or our dedicated email Sheffieldsouthwestnhp@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

You can also contact me as usual on adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk or my work mobile number 07787 881945. A gentle reminder that these details should not be used to report any incidents which require police attendance, these should be reported as normal through 101 if no crime is happening at the time of the call or 999 if there is an immediate risk to life or property.

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Magical Malta

Written after a holiday in mid October

The Mediterranean island nation of Malta is actually made up of three islands - Malta, Gozo and Comino that together cover an area of just over 120 Square miles. What the islands may lack in size, they certainly make up for in lots of holiday interests.

We travelled on a package holiday with EasyJet holidays, which is a relative newcomer to the package holiday market having only been in operation for the last two years. This was my first time travelling with them and I have to say I was very impressed. We received regular updates regarding our holiday plans and information on all the relevant entry and testing requirements that we needed to follow, now a common part of travel.

Check in was fast and efficient at Manchester Airport and three hours flight time later we were touching down at Malta Airport. A short 50 minutes transfer ride took us to our base for the following week - the Luna Holiday Complex in Mellieha Bay in the north of the island. The Luna is a family run hotel and offers all the amenities you would expect from a modern resort. A highlight was the adults only rooftop pool and bar - the Skylounge.

Mellieha Bay is home to one of Malta's best beaches and is a pleasant resort with enough bars and restaurants to ensure you could eat somewhere different every night, yet without the place being overly commercialised. There are restaurants serving all different types of cuisine but we often enjoyed the Maltese dishes. Maltese cuisine is very tasty and has lots of Italian and Arabic influence. There is also the option to catch the bus up to Mellieha village which is high on the hill overlooking the bay, which we did on several nights.

Malta has rich history due to its strategic location in the Southern Mediterranean with Sicily to the north and North Africa to south. Throughout history Malta has changed hands many times with significant periods of rule by the Arabs, Italians, French and most recently the British. Malta was a British colony for over 150 Years until it gained independence in 1964 and there are still many small touches that are left in place to remind us of home such as the red post and phone boxes and the fact that the Maltese also drive on the same side of the road as us.

Mellieha Bay is a great base from which to explore the islands, but I would personally recommend using the excellent local bus service as opposed to driving. The roads can be very busy and parking is at a premium, whereas the modern bus service is really cheap, extensive and frequent.

Three of the highlights of the Maltese islands I would recommend all visitors should try are Valetta, Mdina and Gozo.



Typical busy narrow shopping streets

Valetta is Malta's charming capital and many of the streets are pedestrianised which makes it easy to explore on foot. There are lots of signposts to direct you around the main sights which include the magnificent St John's cathedral and the Upper Barraka gardens. The natural harbour in Valetta is one of the world's largest and it's a great place to sit and



The natural harbour in Valetta is one of the world's largest and a great place to sit.

grab a drink and watch the world go by.

Mdina is Malta's ancient capital and it feels as nothing has changed much since medieval times. Mdina is also heavily pedestrianised with the main mode of transport being horse and carriage or on foot. Due to its preserved architecture, Mdina is often used as a filming location



One of the many historic buildings to view on the three maltese islands

for many films and TV shows, most recently for Game of Thrones.

Malta's second largest island, Gozo is easy to reach from Mellieha, being a short bus and then ferry ride away. The ferries dock in the fishing village of Mgarr. From here regular buses run throughout the island to visit some of the key sites such as the citadel city of Victoria or the many unspoilt beaches. Alternatively you can just plonk yourself down at one of the small harbour front bars on Mgarr's waterfront and watch the world and the many brightly coloured fishing boats on the water.

Sadly after a fun week of sightseeing and sunbathing it was time to return home. The week really flew by. I suppose it always does when you are having fun. Malta offers the perfect blend of sightseeing and sunshine and its rich history makes it a unique destination.

Malta we will be back.

Gareth Fleming
Hays Travel Bradway Team

Trees face extinction

Over the past 300 years, global forest area has decreased by about 40% and 29 countries have lost more than 90% of their forest cover. Now at least 30% of the world's tree species face extinction in the wild, according to a new assessment - twice the number of threatened mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles combined. They range from well-known oaks and magnolias to tropical timber trees.

Conservation groups are calling for urgent protection efforts amid threats such as deforestation, logging and climate change. For a

healthy world, we need tree species diversity, argues the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. Each tree species has a unique ecological role to play. One-in-five tree species are used by humans for food, fuel, timber, medicines and more

The report, State of the World's Trees, found that at least 30% of the 60,000 known tree species face extinction.

Some 142 species have already vanished from the wild, while 442 are on the very edge of extinction, with fewer than 50 individual trees remaining.

The biggest threats to trees globally are forest clearance for crops, logging, clearance for livestock grazing or farming, clearance for development and fire. But the authors say with conservation action, there is hope.

The experts are calling for a number of actions, including:

- *Preserving existing forests and expanding protected areas
- *Keeping threatened species in botanic gardens or seed banks
- *Providing education to ensure reforestation and tree planting schemes
- *increasing funding for tree conservation.

Christmas Stocking

I've always thought there were too many big lorries thundering past whenever I took to the motorways. Now it seems that a sequence of calamities has resulted in a serious shortage of articulated lorry drivers. How I wish they'd arranged an annual lorry shortage years ago, as we went on holiday to Scarborough.

We don't want the shops to run out of the things we need to buy, especially in the run up to Christmas, and it gets unpleasant if things run short. Some people rush out to stock up and then others go without.

Let's do our bit to help by making a list of what we can do without, - that should free up a few lorries. Rule number one: don't buy anything you don't want. How much stuff did you waste last year? Really?

Before you whip out the credit card, fill up the car boot and stack stuff in the deep freeze until it bursts, study my seasonal stocking-down suggestions; they will save transport, fuel, and (possibly) the planet.

Cancel all consignments of noisy and pointless leaf blowers: rake or brush and shovel work just as well. We can do without any more chain saws! There seems to be some sort of contest between contractors; 'who can fell the most established trees', ruining our avenues. And don't get me started on strimmers.

Stop deliveries of paint in any shade of

black or grey. Must you make mansions look like mausoleums?

We can all do without bottled water, chewing gum, disposable barbecues, fireworks, jogging bottoms, lava lamps, legal highs, nitrous oxide canisters, prawn cocktail crisps and tea-lights.

You can cut back on Christmas gifts: according to a survey, people won't thank you for funny tee-shirts, aprons, bath bombs, candles, crossword or Sudoku collections, cufflinks, foot spas, gloves, hankies, joke books, photo frames, pot-pourri, socks, scarves, slippers, soap-on-a-rope, ties, toiletries or umbrellas,

Don't buy anyone a calendar or diary, they've already bought them. If you send a celebrity cook book, the chances are they will never open it. And more than half of CD's and DVD's never ever get played. Nobody wants cushions, chair backs, china ornaments, cut price coffee mugs or crude garden novelties.

That's about everything I've ever given anyone in my entire life, if you don't count the sexy underwear, and that idea didn't go down very well. I'm beginning to wonder if we ought to give up Christmas gifts.

We need little cards saying *'If there's anything you really want tell me, and I'll do my best to talk you out of it'*.

Do you realise how many lorry loads of unwanted goods we are saving? You don't need coffee-in-can, cake in a mug, cheese in a tube, cream in an aerosol, cheap cheesecake, cereals full of sugar, chipolatas, cocktail cherries, Cadbury's

Cream Eggs or canned gravy, - and you can save even more at Christmas.

Don't buy a turkey: unless you are a Michelin Star Chef it will come out as tough and dry as old boots. Don't buy sprouts: anybody who wears a baseball cap, trainers or sweat pants is too young for sprouts. Don't bother with bread sauce. I know 'how' it is made but I have never been able to understand 'why'.

Don't buy any crackers: wrap tiny sweets in shiny paper tied with a bow and put a parcel by each plate. Your guests will think you're as posh as Hyacinth Bucket, and you can shout out 'Bang!' if you want to.

There is no point in buying any Christmas scented candles; just put a new air-freshener in the lavatory.

Don't buy new decorations; old ones bring back happier memories. My baubles came free with Persil but most of my Christmas ornaments came from charity shops. They cost pennies, but they look good.

I still put a fairy I bought in Woolworths in the 1960s on the tree. She looks old and worn - but so do I.

If we only buy what we truly need, lorry drivers will be wandering round their lorries kicking the tyres with inactivity. The motorways will be half empty, there will be no imaginary fuel shortage and prices will come down.

Buy as little 'stuff' as you can, give as much to charity as you can afford, and have a Happy Christmas.

Robert Smith



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Kathleen Grayson's War

The story of an amazing local lady

Cast your minds back to the early months of the Coronavirus pandemic. As we began to face this unknown and frightening threat there was a palpable feeling that we were all in this together. For a few months a feeling of camaraderie was engendered and brought some great acts of kindness between neighbours and strangers alike.

This possibly helps us to understand how people felt and behaved when the threat was not from a virus, but from the evil that was Hitler.

Young men of Britain were being conscripted into the Forces, steelworkers of Sheffield were manufacturing the implements of warfare, and farmers were growing as much food as possible in order to feed the nation.

Married women, many of whom had previously been housewives, stepped up to take the place of absent workers in factories and offices, some joined the Red Cross to work in civvy street and others devised ways of helping from their home.

