

Bradway Bugle

In and around Bradway, Greenhill, Dore & Totley

St Luke's Festival of Light

One of Sheffield's best loved Festive traditions will be making a sparkling return this December.

The St Luke's Hospice Festival of Light is the annual celebration that sees thousands of lights illuminate the charity's Little Common Lane garden, all dedicated in memory of loved ones. This year's event will be held on Sunday, December 4, hosted by BBC Radio Sheffield presenter and keen St Luke's supporter Paulette Edwards.

"Festival of Light is loved by St Luke's supporters and for many it is the start of the Festive season," said St Luke's Head of Fundraising Joasia Lesniak. "It's a time for us all to come together to remember and celebrate the lives of our loved ones in a very special way."

For the first time in 2022 visitors will be able to enjoy food provided by local street vendors - with both vegetarian and vegan options available - along with hot drinks and other refreshments. There will also be mulled wine and other seasonal drinks, with live music from Oughtibridge Brass Band and the Sheffield Hallmark of Harmony Choir.

First Bus will once again be providing a free Park and Ride service, with the first bus starting from the Abbeydale Road Tesco car park at approximately 4.30pm and the last bus leaving the hospice at 7.20pm.

The Little Common Lane gardens officially open at 5pm, with the ceremony scheduled to begin at 6pm.

"We are delighted to invite you to join us in our gardens for a special evening to remember and celebrate the lives of the ones you loved," said Joasia. It's a lovely time to come together and every penny raised helps us to provide vital care and support to our patient."

To find out more about the 2022 Festival of Light and how to support the event and make a donation simply visit www.stlukeshospice.org.uk/light

John Highfield

Carols by candlelight

An invitation to the wider community

You are invited to a 'Carols by Candlelight' Service at South Sheffield Evangelical Church, Greenhill Parkway (next to the fire Station) on Sunday December 18th at 4pm.

Refreshments provided after the service.



The famous Black Rocks outcrop above Cromford

Picture by Chris Morgan

Christmas at Longshaw

With its ancient woods and tumbling streams, Longshaw is a countryside haven on Sheffield's doorstep; a wonderful place to wander and discover spectacular views of the Peak District. The woods, moorlands and parklands are a place where impressive red deer roam, rare species of fungi thrive, and hay meadows are awash with wildflowers.

The team of National Trust rangers work hard year-round to protect this special landscape and encourage wildlife and nature to flourish. And at this time of year, they add another string to their bow by selling Christmas trees to raise funds for their vital work.

"We like to say a tree from Longshaw is not just for Christmas; as well as decorating your home for the festive season, a Christmas tree from Longshaw will also help look after the landscape and wildlife of the Peak District all year round," says Ranger, Mark Bull.

"All the money we raise through selling Christmas trees at Longshaw is put towards the conservation work we do, from erecting bird boxes in Padley Wood for declining bird species to restoring blanket bog in the High Peak to help tackle climate change."

The bird boxes the rangers have put up so far have provided a home to 276 piedflycatcher chicks, 16 kestrel chicks, 10 barn owl chicks and three tawny owl chicks. Work will continue this winter to

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Black Rocks Cafe

Why not visit the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust cafe at Black Rocks right in the heart of Derbyshire at the famous Black Rocks outcrop above Cromford. Pop in for a bite to eat! They are serving coffees, milkshakes, soft drinks, ice creams, and savoury snacks such as locally made sausage rolls, cheese and onion rolls. Vegan options are available

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Royal Mail stamps

Barcoded stamps were introduced in February to make deliveries more efficient and improve security. Now Royal Mail is urging people to use up regular 1st and 2nd Class "everyday" stamps that do not have a barcode by 31 January, when they will no longer be valid for postage.

You will still be able to use themed, commemorative and non-barcoded Christmas stamps after the deadline.

Anyone unable to use older everyday stamps by 31 January will be able to exchange them for newer barcoded ones free of charge. However, the older, non-barcoded stamps cannot be swapped at post offices. People will need to fill out a 'Swap Out' form and send the old stamps to a Royal Mail freepost address.

The Bugle story

The Bugle began life in February 1998 as a 12 page A4 black and white magazine on green mat paper. Its free circulation covered Bradway proper, only being extended to parts of Greenhill a little later. Its shape and content was influenced by that of the then Dore to Door, which is not surprising as the two publications shared the same editor.

It was the editors' realisation on his retirement from work that Bradway lacked a certain spirit of community, which led to the launch of the Bugle.

Initial costs were born by the editor and a handful of existing local community groups and foresighted advertisers. The first copies were delivered largely by the editor and his wife (also a long suffering proof reader), but local residents soon came forward to help. Six years later BAG was formed and eventually their members took over the doorstep delivery.

Before long the magazine covered its costs through advertising but strictly on a cost recovery basis, keeping advertising to the necessary minimum. More pages were added and then colour, always keeping a degree of editorial independence and a unique mix of local news and distinctive content.

And so to the present day. Over the past 25 years much in society has changed. People now have less time to give to community activities, leaving many organisations short of committee members and helpers. The growth of social media has changed how people communicate and added a constant sense of urgency to life.

In the publishing world the printed media are in decline, although book purchases are ironically currently going up. Finally I am not getting any younger.

So perhaps this is an appropriate time after all for the Bugle to come to a natural end. Maybe it will be revived at some

future date or perhaps come back in an electronic form, who knows.

As for me, I have thoroughly enjoyed the quarterly production challenge, the chance to meet and talk to so many people, and perhaps, just perhaps, the chance to influence the wider community in some small way.

John Baker
Editor (now retired!)