Kathleen Grayson was one such person. Almost 40 years old at the outbreak of war, she was the wife of solicitor Robert Grayson who practised in Sheffield and a mother to boys who were away either at school or university. They lived in Brook Hall, Mickley Lane.

By the end of September 1939 she had already volunteered for the ARP (Air Raid Precautions, later renamed Civil Defence), becoming an ambulance driver when it was fairly unusual for a woman to hold a driving licence.

Acting without regard for her own safety during the air raid on Sheffield in July 1941, and despite her own injuries, she managed to get a seriously injured casualty to hospital. For this she was awarded a commendation from King George VI, the certificate still proudly displayed on her son's wall some 75 years later.

In late 1940 she and a friend living in Dore had also hatched a plan to raise funds, intending to provide 'comforts' to a group of naval men serving on the minesweepers patrolling the North Sea. Kathleen and her friend, Hilda Duffy, pulled a group of ladies around them and created The Dore and Totley Minesweeping Trawlers Comforts Fund.

Despite the title its committee and members were drawn from across many of Sheffield's suburbs and as the group outgrew their sitting rooms they began to meet in the town centre.

Having raised a large sum of money by 1941 they were able to honour a list of requests from the servicemen, books, games, records, cigarettes, dart boards etc. The other important aim of the group then turned to knitting essential clothing for the men at the naval base in Gateshead, working in the cold and hostile environment of the North Sea.

Knitters were recruited from across the city so that by the end of the war the Fund

had been able to contribute the largest number of items (7,000+) sent by any group in the country. A magnificent achievement that had given housewives, tied to the home by age or young family, the satisfaction that they too had contributed to the war effort.

Woman's Heroism in Sheffield Raid

For heroism in a raid on Sheffield, Mrs. Kathleen B. Grayson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Swales, of Chapel Allerton, Leeds, has earned the commendation of the King.

Mrs. Grayson is a volunteer ambulance driver at Sheffield, and when the raid started her period on duty had just finished. She immediately returned to her post and drove her ambulance throughout the raid, while incendiaries and high explosives showered down.

Finally, her ambulance broke down and Mrs. Grayson was wounded in the eye by glass. Although half-blinded, Mrs. Grayson dragged her patient from the ambulance and, with the assistance of another girl, carried him the rest of the way to the hospital. Then her own wound was attended to, and the splinters removed.

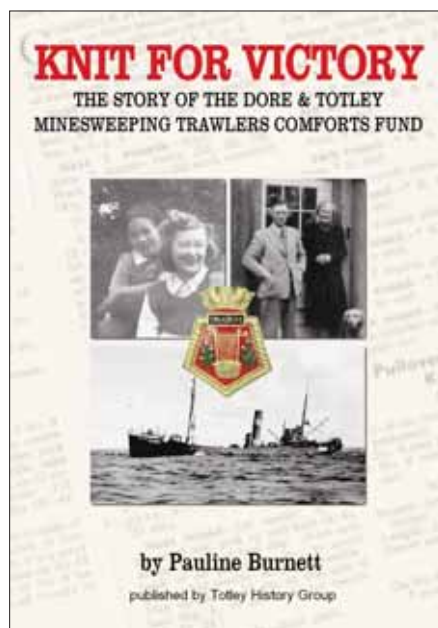
General Sir William Bartholomew, North-East Regional Commissioner, reported Mrs. Grayson's courage to Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary, who brought it to the notice of the King.

Mr. Frederick Swales is a director of Beck and Inchbold, Ltd., Leeds.

Press coverage of the Kathleen Grayson Sheffield air raid story



Finishing the heels of knitted socks



As a registered charity, every aspect of its management had come under scrutiny...its fundraising and use of the money, the acquisition and distribution of wool and the safe dispatch of finished items to the naval base.

As honorary secretary Kathleen recorded Minutes of meetings, fielded difficulties with orders, and carefully filed away correspondence passing between the group, the base, the grateful sailors and the government departments with whom she frequently had to negotiate. It was a mammoth task.

Officialdom was in place to ensure openness at every turn during a time when the black market was almost an accepted part of life. In late 1945 an acknowledgement is recorded in the final report of The Dore and Totley Minesweeping Trawlers Comforts Fund, perhaps worded rather formally but I'm sure it was absolutely heartfelt...

'In conclusion the Committee wishes to place on record its thanks for the painstaking and efficient administration of the Fund by the Honorary Secretary, Mrs K. B. Grayson, whose enthusiasm and energy was an inspiration to all who worked for the Fund throughout its existence'

Seventy years after the end of WW2 a box containing the correspondence and Minutes book was discovered in the attic of Brook Hall.

Pauline Burnett

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Bradway Scouting

The Group's 50th anniversary in 2020 finally saw a slightly muted celebration in the form of a Reunion afternoon on a wet Saturday this October. An open invitation was published for anyone who has been involved in any way across those 50 years.

The hall was laid out with photos and other memorabilia all around, and a cornucopia of refreshments at the kitchen end. About 50 people showed up to share their memories, and to marvel at how well all Sections have managed despite the Covid lockdowns – as reported in previous issues of The Bugle.

In September, the Scout Movement announced that a new Section is now being supported. Covering the 4 to 5-year-old age range, it is called Squirrels. Here in Bradway, we are trying to come to terms with how we can recruit adults to lead them, as well as when and where they might meet.

Initially, the focus nationally will be on supporting Squirrels in communities that are underrepresented in Scouts at the moment so that we can reach new young

people and families. It will also be a requirement for new Dreys to have at least one Young Leader.

Beavers have a new Leader. Helen is now embarked on the joining process and already helping out on Monday evenings. These have seen the Beavers working towards the Beaver Scout My World Challenge badge, and they have already completed the Health and Fitness activity badge.

Each week they have also been looking at some aspects of first aid: at times the meeting looked like the aftermath of a train crash with very realistic fake blood oozing from "cuts", slings and bandages on the "casualties", and others in the recovery position.

The highlight of the term for Cubs was a week-end, indoor camp at the Guides' Outdoor Activity Centre at Whiteley Woods. Despite the drizzly nature of the weather on the Saturday, the Cubs had the opportunity before the rain really set in, to enjoy archery and crate stacking, and in the afternoon taking part in indoor balloon volleyball and various other fun games to keep them occupied.

Bat detecting also went ahead in the evening but alas! no bats to be seen... we think the rain put them off! Sunday morning saw grass sledging and timed races on the play equipment... loads of fun and lots of sweets won! Not much sleep was enjoyed, and we came back with a pair of unclaimed underpants!

The Scout Section started the autumn term honing their survival skills in

preparation for the District Survival Camp competition.

Disappointment at this event being cancelled "through lack of interest" was soon forgotten when we found we could still join with Greenhill Methodist Scouts in a 24-hour non-competitive version of our own, thanks to Mr. Shepley having made his area of Holmesfield Woods available.

The Scouts formed small teams, each of which built their own shelter using tree trunks and fallen wood to support tarpaulins. They cooked their evening meal on open fires, slept in their shelters and cooked breakfast the following morning, before taking down the shelters and leaving the area looking as if we'd never been there. Honest.

Sadly, we learnt the day after the camp that one of our Scouts had tested positive for Covid which rather put a damper on it. But no others have proved to have also been infected – a benefit of it all having been held in the open air.

They followed this by preparing for an expedition at half-term: the route has been selected and planned; meal preparation from light-weight ingredients has been practised; and they have revised how to pitch the hike-tents.

By the time that you read this Bugle, they will have completed this exercise and be further down the path to the Chief Scout's Gold Award.

Frank Richardson
For Bradway Scouts
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Kids and glasses

Children should be tested before they start school, as children with vision problems may not realise it themselves.

Common symptoms include screwing up eyes, frowning to see, sitting too close to the TV or holding a book too close or too far away, difficulty seeing the board in class & difficulty throwing or catching in sports.

All children under the age of 16 are entitled to a free annual NHS eye examination. If spectacles are required, they will be issued with a NHS voucher which can cover or help towards the cost of their spectacles.

If they stay in full time education then they can have an eye examination once every 2 years until they are 19 years old.

Kids will be kids; if they break their glasses we can sometimes repair them in store or we may have to order parts in. Most repairs will be also be covered under the NHS scheme.

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Friends of Graves Park

The Arboretum Extension The Friends have finally received a formal response from Sheffield City Council regarding the restoration of the next section of the Norton Nursery site to parkland – and it is not good news.

All written requests to the council regarding this issue received no response, until the latest one, where we wrote to the new executive member for parks, Councillor Alison Teal, who informed us that, “Park staff are unable to provide firm plans regarding what is happening with the depot land, therefore it needs to remain available. While I agree the current state of the depot is unattractive, the site is important for the council as there are few places across the city which can accommodate large machinery, etc.”

To say that we are disappointed would be a gross understatement. Those of you who have followed this story from its beginning, way back in the late 1990s, will remember that the local people, in their droves, vigorously opposed the council selling this part of Graves Park for a housing estate, when the council and its parks department declared it “no longer in use and surplus to requirements”!

After the Charity Commission confirmed that the site is charitable parkland and part of J G Graves’s gift to the people of Sheffield to be kept as parkland forever, the council was given 15 years to restore it back to parkland.

Chantreyland Meadow opened in 2006 and the first plans for the Arboretum were already underway when the council once again declared the site derelict and tried to lease the site to St. Luke’s Hospice, to move the hospice there. Once

again, this was opposed by the citizens of Sheffield and once again the council’s plans to dispose of the land were thwarted.

The Friends continued the restoration of the park and in 2016, the Arboretum was officially opened to the public. Since then, the Friends have been requesting



Louise Haigh MP with volunteers from Friends of Graves Park in Chantreyland Meadow and Arboretum

the release of the next section, as we have been ready for some time to restore it, but all our requests have fallen on deaf ears.

The council has at least confirmed that it has no intention of restoring this area back to parkland. It is also apparently still treating this as not being part of Graves Park, as it is now referring to it as “depot land”. This is totally unacceptable. The Friends are shocked and disappointed at this response.

It is also very disappointing that until now they have not responded to our requests, yet knew what they were doing, as a considerable amount of hard-core has been put down on the site over the past year, presumably for the heavy machinery they are planning to park on the area. It would be interesting to know how much this cost the council taxpayer, or worse, the Graves Park Trust. Local people will also be aware that this site is used by the council to collect rubbish from all over Sheffield and activity involving rubbish collection goes on here at all hours of the day and night. At the end of our AGM in September, our members could see council trucks, loaded with bags of rubbish, trying to get into the Nursery site, after 9 in the evening!

The Friends believe that the way forward is to publicise their plans and the plans of the council and to ask the citizens of Sheffield which they prefer. It is so depressing to find that, after over 20 years, the Friends of Graves Park are still unable to get this land returned to parkland.

There is, however, a ray of light. The Friends invited Louise Haigh MP to visit the site, meet the volunteers and discuss our plans for the Arboretum. We had a very productive meeting and we are hopeful that we might be able to find a way forward. We will keep you posted about our progress!

**Finding Lost Norton Park:
Digging Deeper for All Project**

The Friends’ latest bid for funding of this project from the National Lottery has been turned down. This was a bitterly disappointing blow, as our project team had worked so hard and put so many hours into the application. The response from the NLHF was that, “The importance of the heritage had been well demonstrated but it was considered that the project overall would benefit from further development. In particular, we thought that as presented the project did not achieve our mandatory Inclusion outcome well.”

Readers might want to look these up on the National Lottery’s website, but in essence, we had not done enough to, “encourage people with certain protected characteristics and/or on low incomes to participate in heritage, especially where their participation is disproportionately low.”

We will be looking at how we can resubmit our bid so that we meet these criteria. As our partners in this bid were South Yorkshire Biodiversity Research Group, we will be working closely with them to find a way forward.

Caroline Dewar
Chair, Friends of Graves Park
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The Bodger - Narrowly Avoiding the Cut

As summer draws to a close, one of my last jobs of the season is to cut the front hedge. It’s a laurel hedge, so only need cutting once a year. But it’s in a prominent position, and I do like to make a good job of it. It’s also quite a big hedge: a couple of metres high on the road side, increasing to 2.5 metres on the garden side due to the lie of the land, and up to 2 metres wide. The only way I can get close enough is to use a step-ladder.

In years gone by, I used to position the step-ladder in line with the hedge and reach across. But as I get older, I’m conscious of the tendency for the steps to overbalance.

Indeed, for the last couple of years, I’ve taken to cutting the road side first, then putting the hedge clippings into a canvass bag and positioning it below the ladder when I’m doing the high side in the hope of it breaking my fall if the worst happens! But last year, I realised that I could actually lean the ladder up against the hedge itself. A far safer option.

The width is such that I can’t reach all the way across from one side with my electric hedge cutter. It was easier using my petrol cutter, but these days I find that too heavy to operate. However, with my new access technique, it’s easy enough to trim the top from both sides, so the electric cutter is good enough.

And so began this year’s performance. As usual, I began on the road side. It always takes far longer than it should, because neighbours stop by and pass the

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time of day, which I rather enjoy!

To avoid having to climb too far up the ladder, I usually operate the cutter at chest height. Some of the stems are quite thick, so to do the job effectively I have to pass the cutter in both directions, away from me then back towards me again.

All went well and I was getting close to the end when I felt a sharp pain on my left forearm. I switched off the machine and had a look. It transpired that in dragging the cutter back towards myself I'd just nicked my arm. Nothing much. Only a graze really. But blood everywhere! A good time to stop for lunch.

I did go out again afterwards to finish off the road side, but I decided to leave the other side to the following day. It made me realise that I really shouldn't be doing this sort of thing at my age, so I'm sorry to say that in future I'll be relying on one of the family to do the honours instead.

As it happens, I found the whole incident quite ironic. One of the neighbours who'd stopped for a chat earlier was telling me how one of his neighbours had had her car stolen.

In finishing off the story, he made a chopping gesture to his left arm, seemingly recommending the barbaric practice of chopping off the hands of thieves still followed under Sharia Law in some parts of the world, albeit rarely. Little did either of us realise that less than an hour later I would nearly suffer the same fate!

The Bradway Bodger

The Time Travellers

The Time Travellers Archaeology Group are very pleased to be back in business after the difficulties of the Covid situation. Starting in July we have been gently returning to those activities that can be carried out safely. Many of our members have seized on the opportunity to take part in a number of outdoor walks covering local archaeological places of interest.



While exploring Houndkirk Moor and the old turnpike road two of our members made a really exciting discovery. The two halves of what appears to be a Celtic Head carved from sandstone were a little distance apart from each other, making their discovery even more serendipitous.

Various experts have already looked at it and one dated it as possibly a religious votive object from the 12th Century, whilst another thought much older. Our little head (the scale being in centimetres) goes off to the Portable Antiquities Scheme in November for further analysis.

Another of our members has been busy also in lockdown. Some of you will recall the perilous state of disrepair of the Portland Works near Bramall Lane which has been returned to life by a dedicated team of volunteers. Anna de Lange has just completed the story of the Portland Works and her book is available from history@portlandworks.co.uk

Well worth a read, as reviewed by Professor Geoffrey Tweedale, author of the Directory of Sheffield Cutlery Manufacturers.

He said "A few years ago, Portland Works was a run-down old cutlery factory. But behind its neglected exterior lay a unique history, now fully revealed by Anna de Lange. It is difficult to think of a more illuminating history of a Sheffield cutlery enterprise. Anyone who wishes to understand Sheffield's industrial and social development should read this book."



If you would like to be involved in a friendly local Archaeological group look no further. Go to our website at www.thetimetravellers.org.uk for contact details and a glimpse of what we have done and hope to continue doing.

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Roger Tetley's recollections of life in Bradway (1938-1946)

In this issue we re-join as he is about to move to Bradway -

Before moving to Bradway, my sister Joyce and I had started at Dronfield Grammar School whilst still living at Hillsborough. We had been going to Parkside Infants, Hillsborough, and were, after a small entry exam, put into the preparatory class or form at Dronfield. However we had to travel from Hillsborough, by tram to the bus station in Pond Street, then by bus to Dronfield, then home at night. A bit much for young children.

When we moved to 250 Bradway Road around 1938 Father followed the example of his peers and bought a Vauxhall car. There were all colours to choose from named polychromatic golden beige, polychromatic red, blue, green, etc. But my favourite was maroon. He chose black! As Henry Ford is supposed to have said "Any colour you like as long as it's black."

This car was 10 horse power with an engine that was as quiet as a singer sewing machine. A neat little car that subsequently ran for 100,000 miles, no known breakdown! Once he had told himself he was competent, (he never took a driving test!) we set off for several hundred miles mainly on 'B' roads to Bournemouth where we stayed at the Benwhyvis Hotel near Durley Chine.

At the start of 1939 Father took us to school in the car on occasions until I got a bike called a Dragonfly. I used to drag up hill and fly down em, where I had been known to fall off! Much later, on my 17th birthday Dad gave me £7 to buy a new cycle I'd seen in a shop at Dronfield. A beautiful maroon Runwell with derailleur 3 speed gears which I kept until 25 years of age.

Every year in the spring I fitted it with new ball bearings set in Vaseline including the pedal crank housing being a good young mechanic. I also fitted dynamo powered lighting and rear light and turning indicators. That cycle paid its

way because I did all my mum's ration shopping during WW2 going to Greenhill for the meat (nearest butcher).

For some time there were not many children for Joyce and I to play with, however they arrived over the years. Below our house on the right hand side were the Gelsthorpes, a colleague of father's, but no children. On the left, Mr & Mrs Bolsover, with a middle age daughter and a young lady Mary Oldfield who helped Rachel Bolsover to run a cat and dog kennels on top of a nearby field.

But in time all this improved and quite a few playmates began to appear. Next door but one, going down the road, Mr & Mrs Holmes who had two daughters lived in a bungalow.

Behind 250 Bradway Road was a large garden where we had a shrubbery next to the french windows that looked down the back, a lawn with pergola and kitchen garden then the fence and a large field to play in, that is, no animals to get in our way.

In the field were several wooden bungalows occupied at weekends by City dwellers and business men for illicit liaisons. One in particular was reputed to be owned by Barney Goodman a leading tailor in the city who drove a big black Buick car and brought his mistress for naughty weekends. This little house had a veranda and solid fuel stove and a sagging double bed, oil lamps etc. all mod cons! I don't mention toilet, never saw one! When we discovered these, many were already falling into disrepair and had presumably been abandoned.

At the end of the field was a small pond with all sorts of interesting occupants i.e. Tadpoles, frogs, newts, which with a small net we could catch and transfer to jam jars (they didn't live long). Behind the pond was a crab apple tree. They were as bitter as hell. In winter I used to skate on this pond and I eventually built a kind of raft on which to navigate this mini-ocean. Before I go on there were huge dragonflies which seemed scary but fortunately seemed to avoid children.