The first issue of the Bugle carried a picture of the later to be demolished Bradway Hotel and led with an article on traffic and local roads, plus an invitation for readers to contribute.

Inside were articles on Bradway & the Castle Inn; about Brook Hall on Mickley Lane; and threats to the Peak Park landscape. And yes the mystery of a public path to nowhere down the drive of Border View Farm which has never been resolved!

Did you know..

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From the summit of Wincobank Hill you can enjoy some fascinating views and monitor changes in the Don Valley.

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Memories of post-war Bradway

Christine has been talking to *The Bradway Bugle* about her recollections of her childhood growing up with her family at Adlington's Farm on Bradway Road during the 1940's and 50's. In those days, the farm was known as Ash Lea Farm, although many people may know it better as 'Adlingtons Farm'.

Christine's father, Thomas was the tenant farmer, following his father, another Thomas and grandfather Sidney who all farmed there. Christine, along with her older brother, Ron and elder sister Mollie enjoyed a 'rural' lifestyle and rode their ponies; Peggy, Cinders and Trixie, all over Bradway. Trixie was Christine's least favourite pony as it had a habit of kicking.

Ron rode in the local point-to-point races on a horse called Moonlight. On one occasion all the family took a trip to the races to watch Ron and just as he was about to win one particular race, he fell off and broke his shoulder! All their winning rosettes from the many gymkhanas they attended were pinned to the wall of the stable, until the time they were eaten by the calves housed there.

Ron seems to have been a bit of an unlucky lad as Christine recalls once when she was about 10, her brother was struck by lightning whilst fixing the metal fencing around Beauchief Hall, burning him across his face and chest. He still managed to drive his tractor home to get help.

Christine's Auntie was Annie Otter who lived further along Bradway Road, where

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Bradholme Court now stands. Annie was the local milk lady during the 1940's. Her milk cart was pulled by a succession of horses, all called Tommy. The milk cart would transport large churns and people would come from their homes with large jugs to collect the milk which was ladled straight from the churn.

Nellie Jebb, who lived at Bradway Lodge helped with the milk deliveries, as did Annie's husband Cyril. He later became one of the gardeners at Beauchief Hall and their son George Jebb also worked up at the Hall.

Annie also kept domestic animals although Christine remembers that Annie was most reluctant to kill them, especially her pigs. Christine would deliver eggs locally from a basket but, due to post war rationing, there was just one egg for each person.

Several of the places that Christine knew whilst growing up at Bradway have long since disappeared, such as the cricket pitch, where the fire station now stands. Across Bradway Road stood another farmhouse, Fox Hall. Whilst Fox Hall still exists, the farm is long gone and many of the fields became the Low Edges housing estate during the 1950's and 60's.

Other buildings such as Bowlers Cottages are still there, now attractive



Ash Lea Farm now known as 'Adlingtons Farm'



A team of plough horses and handlers on the farm

dwellings. Christine remembers when potted meat was made and sold from there.

Mr Munday was a local cobbler who lived in the cottage at the end of Edmund

Avenue. A garden party was held annually at nearby 'Wayside' owned then by the Oxley family. Stalls were laid out in the grounds with games and there were teas and cakes on offer. Christine remembers taking her ponies there to offer pony rides in the field at the front of the house.

This top photograph shows how close the Adlington Farm buildings were to the main road. The farmhouse was demolished around 1966 to make way for houses and some of the nearby fields became Elwood Road. Older Bradway residents may well remember that much of the land in this area, right up to the 'Rec', which was owned by Frank Crawshaw, were fields where typical crops were cereals and turnips.

Adlingtons Farm had pigs, cows, chickens and horses. The cows were all milked by hand and the family would have a constant supply of fresh milk to drink and sell. There are several stories told to this day of cows finding their way into gardens and eating the flowers.

Glynn Burgin & Mike Fairfax

Ed. See page 20 for Roger Tetley's recollections of war time Bradway and also of events at local Hall Farm and Grange Farm (page 22)

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Christmas at Longshaw

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clean out and repair or replace these boxes and ensure there are natural sites in woodlands at Longshaw for these bird populations to continue to increase.

Longshaw has been selling Christmas trees for nearly 50 years. "Children who used to come along with their grandparents are now bringing their own children, which is amazing to see," said Mark. "The trees are all British grown, all premium grade and all non-needle drop. Some are home grown here at Longshaw too.

We have five different types from 2ft to 14ft in size. Norway spruce is the traditional Christmas tree, and Nordmann fir is our best-selling variety. We also have blue spruce, which is a really nice colour, the long-needed lodgepole pine, and Fraser fir, which has that fantastic Christmas scent."

Chris Morgan from Bradway has been volunteering with the Longshaw Christmas tree sales since 2010: "We got a lot of snow that first year. It was cold and I did a lot of digging to get as many cars as possible into the car park and to reveal the trees. After 40 years in warm offices it was a change, but I loved it. I made friends with regular customers who've been coming each year for decades, some of whom I've met every year since.

I've helped deliver massive trees to large houses, pubs and churches and learned how best to look after the different types of trees we sell. Sales are getting earlier each year. I'll buy my own as soon as we open and keep it outside in a bucket of water until early December. That way it will still be good on the twelfth night. I'm looking forward to seeing all the happy young and old faces and sharing memories of Christmas trees past!"

Next year, money raised from Christmas tree sales will also go towards restoring wood pasture at Longshaw, enabling the rangers to plant more native trees such as rowan, oak, holly and hawthorn to provide more food and a

better habitat for wildlife. They'll also be planting individual trees across the estate that will grow as features in the landscape for many years to come.