My sister Joyce had her friends from school and they used to visit each other.

Mind you some of these girls visited from as far afield as Totley. One girl rode on her horse up to our back fence to see Joyce. She was Sheila Goddard a butcher's daughter.

When I would be about 15 years of age, I had a friend, Christine Eyre, a farmer's daughter. I had an interest in music and although she was a 6th form prefect she used to ride her bike from Holmesfield to see me. I still remember one or two walks in Holmesfield woods and visits to her Pa's small farm, two cows and a horse.

I used to be invited to tea by her head mistress mum whilst Christine entertained by playing 'The Harmonius Blacksmith' on the organ. Christine had two golden plaits in her hair and looked very nice, a thoroughly pleasant lass. Her brother was a student of English language and became a professor at Sheffield University.

to be continued in our spring issue



Recycle Electrical Waste

A campaign has been launched to encourage more people to recycle their electrical waste, as small old electricals are one of the fastest growing waste streams in the UK. Sheffield is one of more than 80 local authorities across the UK to support the campaign.

155,000 tonnes of waste electricals are being lost through being thrown away in the UK while householders are believed to be hoarding 527 million small electricals items. There are enough power/charging cables hidden in Sheffield homes to travel from Beighton to Stocksbridge and back 26 times!

Everything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled. Small old electricals contain 75% of materials that can be recycled or reused such as precious materials like gold, silver and copper

The campaign highlights the importance of recycling old electrical items, that a lot of people probably didn't realise they could. There are 16 different facilities in Sheffield where electricals can be recycled so why not have a rummage through your cupboards, check where your nearest facility is and get recycling. You can clear the clutter and be kinder to our environment by getting rid of these materials in the right way, it's win-win.

The Recycle Your Electricals Campaign is making recycling small old electricals easier than ever before by providing an information hub for the UK on how to recycle electricals, and a postcode locator with details of over 3,00 recycling, repair and reuse points including in Sheffield.

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Presentation of the £3,000 to St Luke's

HOWZAT! for St Luke's Hospice

Holmesfield Cricket Club has raised more than £3,000 for St Luke's Hospice.

The Stuart Huckerby Memorial Cricket Match was played in memory of club member Stuart, who died earlier this year. Along with Club President Tom Pearson, Stuart had inspired and encouraged young players to take up the game, many of whom still play and recently finished the cricket season by taking the club into the Derbyshire County League - Second Division.

Covid restrictions meant that Stuart's family couldn't give him the send-off they would have liked following his death in March so the cricket match was an opportunity for everybody who knew and loved him to raise a glass, share anecdotes and stories and enjoy a match which raised a total of £3,091 for St Luke's Hospice, where Stuart was a patient.

"We are so pleased that Stuart's family and friends were able to give him the tribute he deserved," said St Luke's Senior Fundraising Manager Clare

Collingworth. "Not only did they have a great time but they also raised a great amount for us, money that will help us to continue providing our services for all the people of Sheffield and their families."

John Highfield

Greenhill Village History Society

September was a really busy month for the Society. We had already applied for and been granted funding towards improving the amenities in Greenhill Village, but as you may recall, several people had expressed a wish to donate towards the restoration of the village pump.

In addition to placing collection tins in local businesses, Pete Chatterton – local resident offered to do a 'Fun Quiz'. This was to take place at the Transport Ground on Friday 24th September. No-one was sure as to how many attendees there would be, but eventually, a head count verified that 75 people attended.

Greenhill Village History Society organised a raffle and local artist Neil Duggon donated a pen and ink picture of the old village to be auctioned off. Together with donations, a total of £349.00 was raised. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all – a credit to Pete's hard work.

On Sunday 26th September, Society members and friends attended Greenhill Library's Farmer's Market, where they held a 'bucket' collection. A total of £421.51 was collected.

Thanks to the generosity of local residents and supporters, this mean an astounding £1, 423.49 was raised, in addition to the £2,380.00 grant payment

On behalf of Greenhill Village History Society, I would like to thank those of you who gave so generously towards this project.

Our next presentation is to be held on Wednesday 24th November at 7pm and is entitled "Our Other RAF Station – RAF Norton". It deals with the now derelict site at Lightwood. It is a companion to previously shown film "The Aerodrome on Our Doorstep – RFC Coal Aston", which dealt with the Jordanthorpe site - its WW1 origins and beyond.

In the closing years of WW1 and the early decades of the 1900's there was growing public alarm, initially at the prospect of and later at the harsh reality of being unable to defend cities against unrestricted area bombing. The Government's response was to build sites throughout the country to defend key cities and infrastructure. RAF Norton was one such site.

Its creation was a close-run race against time, the deadline being the outbreak of WW2. RAF Norton would perform an important aerial defence role during the Sheffield blitz and the subsequent cold war. It would go through several transformations as it constantly adapted before its final closure in 1965. The film draws on pre-war footage and much rarely seen contemporary footage filmed in Sheffield and inside RAF Norton to show this vital period in our history.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the venue will be Sheffield Transport Ground, Greenhill Main Road, although tickets can be pre-booked at Sheffield Community Library.

For further details about the Society, please contact Lesley Fox Tel: 0114 237 7928 / email : lesley.fox3@btinternet.com

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The Hope Valley Capacity Scheme:

At long last we can see tangible evidence that the project is finally under way. A preliminary work camp is now on the railway triangle. As I write final calculations are being made to create a slope down to the track-side to allow machinery to work alongside the current two tracks below Poynton Wood.

This will allow creation of a new trackbed for a third track from the north side of the Westview Lane over bridge up to Dore West Junction.

In many ways this is even more important than adding a second track and platform at the station. Together with another new loop alongside the current tracks at Bamford (beside Sickleholme Golf Course) they are designed to reduce delays caused by long, slow moving stone and cement trains. At present most come east along the Hope Valley because the tracks around Manchester are even more congested than around here.

Currently, a heavily laden stone train leaving either the Buxton quarries via Chinley, or the Hope Valley cement works has to get slowly under way to cross the westbound track before reaching the track to come to the east. That requires a big gap in the traffic flowing in both directions.

Once underway, probably at an average speed of less than 50mph, it needs to keep going until just outside Sheffield station to avoid being caught up by passenger services able to travel at 80 or 90mph. That's the earliest it can be overtaken.

The alternative is for the train to go south through Dronfield and Chesterfield taking the very tight and uphill bend through little Dore Tunnel between Dore West and Dore South Junctions. That's a slow manoeuvre, most especially if there is no gap in mainline traffic in either direction.

If there is no gap it will sit on the line blocking all other trains coming from the Manchester direction until it can move away.

Once the two new loops are operational (all being well by September 2023) these long trains can wait there until there are gaps in the other traffic. For empty trains it's less of a problem because they're lighter and can proceed more quickly into their respective sidings without having to cross the traffic.

A freight loop nearer Sheffield is being made suitable to hold these long trains coming from the north and east. Any coming from the south will be able to wait in the new Dore loop before slotting in behind a stopping service to reach Hope or Buxton.

Community Information Event – Tuesday 16th November from 5.30 – 8pm. at Abbeydale Sports Centre Hosted by contractors Volker/Story. Full details awaited. Come along to find out more about the scheme itself and the construction process.



Crowds waiting for a Manchester bound train

Rail recovery: National rail recovery remains very patchy with use now fairly settled at 60-65% of pre-Covid levels. Our own latest survey suggests commuting from Dore is yet to top 40% of what it was and that's fairly closely reflected in car park use. However leisure use seems to be as good as pre-Covid, if not better on fine days. Overall we're probably around that national 60-65%



Doreen Fox and family on the dedicated bench

level.

Services: On 20th December national timetables change. The only difference for us is that two East Midlands trains will be reinstated after being temporarily withdrawn in June.

Sadly East Midlands senior conductors are engaged in a long running industrial dispute and are currently banning all Sunday work on our Regional services. That's not a major problem for us as only two ever call here on Sundays but it has some knock on effects as passengers divert onto our Northern stopping service. At the end of October talks were continuing and may be resolved by mid-November, fingers crossed.

Here's the good news. Commuters come back. Those crowded 3 carriage TPE trains are now 6 carriages, they're keeping better time, and there's lots of space to spread out. It's almost as quick to get to the Airport by making a change

at Piccadilly.

The noisy old Northern Pacer trains have gone and many of our trains have 3 or 4 coaches, especially at weekends. They're more comfortable and increasingly popular. If you see a lot of young people getting on or off at Bamford, many are fans of an apparently well-known Chinese TV series. Bamford Edge is becoming something of a pilgrimage destination.

If anyone can identify the series so we can watch and see what it's all about please give us a clue. Fluency in Mandarin may be an advantage.

A second bench: Last year Abbeydale Rotary kindly donated and positioned a bench beside the drop off zone. It has been so successful that our next challenge was to add another and it's now in place dedicated by Doreen Fox and her family to her late husband, Peter Fox, 1942-2011.

Peter was Dore & Trolley's first station adopter and was a strong advocate for improvements. He lobbied to get the station name restored from a shortened Dore back to the original full name of Dore & Trolley. At that time our stopping service was every 2 hours, but with some 3 hour gaps. It went to New Mills only, change for Manchester. He helped persuade the powers that be to run our trains all the way.

His push for a full hourly through stopping all stations service continues to this day (we're now pushing for 2 stopping trains an hour).

He set the ball rolling to get some long distance fast stops by TPE and East Midlands. Train and railway enthusiasts may be familiar with books and magazines like Today's Railways, published by Platform 5, the company he co-founded. For a short time he was a LibDem Councillor for Dore & Trolley Ward.

If Peter had been with us today he would have been gratified to see over 40 people boarding the Saturday 10.21 stopping train to Manchester. 3 coaches, every seat already taken on arrival and very many standing.

He'd be telling us that there's still much to do. Hopefully he'd be impressed to see how we're progressing 10 years after he left us.

Looking forward - Let's get travelling, safely, towards 2022 and beyond.

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Autumn: Time to hunker down and get organised

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As the year progresses to the season of 'mists and mellow fruitfulness', thoughts inevitably turn to hunkering down with hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows as the nights draw in. Autumn is a season traditionally associated with change, as well as themes of comfort, preservation and protection; a time to get things in order.

Time to prepare

In many ways, autumn is the perfect time to get things done and that is certainly the case when it comes to finances. The halfway point of the fiscal year is fast approaching, making it an ideal time to consider your ISA or JISA investments and any other tax-related issues. It's also an opportune time to look at pension arrangements and check your protection needs are fully met.

Don't procrastinate!

While we all know the importance of keeping on top of our finances, it is easy to pop such tasks on our 'must-do list' and then proceed to forget all about them. A recently commissioned poll¹ found 84% of the UK population put off key tasks by either doing nothing or doing something more enjoyable or completely unrelated, and a staggering one in five do this on a daily basis! Sound familiar?

Engage with your finances

It is though extremely important to sort out financial arrangements long before you 'need' to. This is particularly the case with retirement planning, although research² suggests relatively few people do actually

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engage with their pensions: more people knew the value of their house (58%), car (55%) and television (63%) than the value of their pension (38%) with almost as many knowing the value of their wardrobe contents (34%).

Apparently, statistics don't lie, so it is clearly only human to procrastinate. However, it's also true there's no time like the present. It's our business to make sure your finances are in good shape. We can help you tick a few more tasks off your 'must-do list'.

¹ Micro Biz Mag, 2021

² Aviva, 2021

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Transport 17

It was such a good feeling to celebrate Transport 17 (T17) starting to operate once more in the last article. Operations have gathered momentum since then with more lunch clubs opening up over September. We are also now taking more passengers (8 per bus) but our priority still remains to provide a safe and secure service for both our passengers and our volunteers with some covid procedures still in place.

To add to this good news, there have been a number of developments for T17 over the past two months which we hope will result in a new era beginning.

News Updates

We are delighted to report that Bradway resident Fiona Smith has been appointed as T17's Operation's Manager taking up her new role on the 6th of September. Since she came on board to help us out in February she has proved invaluable at organising the service to date and brings with her considerable experience and understanding about the needs of a diverse range of client groups and is also well acquainted with the voluntary sector.

Joanna Woodward, a Community Development Officer with AGE UK Sheffield, has been co-opted to the Management Committee and has strengthened our links with People Keeping Well and its very active network of events and other external sources.

Colin Muncie has also been co-opted to the management committee and will be acting Chairperson until our AGM next March when current and co-opted members of the management committee are (re)lected by the shareholders. Colin brings with him a wealth of experience in business finance and governance. We are already feeling the benefit of his involvement.

We offer them a very warm welcome, wish them every success in their new roles and feel positive that T17 can go from strength to strength over the coming months.

As many of you will be aware, Jenny Nuttall has been Secretary for T17 Management Committee for several years. Amidst all the good news reported above, we are really sorry to tell you that Jenny has decided to step back from her T17 for personal reasons. She has been involved with T17 since 2017, initially spending time in the office setting up computer records before becoming Secretary.

Her support and extensive knowledge of the organisation is well known and highly valued and she has been a mainstay in keeping T17 going over the last 18 months. We cannot thank her enough for the time has given and our thoughts and best wishes go to her.

During the summer we met with our new landlord, Andrew Morton. He and his family were stopping over in Sheffield having left their home and work in Hong Kong. It was good to meet face to face and we were able to thank him personally for the support he has given us over the difficult COVID time. We are awaiting a new lease agreement with him and look forward to working with him in the future.

This feels like such an exciting time for T17 as we move forward. Our networking links go from strength to strength as we build partnerships with individuals and organisations. Hopefully Alan Jockel would be well satisfied with the way the organisation he founded is progressing.

New Volunteers Wanted



Colin Muncie – Pen Picture

Having graduated from Manchester, Colin has had an extensive career in senior management in the steel industry in the UK and the United States.

Colin retired in 2009. He maintains his involvement in the voluntary sector and was formerly a Trustee at Weston Park Hospital Cancer Charity. He has also been a school Governor in Sheffield and Derbyshire

Married with two adult children, his interests include football, motorsports, cycling, walking and politics, and he is a qualified grounds person.

Colin's interest in grass roots football includes being an independent disciplinary panel member with the Sheffield FA and with FA National Serious Cases Panel, volunteering with three local non-League clubs (and one cricket club) and he is on the organising committee of an open age Disability Football League, the South Yorkshire Ability Counts League. He also volunteers with a local lunches club and at Sheffield Children's Hospital.

As our service continues to open up and existing volunteers have moved away or their personal situations have changed, the need for new volunteers is becoming more and more important.

Current volunteers tell us that they 'like driving and get a real kick out of seeing our passengers...getting together with their chums at the various coffee mornings and lunch clubs,' and that there is 'often lots of friendly banter with the passengers and fellow passenger assistant.'

Many tell us that being a volunteer gives them 'great pleasure,' the 'appreciation shown by passengers makes you feel good knowing you've made a difference to their day,' and that they've 'made good friends at T17.'

Volunteers appreciate that 'it only takes approximately 4 hrs of my day and just to see the results of happiness in our passengers makes it all worthwhile,' and importantly, 'the hours are reasonably flexible so can fit in around holidays and social life.'

This is a great time to join T17. Full training is provided for those who would like to volunteer as a minibuss driver or passenger assistant and clearly these are core roles within T17. However, there are many other roles and ways for individuals to volunteer with the organisation depending on the amount of

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Fiona Smith – Pen Picture

Fiona began her professional career working in the NHS as a Clinical Psychologist within a range of settings

and seeing clients of different ages. However the majority of her Clinical Psychology career was spent working with older adults who presented with a range of mental health problems and/or dementia.

Since the age of 14yrs, voluntary work has played a significant part in Fiona's life. Initially, being introduced to the voluntary sector through family members and by participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, she has been a volunteer at Topley Library since the Council closed the library and volunteers took over the running of it in 2014.

Fiona lives in Sheffield with her partner and two young children but was born, and grew up, in Cornwall and the county and its heritage remains important to her. She particularly enjoys spending time outdoors, and her interests include caring for and sustaining the environment and natural world around us, being part of a caring and supportive community, and spending time with friends.

Joanna Woodward – Pen Picture

Joanna joined the team at Age UK Sheffield in June 2017 as Community Development Officer to implement and develop the People Keeping Well network in the S17 area. In the last four years the partnership has grown exponentially and in April 2020 Age UK Sheffield were commissioned to further expand the People Keeping Well across the wider South West area.



Joanna now manages partnerships across the South West having recruited over 30 local partners including GP practices, Pharmacies, Healthcare providers, Community Support Officers, charities, churches, local activity and Transport providers, Libraries and local publications. The partners work together to increase activities and services and support existing provision to increase mental and physical well-being for every member of the community.

In addition to the People Keeping Well, Joanna also manages a number of older people's campaigning groups such as the Sheffield 50+, the Age Friendly Sheffield Steering group and the Intergenerational Age Partnership, as part of Sheffield City Councils Equality Partnership network.

Joanna grew up in S17 and now lives in Dronfield with her husband and 3 year old son.

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Organic Wildlife Gardening

The Totley Swift Group is doing a wonderful job establishing more swift boxes in the area and many homeowners are having them fitted to their houses. However I was not surprised to hear that swift numbers are significantly reduced. The reason given was the loss of insects both during their flight from Africa and here too.

Two years ago I had four swift boxes put up in a row, as they like to be close together, but so far no occupants. I did see a small flock fly past the end of my road heading for Dore, and am thinking of putting a sign pointing up my the road: 'DES RES FOR SWIFTS'.

I was also delighted to read about the proposed wildflower meadows in the church grounds on Totley Hall Lane. They should look wonderful in time and, while near the centre of the old village, they will also be near to Gillfield Wood which is a haven for wildlife itself and they will complement each other well.

The television programme "Gardeners' World" may be getting a little more environmentally-friendly as in a recent programme viewers were advised not to kill slugs as they can help to control aphids which can do so much damage. An important point and, hopefully, there will be further environmentally-friendly advice in the future.

In my garden, the plants in the patio border excelled themselves this year, with various species of bees visiting all day and in large numbers. The newly-introduced vipers bugloss with its tiny blue flowers was very popular, even with the larger bumble bees, along with the small scabious and marjoram. Hedge woundwort (a shade-loving plant) had seeded alongside in a very sunny spot and was extremely popular. It had also seeded elsewhere, so I removed those seed heads. Enough is enough!

When I first started to garden in an organic and environmentally-friendly way, one of the plants I chose was betony. It is very good for bees. However, this year, it bloomed later than normal, probably affected by the weather, and the flowers were not their normal bright red/purple, nor did they last as long as usual. Hopefully, it will be better next year.