On the limestone plateau above Stoney Middleton, flower seeds will be



Family help chooseing a suitable Chritmas tree

introduced across some of the fields to increase the number of species. The rangers will spread heather seed and plant bilberry where the soils are acidic, which will eventually produce a mosaic of habitats across the plateau area, with plenty of food for birds and insects.



Padley Gorge popular for walking

Festive Fun

As well as Christmas trees, there's a host of other activities coming up at Longshaw, making it the perfect place to come together for festive family fun.

Dru Lewis from Dore has volunteered at Longshaw for 15 years, welcoming visitors to the site: "There's always lots

of exciting things going on at Longshaw during Christmas. Buying your Christmas tree (then trying to get it into the car!), the wreath-making workshops and Christmas crafts.

There is a great family atmosphere at the Breakfast with Father Christmas event, and I love the collective festive feeling - all the staff, volunteers and visitors are excited for Christmas."

Families will be pleased to know that Father Christmas has made time in his busy December schedule to visit the Peak District - you can come and meet him at our much-loved event *Breakfast with Father Christmas* at the Longshaw café. There'll also be festive family craft sessions where children can make a Christmas decoration using natural materials gathered from Longshaw, and a free reindeer trail.

Wreath-making

In this workshop, visitors can create a traditional handmade wreath from natural materials. A beautiful-looking wreath can be produces with ivy, holly, fir and pinecones gathered from Longshaw and the surrounding area.

Walks

Longshaw is known for being excellent walking country and with the trees bare of leaves, winter is a wonderful time to take advantage of the amazing far-reaching views in the area. Meet up with family or friends, or take some time to yourself, for a rejuvenating walk in the crisp air of the Peaks.

Café

Our café will be open every day serving seasonal warm lunches and hot drinks - sit inside with far-reaching views across to Millstone Edge and Higger Tor, or grab a take-away coffee to accompany you on your wander round the estate.

Some activities are very popular and need to be booked in advance. Visit nationaltrust.org.uk for more information and to book your place.

Christmas tree sales are open every day from Saturday 26th November, 9.30am - 4pm at Longshaw Estate.

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We are looking forward to welcoming new members to come and join us and spend some valuable social time with us. Why not come along as a Visitor to see what it is like.

We have a programme of interesting Speakers who will deliver a wide choice of special subjects based on their own research and personal experiences. For more details contact: Les Baker tel: 07847 383636

Find a fiver for the food bank

When our two children were small, 40 years ago, we had an annual present-buying trip each Christmas. The children were given exactly £1 each, no more, to buy presents for Mummy, Daddy and each other. It was amazing what they got for 33p in charity shops, or Woolworths. The often had money left over.

I was an easy one to please. I'm always on the lookout for books, and I now also collect CD's or DVDs. I still treasure many of the second-hand books I received, and we have not given up the family tradition. Our Christmas presents to each other are often second-hand, although we do pay a bit more nowadays.

It can be great: I get bags full of books instead of just one, I've seen DVD's on offer at ten-for-a-pound, but the point is that it's not about money. The fun is in finding an item that somebody else might enjoy.

We don't store it all. After a while, most ornaments and novelties find their way back to a charity shop. Christmas Morning is as much fun as it ever was, opening presents around the tree, expecting surprises.

This does leave us with rather more cash-in-hand than we would have if we all flashed our credit cards. What should we do with it? Where should it go? This year I shall be spending it at the Food Bank again.

It is a pity we have to have food banks

but we are where we are, and apportioning blame helps nobody. There are people without jobs; people stuck in bad jobs (which can be much, much worse, believe me), people with long term illness or with problems that have no easy solution. There are people in trouble,

I am not ready to judge why they come to need our help; it's enough that the children don't go hungry.

Please find a fiver to fill the foodbank and, if you've had a good year, why not make it fifty pounds?

Robert Smith

Beauchief Environment Group

We follow a programme of work agreed with Sheffield City Council. 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 Estate, Abbeydale Golf Club and Beauchief Hall. Work undertaken from August onwards includes:

- * repairing a metal fence, which had been obstructing the cobbled path between Abbeydale Golf Club and Beauchief Hall;

- * cutting back blackthorn and brambles encroaching on Gulleys Wood Meadow, after mowing by Abbeydale Golf Club;

- * removing vegetation encroaching on

the heather patch on Little Wood Bank;
* repairing a broken step in Parkbank Wood;

- * clearing unwanted vegetation in overgrown areas around Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet and replacing it with sedge, shrubs and lavender;

- * building a retaining wall at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet;

- * cutting back vegetation encroaching on the tree nursery, orchard and small meadow near Beauchief Allotments after they were mowed by SCC;

- * repairing a dry stone wall behind the deer park;

- * litter picking across the area.

In addition to our regular activities, we participated in Greenhill's Big Green Week, having a stall at the Library event on 24 September, and leading a walk from Beauchief Abbey around the local woods on 26 September. We also held a social evening for members at the Library on 8 October.

Work during the next two months is likely to include using surfacing material provided by SCC to improve paths in the area, various jobs in Parkbank Wood, planting a commemorative tree to mark the Jubilee near Beauchief Allotments, and cutting back and burning gorse on Little Wood Bank.

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Jon Smith

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What you may not know is Whirlow is an educational charity; existing to support some of our city's most vulnerable children and young people. Behind the scenes of the beautiful countryside setting, their team support children and young people facing a complex combination of difficulties, including medical and mental health conditions, learning needs and disabilities, and heart-breaking personal circumstances.

Whether their students are living with cancer, anxiety, autism, or ADHD; overcoming neglect or coping with bereavement, this unique farm provides a safe, nurturing environment that equips them with the tools to learn, grow in confidence, self-esteem, and resilience.