Coincidentally, there was an article about betony in the spring edition of *Plantlife*, where it is described as a 'class act' as it is very fussy about being in the best of habitats. The writer was conservation consultant, Andy Byfield. He had found it on the Berkshire Downs racehorse gallops! Not the safest place to be, but he survived to write the article.

The Downs are chalk-based, whereas my garden soil is clay-based, but betony is happy on either as long as the soil is healthy. Andy was certain that while he had found a large number of betony plants in a 50 acre patch of grassland, along with other wild flowers, it was 'a rare fragment of intact plateau downland,

of a grassland type now gone from our landscape.' The fact that it had survived was because of its use for racehorse training!



Purple loosestrife (August on)

There were a few more butterflies here this year which is encouraging. They included the tiny but delightful orange tip butterflies, which had adapted to the new position of the garlic mustard (whose leaves support their caterpillars) in the border on the right of the garden. Others that came later were the small and large whites, small tortoiseshells that like the nettles, and a gate keeper. However, gardens could be supporting a lot more if we planted more native flowers.



Beautiful meadow cranesbill (June on)

One of the pleasures of writing articles for local magazines is that when friends from my childhood and teenage years who have moved away from the area years ago but still like to hear what is going on in the area in which they had lived, realise that they know me and get in touch. One friend, who now lives in Cornwall, is very kindly sending me helpful newspaper cuttings on invasive species.

This problem is serious. There are over a thousand different invasive plant species e.g. rhododendrons, buddleia, Himalayan balsam and Japanese rose,

and animals include European rabbits, grey squirrels, Canadian crayfish and Muntjac deer. The government is intending to stop the import of all foreign plants and animals. It is clearly not good that they are already here. They interrupt the balance of nature and, take up land that could be supporting native species.

If you have such a plant, try and persuade yourself to remove it. There are so many native species which are very attractive and better for our wildlife. The prettiest flower arrangement I ever saw was years ago at Hope Show.....forget-me-nots in a thimble, which had had got a red rosette!

I was delighted when blue tits nested in a bird box on a fence near the top of the garden but we did not see the fledglings emerge. Later the box was removed for cleaning and among the beautifully-constructed nest were the skeletons of five blue tits. The team from Springwatch reported that they are fed on the caterpillars of the winter moth, but the cold wet weather during May had delayed the opening of the buds on oak trees on which the caterpillars depend. Heavy rainfall, that was quite frequent, washed the caterpillars off the branches onto the ground where robins and blackbirds took advantage.

Some recent research suggests that birds should be able to support themselves in gardens without the use of feeders, if we plant native species and provide water. It could be much better for all birds and also reduce our carbon footprint as many bird foods come from abroad. I am giving it a try for now - at least, we have far fewer magpies and pigeons!

Finally, a quote by E B White (author of *Charlotte's Web*):

"I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man if he spent less time proving he can outwit nature and more time tasting her sweetness and respecting her sincerity".

Marian Tiddy

Ash Dieback

Ash dieback is a highly infectious disease affecting ash trees. It has killed up to 85% of ash in Northern Europe and has been spreading across the UK since 2012. The disease is now beginning to cause extensive dieback of ash in Sheffield. Once the disease reaches an advanced stage, affected trees can become unpredictably brittle and drop branches or fail.

Work will be taking place between now and the end February 2022 on the following sites to remove Ash Dieback affected trees which are in severe decline: Ecclesall Woods; Millhouses Park; Endcliffe Park; Whiteley Woods; Porter Clough & Mayfield Valley; Carr Bank Wood; Brincliffe Edge Woods.

Full details of how the disease is being managed can be found at:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/parks-sport-recreation/ash-dieback-disease>

Friends of Whirlow Brook Park

Since our last update, the Friends of Whirlow Brook Park (FoWP) have been extremely busy in the park. With increasing number of volunteers, we have worked hard in the sunken garden, but things were not going as fast as hoped so the Parks Department at Sheffield City Council moved in with a tractor and digger and cleared all the overgrown shrubs.

FoWP hope to have a design and plan shortly for new flower beds, but have already planted lavender at the top of the steps. SCC also removed two very overgrown conifers, which were breaking up the walls. These will be replaced by more appropriate trees with a kind donation from the Hallamshire Soroptimists.

More has been achieved in the sensory garden nearby, with the kids' maze being scrubbed and painted (still work in progress). And a lovely stone path has been discovered that was hidden under lots of shrubbery and weeds. At the gardening session on 2 October, there were around 20 volunteers including four students from Sheffield University.

FoWP's latest development is a new fence by the top car park, installed by the Friends and SCC gardener Grahame. It looks great! There are plans also to repaint the lines in the car park for more ease of parking.

The group also held its first General



The Council moved in with a tractor and digger to clear all the overgrown shrubs.

Meeting in Whirlow Brook Hall on 28th September, with around 40 Friends attending. A management committee was duly elected and a forward plan presented to the Friends. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Colin Ross, (Dore and Totley) with a talk on Flood alleviation in the Limb Brook by Roy Mosley from the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust.

Future plans for FoWP are to clear the ponds and around the pond edges, to repaint some of the park benches that are sadly looking a bit tired, and working with SCC to generally improve the look of the park. If you would like to volunteer then please visit our website at www.friendsofwhirlowbrookpark.org.uk

Volunteer sessions take place on the first Saturday of the month at 9.45am and on alternate Mondays and Wednesdays

each month. Sessions in November and December are: Saturday 6 November, Wednesday 17 November, Saturday 4 December, and Saturday 8 January.

Maggie Girling

Bradway Agewell Leisure Club

After eighteen months of covid restrictions, we resumed our meetings on 5th October. Members, both old and new, were once more able to enjoy socialising over coffee, followed by an interesting and well-presented talk by that morning's speaker, Mike Ogden.

Forthcoming meetings:

Tuesday 7th December

How the Victorians invented Christmas.
Talk by Susan Deal

Tuesday 4th January

Medieval and Tudor Garden Styles.
Talk by Maureen Taylor.

Tuesday 1st February

Darwin Talk by John Kirkman.

Meetings are held at South Sheffield Church, Greenhill Parkway (Next to fire station) Coffee and biscuits served from 10.00am until 10.20am, followed by a talk from the invited speaker

Currently, meetings are open to members only. Whilst we are unable to welcome visitors, we have limited availability for new membership. Should you be interested in joining please give me a call for further details.

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A 190-mile walking route around the boundary of the Peak District National Park was first published by CPRE some 4 years ago to celebrate the Park's creation. Now a new edition of the **Peak District Boundary Walk** updates the route stretching from the moorland tops of the South Pennines to the gentle limestone scenery of the Derbyshire Dales, through Staffordshire's rugged moorland and parts of Cheshire, not forgetting the urban edges of Sheffield and Oldham.

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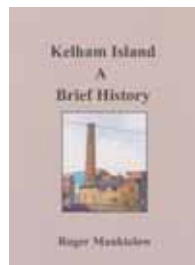
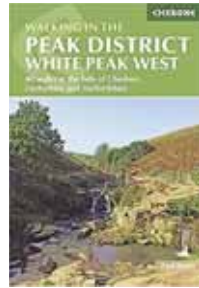
The book includes a detailed route description, Ordnance Survey 1:25,000-scale maps and information about places of interest and local facilities. Separate features examine some of the key national park issues and how the Friends of the Peak District have campaigned to safeguard our most precious landscapes.

Published by CPRE in A5 format, 160 pages price £12.95 ISBN: 9781909461536

Walking in the Peak District White Peak West offers a selection of 40 day walks for those wishing to explore the western section of the White Peak area. Starting in towns and villages including Castleton, Ilam, Buxton, Tideswell, Hartington and Longnor, these day walks showcase the best of the Peak District landscape and are suitable for walkers of all abilities.

Most of the walks range between 4 and 9 miles offering 2-4 hours walking or they can be combined into longer day out. Walks are gentle and follow well signed public footpaths where possible. Each features clear OS mapping and detailed route description with insights into the area's history, geology, art and culture. And there is plenty to explore with visits to historical sites from Neolithic, medieval and industrial periods

Published by Cicerone in pocket size, 224 pages price £12.95 ISBN: 9781852849771



Sheffield is Sweet Enough is a community campaign aimed at helping families to reduce their sugar intake and is the inspiration behind this little book of ideas. Collected together are suggestions on low-sugar tips and recipes so that everyone in Sheffield has the best chance of making better choices on sugar.

Ideas to fuel every food choice including; weaning, breakfasts, lunchboxes, snacks, and family meals. **The Sheffield Guide to Smart Sugar Swaps** aims to help avoid the dangers of too much sugar by sharing interesting facts on different foods, recommended daily limits, low-sugar swaps and recipes. To ensure everyone can benefit by access to a copy, there is a buy-1-give-1 scheme where for every book purchased, one will be given away for free to someone in the community through libraries and other public places.

Published by Meze Publishing, 21x21cm format, 96 pages price £12 ISBN: □ 9781910863848

Kelham Island is a well-known and popular district of Sheffield, but how much is known about its history and its origins? This new history of the Island seeks to explain that, tracing its origins from the 12th century to the present day, placing it in its historical, social and political contexts.

The island was built by Sir William de Lovetot, but why? Then what was the later role of Kelham Homer and his family, and why does the Island bear his name?