With Christmas on the horizon, our attention turns to giving, Christmas trees, the amazing Christmas lunch on Christmas day and trips out with family and friends. Whirlow Hall Farm is a hive of activity and by making a trip or purchase with them, you will be directly supporting all the valuable work they do.

So, what is happening on the farm ?



Butcher Ash in the farm shop



Close up with a chicken as held by Jen one of the farm helpers

Well, the free-range turkeys are growing nicely, and their plethora of Christmas trees in the bottom yard means they have a tree to suit everyone, you can even go into the field and they will cut one down for you if preferred. The farm shop is full of festive treats including their very own Whirlow Wine (red, white, rose, and sparkling rose) made from grapes grown at the farm in their own vineyard!

This fantastic local community farm love nothing more than welcoming visitors to their fundraising events, and have two special Christmas Events planned for this year. The Christmas Fayre sponsored by local company GRI Group is on the 26th and 27th November which includes a Christmas market, Santa's Grotto, Hog Roast, and food stalls, the Grinch plus loads more! Adults are just £6, and kids go FREE!

If the queue for Santa fills you with dread, they also have an immersive, more personal Christmas Experience taking place on 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th of December. This event is full of magic for your little ones, with one-on-one time with Mrs Claus, the elves and Santa himself!

Tickets for both events are available via

www.whirlowhallfarm.org.

We really hope you will support this local farm and charity over the festive period. If you would like to find out more about their work, or are able to support them in other ways, please contact their fundraising team on events@whirlowhallfarm.org

Merry Christmas from everyone at Whirlow!

Bradway School

Over the years parents have sometimes raised concerns with me about the behaviour of certain children in the school. It might be that these children have caused disruption in class or have been unkind or aggressive to their child or other children. Of course, in any school, there will always be a number of children struggling in this way and we work hard at Bradway, with considerable success, to support such individuals.

However, with children, and adults, there is no 'magic bullet' to sort out behavioural difficulties and it can take a great deal of time to get to the root cause. Much time is spent talking to the child, developing relationships and trust, and exploring whatever has led to the behaviour.

Being an inclusive and welcoming school, seeking to avoid exclusion whenever possible can be very challenging, and sometimes it is hard for parents to understand or accept that improving behaviour, and supporting children with their issues takes time, and that there may be many setbacks on the way. Indeed, not everyone agrees that inclusion is desirable at all with some people believing that disruptive pupils should be removed from mainstream schools and placed in special schools.

Although we are justifiably proud of our inclusive provision at Bradway, over the summer we invested in a new 'enrichment hub' building, dedicated to providing extra support to children who need it, as well as enrichment activities for the wider school population.

This building is staffed by a teacher, Rachel Owens, who is trained to support children with mental health issues, as well as those with special needs. We are excited to be working together with community partners to create a range of activities for pupils to access, as well as parent workshops.

All children will benefit from this fantastic new resource, and it comes at a time when such support has never been needed more. Sadly, following the privations and challenges of lockdown, some children are still struggling to come to terms with what they have gone through, and there are not the external services to support them. Mental health services for example, have a waiting time of 18 months and others aren't much better.

To make up for this worrying dearth in external support, we hope that, in time, our hub can help us to better support our

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most vulnerable pupils, and that even the most sceptical of parents will recognise the importance of going the extra mile for our most challenging children. We owe it to them.

This may be the last Bugle for some time, and so I would like to take the final opportunity to ask if anyone in the community has a skill that they would be willing to share, or time to spare for volunteering in school. If so, we would love to hear from you on 01142363723 or enquiries@bradway.sheffield.sch.uk.

Paul Stockley (Headmaster)
Bradway Primary School
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Gilbert & Sullivan Society

For the last two years I don't think I've written one of these articles without a mention of Covid. Barring a catastrophe this is the last time it gets a mention! Ann and I have had our winter booster and our flu jab. There, that's it.

The 50th anniversary dinner was a huge success. Thankfully there were still founder members still on the planet who turned up together with many past members. It was a delight to see them and catch up with old friends. There was a prodigious amount of musical talent in the room from John Wade, Peter Maxwell, Stephen Andrews and Mike Tippler to name but four to the present members like Charlotte Waring, Alex

Christmas Concert

Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society
Saturday 17th December at 2:30pm
 Dore Methodist Church,
 For tickets Phone 07565 805405

Hayward-Browne and Pete Geary. I am sorry I cannot name everyone. It was a joy to see them all again.

In mid October we gave a splendid concert in Bolsover. It was a full programme of Gilbert and Sullivan music including some lesser known but beautiful pieces from such as Ivanhoe which Sullivan wrote in collaboration with Julian Sturgis and not W.S.Gilbert and The Emerald Isle which he wrote with Basil Hood. One piece we sang from it, "Come away cries the Fairy voice" is said to be the last piece Sullivan wrote.

That song is gorgeous. He died before he finished the operetta and the powers that be drafted in Edward German (who wrote Merrie England and Tom Jones) to finish the work. Sullivan was very clever at writing double choruses where the ladies sing one melody on their own, the gentlemen sing a different melody on their own then the two combine singing their own tunes together where they fit together perfectly. They are always a joy to sing and they included one in most operettas, a couple were included in the concert programme.

We had to work hard to learn the unfamiliar numbers but it was worth it. The evening was such a success that our host at Bolsover Assembly Hall invited us back next year. Martin Yates, our musical director worked wonders with us to get the music just right. We are extremely lucky to have Martin. He is Chairman of The Sir Arthur Sullivan Society and a renowned authority on the operettas.

In December we have our usual Christmas concert at Dore Methodist Church. It will be at 2:30pm on Saturday, December 17th. For tickets phone 07565 805405. If you need further information you can phone me as usual on 01142362299.

Finally, Ann and I have just booked flights to visit another former member, Richard McKeown and his family who many of you might remember as he played many leading roles including Ludwig in The Grand Duke, Luiz in The Gondoliers and Pooh Bar in The Mikado.

While his wife, Jenny also took leading roles such as Liza in The Grand Duke, Cassilda in The Gondoliers, Princess Zara in Utopia Ltd and Yum-Yum in The Mikado as well as singing in our concerts where Richard often joined me with Flanders and Swann numbers. They now live in Iceland so we'll have to dig our thermals out and hope the volcanoes are not too active.

Don't forget the Christmas concert where we would be delighted to see you.

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Bradway Birds

After commenting on Bradway's birds for 25 years, it's perhaps time for some concluding thoughts.

The suburb is reasonably friendly to wildlife, because it has many gardens of above average size, street trees and woods. However, it has not been immune to the general decline in Britain's natural history; we are Europe's most depleted country.

Furthermore, average garden size has decreased, partly because large houses with gardens are sold and replaced by several tightly packed houses, but more because front gardens are paved over for parking or easy maintenance.

Two species that were regarded almost as pests until the 1980's were starlings and house sparrows. The massive national decline of these two didn't show here until 2005, or so. Then both fell by 2/3rds or at least in a handful of years.

The decline is still not fully explained and might not be the same combination of factors in every bit of Britain. Failure of the young to be strong enough in their first autumn is often cited, meaning that fewer make it through the winter to breed in the following spring. Meanwhile, older birds are dying and not being replaced.

Lack of spring and summer food would cause this weakness. Environmental degradation would lead to fewer fruits, seeds, insects, worms and grubs for the parents to feed to the young.

Starlings seem to have stabilized at the new lower level, and I see and hear far more sparrows than five and ten years ago. This is encouraging but hard to explain, because our environment is certainly no better than it was then.

Another local and welcome change is that more people are letting garden patches and lawns grow wild. This will certainly help sparrows and starlings feed



their young more fully. If there is a local improvement, this is it.

Also down are greenfinches and now chaffinches, as a result of chest infections, probably a crossover virus from the pigeon family. Pigeons themselves can live with the virus, a fact that will annoy some people.

A solid bunch of birds has remained pretty stable for me three decades plus in Bradway, and many of them are well loved species. Blackbirds run, chase, and sing in great numbers. Robins and Dunnocks are everywhere and can obviously survive in small territories. Wrens fall into the same category.

I see and hear blue, great and coal tits every day. There have been lean breeding years, but a bounce back has always followed. Long tailed tits are more common than they used to be. Goldfinches are little beauties that have increased many-fold.

Crows are common and of course very noticeable. Magpies and the saucy jackdaw have increased until a recent levelling off. Nuthatches and woodpeckers are excellent birds, preferring the woods but not at all afraid to visit gardens.

Woodpigeons have increased rapidly. Several are in our garden at any time of day. They never visit the countryside. They sing(!) all year round, often very near to bedroom windows. Yet how resourceful they must be to thrive so well when sparrows and starlings struggle. They are clearly well able to find food, shelter and breeding sites.

Sparrowhawks and tawny owls are about the same now as before 2000, but the remarkable newcomer is the buzzard. Never seen before 2000 in Bradway, now two or three are very frequently in the sky somewhere over our suburb.

For the future, please minimize your chemical attack on slugs, snails, greenfly, ants and weeds. All the sprays degrade the environment and have unintended side effects.

Try to leave wild patches for native

plants and invertebrates. These are the basis of all bird and mammal food chains.

Leave gaps for hedgehogs, but not bread and milk. Please feed the birds all year; in spring, the parents can feed themselves easily and devote more time to their young. Later, the young can grow into a condition better equipped for the winter to come.

John Kirkman

From your local MP

I hope everyone in Hallam was able to enjoy the summer, stay safe in the heat and have some time off. I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of the Queen. I know she was much loved by many across our city and I have really enjoyed people's memories of her visits to Yorkshire. I joined the tributes in Sheffield and in Parliament and attended the King's address in Westminster.

I've spent the last couple of months knocking on doors to hear how the cost of living crisis and bus cuts are affecting people locally. I want to thank everyone who has been supporting people across our constituency, whether through food banks or community events. If you are struggling to pay your bills or are worried about how you will make ends meet come the autumn, please get in touch with my office and we will do everything we can to support you.

Nationally I am campaigning for an immediate cut to energy bills, paid for by a windfall tax on the huge profits of North Sea oil and gas companies. I am also joining calls from the National Education Union for the introduction of universal free school meals. Our country is facing a cost of living scandal and the Government needs to take urgent action to ensure no child in our city goes hungry at school.

Over the summer I visited Regather Cooperative, a sustainable food worker-owned, co-op in Sheffield. It was great to hear about the projects they are running and visit their farm in North East Derbyshire. Huge thanks to all those working to deliver sustainable food across our city. In Parliament I called on the Government to do more to support community run food projects as part of a longer-term strategy to increase local food sovereignty and ensure the Right to Food.

As many of you will know, for the past two years I have been campaigning for better care for people who experience miscarriage and this month the Government finally published its much awaited Women's Health Strategy. However instead of honouring its commitments to recording miscarriage data and 24/7 care, the strategy offers little in the way of concrete reform. Pushing reform further into the long grass is unacceptable. People right now are being left to suffer in silence, turned away from support.