'Kelham Island a Brief History' was written during lockdown by Roger Manktelow a volunteer at the museum. In it he aims to answer some of the outstanding questions and will certainly stimulate some debate on the early history of the site.

The book, A5 70 pages is £7.99, and available direct from Roger at rogermanktelow@gmail.com

Ed. If you have read or seen a new book which you think might interest readers of the Bugle, please drop us an email to the address on page 2 and we will see if we can review it for our next issue.

Highway Code Changes

New rules on using motorways

If you're learning to drive or ride, you'll no doubt be studying the Highway Code to learn the rules of the road. The new rules on using motorways means it is as important as ever that you "check the Code" – and continue to do so on a regular basis. True for life, not just learners

The rules are updated when there are changes in the law which may happen while you are preparing for your practical test, or after you have passed. There have been 15 changes since 2015 alone. That means it's really important to stay up to

date, whether you've only had one lesson or held a licence for years.

These most recent changes refer to guidance on smart motorways. The 33 changes and two new rules include:

- clearer advice on where to stop in an emergency
 - the importance of not driving in a lane closed by a Red X
 - the use of variable speed limits to manage congestion
 - updated guidance on key factors that contribute to safety-related incidents, including unroadworthy vehicles, tailgating and driving in roadworks
- How to stay updated

It's easy to keep up to date with the Highway Code online. GOV.UK includes a list of the latest updates that have been made, so it's quick and easy to see what has changed. You can also sign up for email alerts whenever the Highway Code is updated. There is also an official Highway Code app.

You can also follow @HighwayCodeGB on Facebook to get regular road safety reminders and news of updates including theory tests, driving tests and instructor guidance.

See it all on the web:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code>

Transport of Delight

Have not the golden tones of autumn come upon us? The sunlit summer days have flown like swallows and I have not used more than a few pints of petrol, but the car is calling. It demands my best attention.

It is time for me to play the old game of hosepipe, soap and sponge, seeking out dirty and hidden places.

It has been a long time, too long. I am not moved as often as I used to be; in her youth the need came once a week, every week I tell you; I do not boast. The years have flown by; she is now not as young – but I am her protector! The harsh north wind shall not harm her, not acid air, nor yet the falling rain.

She is all I have. I shall make her look as she used to be, for well she has served me; countless miles have we travelled and not one yard to do I regret. Bespectacled, betrousered, I stand beguiled by her beauty; even though she has faded from the first flush of her youth and red rust has sullied her vigorous beauty.

I am in haste to begin. I moisten her body with water, to loosen the dirt, and then I wash her down. No man knows her body as well as I; my chamois leather eagerly seeks out her important hidden places for I am not afraid to reach above, around, below, beneath. I wash. I rinse. I polish. Out, damned spot!

Only when she is clean, dry, clear and sparkling in the sunshine do I proceed to sort out the interior. This requires effort equal to the very limit of my commitment. I bend to the task as I discover outdoor cooking equipment (befouled), umbrellas (bedraggled) and sundry bits of occasional flat-pack furniture.

All these I would return to their correct place of permanent storage if only one would come to mind. Next, I sweep out the boot and recover peat from a garden centre visit last year, sand from a seaside outing the year before, and needles from a trip to the tip with a Christmas tree the year before that.

My love stands sparkling in the noonday sun; I gird up my loins to dust and vacuum the interior cabin. The number and disparate nature of items



Rainbow over Dore, by Viv Savage

found under the two front seats never ceases to surprise me.

There are CDs without cases and cases without CDs but, amazingly, never do I discover matching pairs.

There are loose licorice allsorts, chocolate squares, high mountains of crumbs and cold yet sticky chips, suggestive of meals taken on the move. There are tissues fresh-folded, and tissues anointed with something. There is a piece of plastic of no discernible use: which will surely prove to be vital when thrown away.

I fling wide the back doors and loose the foul odour of the backseat squabs upon the unsuspecting air. Door pockets spill your worst! With extra mats front and rear, there is a surprising amount of carpet.

Despite the fact that my vacuum cleaner is as strong as seven horses, I still have to pick off all the hairs.

This car has to find room betwixt the front seats for a carapace the size of bonny baby's bath upturned, to house the handbrake, Sat-Nav and short gear shift; a four-track, six speaker entertainment system; switches to demist, defrost, depress and a knob marked **SPORT** that merely increases fuel consumption.

There are sockets for i-phone, i-pad, i-pod, i-books, i-tunes, i-movies and false eye-balls for all i-know. There is even provision in the console for seven

switches to control things that my car does not have!

This is disconcerting, as the only contraption my car does not currently have pre-fitted is a stair-lift.

It has been a long, hard road but the end of my journey is in sight; my Herculean endeavours are nearing completion; I rush to give the dash a quick flick of 'instant shine', treat the locks to rapid rust remover, polish the windows and gently wipe down my Polyputaketlon upholstery with a new microfibre cloth.

My celestial chariot is wearing its best bonnet. Wing mirrors take flight! My wagon prepares to roll!

Time for mutual admiration, man and machine in perfect harmony: the wife emerges from the kitchen. "Forsooth," says she, "hath not yon front tyre got a puncture?"

Robert Smith

Home for Life

Have you ever wondered what will happen to your pet should they outlive you? Looking after a pet means loving and caring for them, but it can also mean making plans for them if we pass away.

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Green Flag Awards

As the Green Flag Award scheme marks its Silver Jubilee, 15 parks in Sheffield are among more than 2,000 green spaces across the country, celebrating success this year. The award is the international quality mark for parks and green spaces, recognising environmental character, maintenance and visitor experience.

Since the start of the pandemic parks and green spaces have played a vital role for people as a place to relax, exercise and meet friends and family safely. Sheffield parks and countryside staff and volunteer groups such as Friends of Ecclesall Woods, have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to make sure the city's green spaces are well maintained for visitors, resulting in Sheffield once again retaining the high standards awarded to Green Flag sites.

Sheffield has more than 800 parks, green spaces and woodlands. To meet the requirements demanded by the scheme is testament to the hard work of the staff and volunteer groups who do so much to ensure that high standards of horticulture, safety and environmental management are met, and that parks support people to live healthy lives.



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Feb 2020 G&S concert at Whittington Methodist Church, with two members who are sadly no longer with us: Judy Savournin (front row left) and Jenny Bland (front row right) sandwiching our current secretary Gill Rugg

Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Despite the lack of summer in August, we have managed some very pleasant days out walking in and around the Peak District. Ann and I with some friends have done even better in the warmth of September, with walks from Cromford along the canal to High Peak Junction and most of the way up the hill opposite then back down to Cromford; pretty much every path in Chatsworth and Longshaw including Padley Gorge up to White Edge and a round walk from Rowsley including a 600 foot climb. I am now knackered.

At last we began rehearsals for our next show, The Pirates of Penzance, on Wednesday 8th September at Millhouses Methodist Church Hall. Hopefully, the majority of members will have received two doses of the vaccine so if the worst was to happen and someone did catch covid it should not be too problematic. Life is one long series of risks; we will just have to live with it.

This shown will be staged from Wednesday 6th April to Saturday 9th April 2022 at The Merlin Theatre, so watch this space for more details later. We will also be starting concert rehearsals soon so that we can hopefully lift everyone's spirits before Christmas. It may be that the concert will be on Saturday 4th December in the Dore Methodist Church but that date has yet to be confirmed. Please contact me on 0114 236 2299 for confirmation and tickets. Please keep your eyes peeled on Dore G&S Facebook page for more information.

A number of us attended a memorial service for Judy Savournin in late August. Judy who sadly died during the shut-down was one of our stalwarts and will be greatly missed but the service was a good one where both Jo, her daughter and John Jr. her son both sang wonderfully. Despite the sad occasion it was nice to meet up with many fellow performers and friends who we have not seen for over eighteen months.

A few of us managed to put on a concert in mid September at a week's notice! Mike Cox, a former member asked a few

of his friends to perform a concert at Whinfall for their funds and an excellent program provided an evening's entertainment filled with comic, standard and operatic pieces which the audience seemed to thoroughly enjoy. It was the first night out to any sort of entertainment for over 18 months.

I must say that it is nice to feel as if we are moving forward at last.

Keep your eyes open for the concert information and for more show details and Oh - don't forget to get your flu jab. I've had mine!

Keep safe and happy and here's hoping for a warm October and a mild winter.

Derek Habberjam

Cornish Blue Cheese and Broccoli Bake

Ready in 20 mins, serves 4

Ingredients:

400g penne or macaroni
1 red onion, roughly chopped
250g head broccoli, stalks chopped and florets halved
1 vegetable stock cube
1 tsp French or German mustard
200g pot half fat crème fraîche
100g crumbled Cornish Blue
4 tbsp fresh white breadcrumbs (or put 1 slice crustless white bread through a food processor)
½ tsp dried mixed herbs or thyme



Method:

Boil the pasta, onion and broccoli stalks in plenty of lightly salted boiling water for about 7 mins, then add the florets and cook for another 3 mins. Reserve about 400ml of the water, then drain the pasta and vegetables.

Return the reserved water to the pan and dissolve the stock cube, whisk in the mustard and crème fraîche, then season to taste. Bring to the boil. Stir in the drained pasta, vegetables and half the cheese, mixing until melted.

Heat the grill for 3 mins. Tip the pasta and vegetables into a shallow, ovenproof dish. Mix together the remaining Cornish Blue Cheese, breadcrumbs and herbs, then scatter on top.