I will continue to work to ensure people receive care and advice after every loss,

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24/7 support is available to all, and every miscarriage is recorded. I have already met with the Minister to express my concerns with the women's health strategy and I will be calling for further reform in the up and coming Pregnancy Loss Review.

As the RSPB Hen Harrier Species Champion, I joined Chris Packham and Wild Justice at this year's Hen Harrier Fest to celebrate the beautiful Hen Harrier and discuss what we can do to protect it. I will continue to work with campaigners in Sheffield and across the country to defend this important species.

I also know many people in our constituency are concerned about the burning that is taking place on our precious peatlands. We need a full ban on burning on peatland, a properly resourced regime for enforcing the law, and a serious strategy for restoring these habitats.

Following the record-breaking heatwave temperatures over the summer, minds have once again been focused on the climate and nature emergency. I have been working hard to hold the new Government to account on the urgent need for climate action. We need rapid investment in real green technologies.

In Parliament I questioned Ministers on the Government's net-zero strategy, and why it fell short of what is needed to meet our legally binding net-zero targets. I am also proud to be supporting the Climate and Ecology Bill in Westminster.

Buses are a vital lifeline in communities like ours. The unwillingness we've seen from both bus companies and from the

Government to come to the table and discuss how they are going to stop the cuts, really speaks volumes. At the time of writing, I am about to hold a public meeting with South Yorkshire Mayor Oliver Coppard for anyone in Sheffield Hallam who's been impacted by the bus cuts, so that we can come together and discuss the action we need to see to save our services.

If you would like to hear more about what I have been getting up to, you can sign up to my monthly newsletter on my website, and as always, please do get in touch if there are issues you would like me to speak about or campaigns I should join.

Olivia Blake
MP for Sheffield Hallam
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Local Pubs and Beer

As we head towards that time of year, the Castle Inn and Shepley Spitfire are both taking bookings for their Christmas menus.

The bigger news from the local pub scene is however the long awaited opening of the Tunnel Tap micropub and bottle shop down at Totley Rise shops on 21 October. It is a small neighbourhood bar to go to for conversation over a nice drink, named after the nearby Totley tunnel on the railway line to Manchester; It is located in a former shop unit previously occupied by Albion Detection Systems.

The beer choice is across 8 keg taps

with a focus mainly on independent craft breweries such as Abbeydale and Buxton so although there is no cask beer it does still appear to have the most interesting range in S17! The range in bottles and cans is also available for take home sales. The bar is open until 10pm daily, more information on their Facebook page.

Sheffield CAMRA's Steel City Beer & Cider Festival took place in October at Kelham Island Museum and all the breweries in the Sheffield & District area were invited to enter a cask beer into a "Champion Beer of Sheffield" competition. The winner was True North Brewery's newly launched Devka IPA with Silver going to Stancill Barnsley Bitter and Bronze to Neepsend Myron.

With pubs moving on from Halloween parties to Christmas, so are breweries! At Abbeydale after brewing a pumpkin ale for Halloween, the November/December seasonals include "Doctor Morton's Suspiciously Seasonal Christmas Hamster" (a 4.1% pale ale) and the latest in their "Deliverance" series of IPAs brewed in collaboration with Yakama Chief hops using the Sabro, Talus and HBC472 varieties. This is a fairly strong beer at 7% ABV and described as aromatic and flavoursome, with juicy citrus and lashings of creamy coconut flavour.

For more news from the local pub and beer scene, visit the Sheffield Campaign for Real Ale's website - sheffield.camra.org.uk or pick up a free "Beer Matters magazine" available in many pubs around the area.

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Councillors Update

Remarkable this is the 100th edition of the Bradway Bugle and that is a real cause to celebrate. One person above all deserves a huge amount of credit for this achievement and that is John Baker who has been editor, copy writer, proof-reader, distributor and general dogs body throughout all this time! John will be sadly missed as the driving force behind the Bugle.

The Bugle is a tremendous community magazine and it has helped to inform, entertain and generate a community feel throughout its existence. Credit must also go to the numerous regular contributors and deliverers who have enabled all Bradway residents to receive their quarterly copy. So a big THANK YOU to all involved in the Bradway Bugle in whatever way.

In other news –

Construction of the Whirlowbrook café is finally underway. We have been reporting on this in previous editions and are pleased that for next year there will be a place to sit, have a coffee and admire this gem of a park. The Friends Group and U3A are certainly making an impact and there is much to admire in the park at whichever season you visit.

There is a significant underperformance by Amey on the streets ahead contract leading to many roads across the city not being maintained in good time to the specified standard, and your three councillors are getting many reports of this in Dore & Totley ward.

As chair of the Waste and Street Scene committee Joe Otten will be summoning Amey to explain their plan to get back up to standard at the meeting of the committee in December. Amey are currently paying financial penalties for their underperformance and are in the

process of being sold by their parent company.

The Council committee that Joe chairs - Waste and Street Scene - is bringing in a new initiative to support volunteer litter pickers. At long last the materials they need (grabbers, bags etc) will be made on



Joe Otten with cllrs Cliff Woodcraft and Tim Huggan on an inspection visit to the anaerobic digester

available in some local libraries rather than expecting them to go to Ecclesfield on a Wednesday afternoon. Ecclesall Library is included (but not Totley Library unfortunately) which should make it easier for our wonderful volunteers who help keep our city clean and tidy.

Another fresh initiative from Joe as chair of this committee is that 8000 homes across the city have been involved in a trial where food waste is collected separately every week. It is then sent for anaerobic digestion which efficiently extracts the energy from the food waste and produces fertiliser that is used in agriculture. We are hoping to roll this out across the city when funding is available.