Stand the dish on the base of a grill pan and grill for about 3 mins, turning if it starts to brown. Keep watching so the top doesn't start to burn or the cheese will toughen. Remove and leave to stand for 5 mins before serving.

Food Safety

Food Safety Alerts: These broadcast the dangers of some foods and their recall. Why do companies issue such alerts? They don't want to as it affects their reputation, reduces sales and reduces profits, but, it is the law that they do so, and to fail to do so is likely to bring a large fine. Tesco have recently

been fined over £7 Million Pounds for selling out of date food. The fine is so high, I suspect, as it is not the first time that they have done so.

You can register for these alerts at: <https://www.food.gov.uk/profile/manage/delivery>

You will need your email address and a password. There are many options to choose from.

What about date limits on food?

Best Before Date is an advisory date, the manufacturer saying that that is the date by which their extensive testing has found that the QUALITY of the food will have diminished. For example, a chocolate bar will have a best before date as the product will be safe after that date, due to its production methods or ingredients (Salt or sugar for example) but its appearance may well change – chocolate may get a white colouring on it. If the wrapper is unbroken, it is most unlikely to be mould, but just a discolouration, which will not harm the consumer.

Similarly, biscuits usually have a high sugar content, or will have been baked to a temperature high enough to kill off pathogens (harmful bacteria) and usually only need a best before date, as that is the date which the manufacturer has found, by extensive testing, to be the time by which the biscuit is likely to lose quality, i.e. may go soft.

Use by Date is a legal date. A manufacturer should carry out tests to determine the date at which the food may become dangerous, when bacteria within the product might have grown sufficiently to cause illness. The tests take into account the temperature at which it has been stored, and whether the food is wrapped/bottled/canned or open.

The declared requirement to store food in a fridge, for example, is as a result of the tests which have been carried out. Mould growth is an indication that such

controls have not been adhered to.

Should you eat food with unrequired mould on it? Many people will, or scrape off the surface mould, but I was told that the mould spores can go a centimetre deep, and it might still be dangerous for people with compromised immunity, or pregnancy.

Roger Hart, MCIEH (Retd)



Clare Collingworth receiving the Freemasons donation from Philip Haynes representing Britannia Mark Lodge, accompanied by Terry Sweet of Vulcan Mark and Alan Corbridge of Escafeld Mark.

Special donation to ST Luke's Hospice

ST Luke's Hospice has received a special donation from the Freemasons in memory of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. The St Luke's gift of £3,000 has been made as part of a £1.3 million wider grant distributed to more than 250 hospices across England and Wales to celebrate the life of the Duke, himself a Freemason, who died in April.

"We are delighted to have received this generous donation from the Mark Benevolent Fund," said St Luke's Senior Fundraising Manager Clare Collingworth. "Throughout the pandemic, our shops remained closed for many months and all our major fundraising events had to be put on hold, which has had a massive impact on our income streams".

"At the same time, our standard of care was never diminished and our services for the people of Sheffield never faltered. As we look to the future, this donation really does make a great difference and

we are very pleased that the Freemasons thought of us and our patients."

John Highfield

Sheffield Photographic Society

Programme of events
(P – Prints, D – Digital, AV – Audio Visual, Z - via Zoom)

All Tuesday evening meetings at St.Peter's Church are 7.40pm for a 7.50pm start (Zoom meetings 7.45pm start)

November 2021

1st to 14th "Perspectives 17" Our yearly Exhibition of members' prints in the Sheffield Winter Garden will be shown from Monday 1st November to Sunday 14th.

2nd Alison Taylor ARPS, will show images, entitled "Wellies required: Coastal Photography". (Z)

9th Digital Competition between Sheffield, Shillington and Solihull Photographic Societies. Judged by Christine Hodgson BA (Phot) ARPS CPAGB. (Z)

16th Chris Upton ARPS will present his talk "Thoresby: the end of the mine". (Z)

23rd Members' Print Competition - Round 2. Judged by Colin Williams CPAGB EFIAP. (Z)

30th Members' Evening, when Jonathan Elliott, Val Glenny and Erica Oram will show us their work. (Z)

December 2021

7th Xmas fun evening. (Z)

January 2022

4th The Ken Doney Trophy. Six digital images judged on a knockout basis. (D)

11th BBC nature cameraman Phil Savoie, will present his talk called "Up your photography". (Z)

18th Cris Janson-Piers, will present his talk "Animals in a Captive Environment", using Yorkshire Wildlife Park. (DP)

25th Members' images on this year's theme "My favourite five". (DP)

Visitors wishing to join an online meeting via Zoom please contact John Gorman by email: johngorman1943@outlook.com (Please make applications at least 4 days before the meeting date.)

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Perspectives 17 Exhibition

The Society's 17th Annual Perspectives Print Exhibition will be on display in the Sheffield Winter Garden from 12noon Monday 1st November to 2pm Sunday 14th November 2021.

The Exhibition, the first of the Society's season, (opened by Sian Brown – Head of Collections, Museum Sheffield), will be the Society's first public exhibition it has been able to organise since November 2019 due to the Covid-19 lockdown. This has been possible due to the dedication of member Linda Jackson, ably assisted by Mike Smith and John Scholey.

The key feature of this exhibition is to give our members the opportunity to display a panel of their images without any judging or selection involvement, and can embrace a wide range of contemporary photographic styles, including 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.

The exhibition will feature the work of 30 members plus a collection of "Old Sheffield" images by our long serving member Ray Brightman. There will be also a board celebrating the work of our past exhibition organiser Keith Allchin, who sadly passed away in 2020.

Visitors will be able to view this free exhibition during the normal opening hours of the Winter Garden. 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 was founded in 1864.

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The Days of the Week

What's happened to the days of the week? Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday... used to mean something. Since Coronavirus tied us to the house for months and months, and people started working from home, the days of the week seem to have merged into one another. I miss the time when each day was special.

Even television had days of the week: *Panorama* on Monday night, the *Wednesday Play*, (they were good), comedy shows on Fridays, first-division football each Saturday, and *Sunday Night at the London Palladium*. Now it's police dramas or quiz shows all the time. There's so much choice, but so much of it is rubbish.

When I was small, Dade never owned a car, so we missed out on all those trips into the countryside. I used to think everyone went to church on Sunday: it



A selection of just three photographs from Perspectives 17.

Top Left

*Eddie Sherwood -
Not for Squirreling
Away*

Above

*Robert Nixon-Betts
- Mandarin Duck*

Left

*Liz Pickering
- After the Rain*

was peaceful; shops closed, the roads were quiet. I was much older before I learnt that people went to worship on other days, and some never went at all.

Ours was a lie-in-bed, buttered toast, Sunday roast, kind of house; tinned peaches for tea every Sunday. We listened to music on Sunday afternoons: music from a radio with glowing valves in a walnut cabinet. On some Sundays we listened to records: big, black discs that broke easily so I wasn't allowed to touch.

We were all issued with clean pants and socks on Sunday, to last the week, so Monday was washing day. The shirts and sheets and socks and underwear were boiled up together and hung out to dry.

Monday meant sausages; no cold meat from the Sunday joint, we couldn't afford a Sunday joint that big. Tuesday was a serious day for a school boy: we were tested on the books we studied over the weekend. It was good preparation for later life. Some worked hard, some of us were lazy, and the truth came out.

Most feared was the history test: twenty questions and punishment if you didn't get at least ten correct. I'll never forget the day when Joe Green, our form's head boy, was caught with a crib sheet in his hand.

As he was called out, most of the class (including me) spoke up, "Please Sir, I was cheating as well, Sir." We all did it, and we were rightfully punished, but I've seldom felt prouder than I did at that moment.

On Wednesdays I went to choir practice. To sing in the Church Choir was an honour, and you got paid! For singing at three services, every Sunday, we were paid two shillings and sixpence every quarter day. We got five shillings for weddings and we once got paid £1 for singing at the funeral of a civic dignitary.

Thursday was cinema night. My parents owned a shop and they stuck the cinema poster in the window. In return we got a free pass. Mum and Dad were too busy to use it, so I went to the flicks on Thursdays.

I saw *The Belles of St Trinian's*, *The Cruel Sea*, *The Dambusters*, *Lady and the Tramp*, and *Rock Around the Clock*.

I was allowed to see any movie I wanted, but I suppose the watershed came in 1958, with the release of *The Night That Heaven Fell*, starring Brigitte Bardot. It deeply moved an impressionable thirteen year old. I was far too young to realise why they called her 'a sex kitten', but I knew I wanted one for Christmas.

Friday was pay day. I can still remember ripping open the envelope, checking the cash, (and stoppages), then straight home to settle my dues with Mum and sort out my spending money for the coming week. I suppose you merely check your bank balance on your mobile phone nowadays, surely not as much fun.

Saturday night was for dancing! Not in any clubs and pubs, usually in the Scout Hut or the Village Hall. No disco lights or big amplifiers but we danced to *Buddy Holly*, *Cliff Richard*, *The Clovers*, and *The Coasters*. We were all baby boomers, the *rock'n'roll* generation, and Saturday night set you up for the week ahead.

Please bring back the days of the week: the pensioners chatting outside the Post Office on Pension Day;

young mums sharing secrets in the queue on Clinic Day; the farmers taking stock to sell on Market Day; so much better than leading a lonely life working from home with only the Bin Day to look forward to.

Robert Smith