We're pleased to report that a second Vehicle Activated Sign is now being rotated around different locations in the ward. It differs from the one on Baslow Road in that they only displays a warning when a vehicle is detected breaking the speed limit. The equipment also keeps a record of the average speed and the number of speeding vehicles in a particular location, both of which help inform other enforcement activity.

The financial situation at the Council remains very serious with a predicted overspend this year of approximately £18 million. Every Councillor in the city has been involved in cross-party discussions on what actions can be taken to reduce the deficit. Good progress has been made but a significant gap remains and it is unlikely that additional funds will be available from central government. Some difficult decisions may have to be taken before the end of the financial year.

More positively as Chair of the Economic Development Committee, Martin has been working on the next phase of the city's post-covid economic recovery plans and a second batch of grant funding for local projects should be available in the new year.

He was also involved in the city's bid for the Eurovision Song Contest. We

were really pleased to make the shortlist and it's a shame that we didn't win the final vote, but the favourable publicity that Sheffield received during the process may lead to other opportunities in the future. The economic benefits of hosting major events like the Women's Euros are tremendous.

The South West Local Area Committee has secured some additional support for youth provision. This will be used to provided youth workers who will target groups in the local parks with the intention of engaging the young people and preventing any anti - social behaviour.

Our regular surgeries are at Totley Library on the second Monday of each month at 6-7 pm and at Dore Old School on the second Saturday at 10.30 to noon.

Or you can contact us by email on joe.otten@councillor.sheffield.gov.uk martin.smith@councillor.sheffield.gov.uk colin.ross@councillor.sheffield.gov.uk

Bradway Scouts

As the nights draw in, we have been taking advantage of what little daylight there has been for our evening meetings, while also planning for being indoors every week for the next few months

Beavers took advantage of the last few light evenings to have a walk through Ecclesall woods. Since then they have been working on the Personal and Teamwork challenge badges. They also recently completed the Experiment activity badge making fake blood, colourful volcanoes, slime and colourful layers in a jar, a messy time was enjoyed by all! They have now started on some map work and first aid activities as part of the Teamwork badge.

Cubs have had a creative few weeks. We celebrated National Poetry Day – Cubs wrote their own poems and limericks (some interesting themes!) and bravely read some out loud whilst parents were listening in! We have also had some quality acting as Cubs wrote and performed some hazardous scenarios that could arise from not following the countryside code. We definitely have some budding naturalists (our current badge), many Cubs have enjoyed identifying and learning about our native trees and we will be doing some 'leaf art' soon.

As we will be inside up to Christmas, we plan to cultivate our young scientists with a range of exciting (and mostly safe!!) experiments so they can earn their Scientist badge. We will end the year with our usual Christmas party!

We will be saying goodbye to a number of older Cubs in January which leaves us space for any interested youngsters who want to give Cubs a try.

The Scouts provided two teams of four for the 24-hour "Survival Camp" competition, where they were required to build shelters, sleep in them and cook

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both their evening meal and their breakfast over wood fires. Nobody died. There was a lot of enthusiasm for this, so the whole Troop practised the skills before the event. One of our teams achieved third place.

Back indoors, the Scouts also worked on their problem-solving skills, and they were introduced to indoor archery and air-rifle shooting under the supervision of Leaders from our District Explorer Scout Unit. Then they were outdoors again, studying the night sky on a hike under the Hunter Moon.

The run-up to Christmas will include team-building, a possible overnight expedition at half-term, preparations for the traditional famous Christmas meal for a mystery celebrity, and the ever popular Scout Splash at the end of November. Then we'll be into the new year when the District Indoor Cooking competition beckons and we will begin planning for Summer Camp 2023.

Never again

Time moves on; things change, and not always for the better. Our High Streets are full of empty shops: never again will I have the pleasure of pottering around in *Woolworth's*, buying cheap furniture at *M.F.I.*, choosing cameras in *Dixon's* or table-lamps at *BHS*. Even butchers and bakers are becoming a rare breed.

It is increasingly unlikely that I will encounter an ironmonger, newsagents',

fishmonger or greengrocer.

In fact, I despair of finding a small town where streets aren't deserted after four o'clock every weekday.

I suppose people have a right to shop where they choose but we're no longer a 'nation of shopkeepers'.

Never again will I be young, or blunder about in that ungainly manner which we referred to as dancing.

I won't spend evenings with my ear pressed to the loudspeaker of a wireless to find Radio Luxembourg, go at the record shop to buy the Top 20 hit, and rush home to spend hours listening to 45 rpm records.

Never again will I read *Punch*, *Parade*, or *Picture Post*; go to a cinema with a commissionaire on the door;

have the milkman call every day, (including Christmas Day), or post over a hundred Christmas Cards.

I won't eat a *Lyon's Fruit Pie*, or suck *Opal Fruits* or *Spangles* again. But it gets far more serious than that.

Never again will I stand at the altar and repeat the words "I take you... to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health. Until Death do us part."

Never again will I hold our new-born babes and dedicate my life to nurturing and protecting them both.

Never again will I experience the pleasure of slipping into a brand-new, made to measure, Burton suit; turning the key on our first new house; starting a

large, luxury car and thinking 'where shall I go today'; run downstairs to pick up the mail, tear open an envelope and shout, "The letter's come! I got the job!"

Never again will I fight my way forward through the ranks of business to see my name on an office door; nor will I imagine that so-called success means security, stable income, satisfaction or sound judgement. Each new day brings fresh challenges, and a house of business cards can suddenly come tumbling down.

I won't cycle 50 miles for fun, make snow balls, sit examinations, shave with a blade, smoke cigarettes,

dine at a *Berni Inn*, find a pair of shoes that fit properly, go to *Bullin's*, or stand on the top of a mountain: drink coffee and wine in the Piazza San Marco, give a lecture, be paid to write a book or sit at top table.

Never again will I join in singing, 'God Save the Queen'. I mourn the passing of that noble lady deeply, though I don't quite know why. She was part of my life; perhaps the end of the second Elizabethan Age reminds me of my own mortality. I do know that things will never be the same again. They never are.

Never again will be my pleasure and privilege to write bits to the *Bradway Bugle* and see them printed.

Robert Smith

I thank John Baker and congratulate him on his enormous achievement in editing the *Bugle* for 25 years. May he enjoy a long and happy retirement, he deserves it.

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Totley Library

2022 has thankfully seen Totley Library gradually able to get back to pre-pandemic services and welcome the return of community groups and events. We have been very pleased to welcome more volunteers and see many new families visiting as part of a growing and diverse population of library users.

Our Summer Reading Challenge was a great success with 275 children participating and 90 new library members as a result. We would particularly like to encourage more involvement from local schools and young people to recommend books and events they would like to see taking place.

The library is always in need of new volunteers to help deliver our events and activities. If you have a few hours to spare a month and are interested in meeting new people and getting more involved with a local charity we would love to hear from you.

We are seeking support for Storytime activities on Wednesday morning (term time only); front of house help for our monthly cinema screenings and our gardening group would love an extra pair of hands to keep the library grounds looking attractive and to help grow plants for sale at our annual plant sale in the spring.

Finally, if you are handy on the computer and can support the marketing and promotion of our activities that would be very useful. Please email totleylibrary@gmail.com and put 'Volunteers' in the subject heading if you or someone you know would be interested.

We are delighted to have been awarded grant funding for the replacement of the heating system in the Children's library. Sheffield Town Hall Trust granted Totley CRIC £2,500 and the National Lottery Community Fund has awarded £5,100 towards the costs.

Trustees and volunteers are delighted

by this support which ensures our library is now effectively heated for all visitors and users.

The Lord Mayor Reading Challenge

The Lord Mayor has invited individuals, families, schools, community groups, and businesses to share in the simple joy of and power of reading through to April 2023! <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries-archives/lord-mayors-big-read>

Borrow printed books from the library three times before Christmas and you will be entered into a prize draw to win one of ten £50 book tokens.

The reading challenge is running across all Sheffield public libraries and is open to library users of all ages.

EVENTS

Totley Library Author Event, (Free)

Thursday 17 November, 1.30pm

Join Peter Carter, author of *Sheffield Before Sherlock* to hear some true cases of Victorian crime detection.

Totley Library Christmas Fair,

Sunday 4 December 12 - 4pm

Book sale, Santa's Grotto, craft stalls, cakes and refreshments

Live Folk Music Event Tickets £7

Friday 13 January 7.30pm

Come and enjoy an evening of exceptional music and singing from New Horizons, Pete Burnett, Graham Pratt, Offshoots and Rare Occasion

Totley Library Cinema

Our cinema programme is now available for booking in person or by calling 0114 236 3971. Refreshments are served at all films. Raffle tickets: £3 per adult and £1.50 per child. Thursday matinee films are FREE for over 65s.

Thursday 10 November 3pm - The Last Bus (12) Gentle drama starring Timothy Spall

Sunday 20 November 2pm - Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (PG) Children's animation
Friday 25 November 7pm - Official Secrets (15) Spy thriller starring Keira Knightly

Thursday 19 January, 3pm - Mrs

Harris Goes to Paris (PG) Feel good film starring Lesley Manville

Sunday 22 January, 2pm - Jumani: The Next Level (12) Family comedy starring Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart

Friday 27 January, 7pm - Operation Mincemeat (12) Second World War drama based on a true story starring Colin Firth

*Julie Kitlowski,
Chair of Totley CRIC*

Friends of Graves Park

Finding Lost Norton Park: Digging Deeper for All

The Friends are in the process of resubmitting a bid for the funding of this exciting project. We are still hopeful that we might be able to follow through with our exploration of Graves Park's history, archaeology and ecology. This is the part of our cause we love doing, along with volunteer work.

The Arboretum Extension: Update

When the Friends' Freedom of Information request about Norton Nurseries came back in July, confirming that there are plans from April 2021 regarding development on the site, but refusing to state what these are, we decided to pursue another complaint to the Charity Commission.

The Friends continue to seek permission to restore the next section of the old Norton Nurseries site to parkland and the council continue to procrastinate and instead refer to this charitable parkland as "depot land", while making their own plans for the site behind the scenes.

We are extremely concerned that, despite the introduction of committees to the organisation of the council, nothing appears to have changed and it is "business as usual" as far as the council is concerned.

We contacted the councillor who chairs the parks committee but so far have had no response on this issue other than an acknowledgement. As I write this, the council's Charity Sub-committee will meet next week and the Friends will be there to ask pertinent questions.

Renovating the Rose Garden Cafe

The masters of procrastination, aka Sheffield City Council, have successfully kept the Rose Garden Café closed throughout the summer (and it looks like throughout autumn too) and done an excellent job of kicking the can down the road when it comes to renovation or reopening.

The Friends would have been delighted to be proved wrong, however, true to form, the council is keeping demolition on the options list and continues to repeat the phrases "the building is at the end of life" and "we will have to do a city-wide survey to find out what all the people of Sheffield want regarding the café in Graves Park".

Permission has been granted for the Friends to fund their own structural survey, however, this is not possible until

the Rose Garden Café is propped up and this has still not been done. It has taken the council 3 months to come up with a plan to prop up the building, which involves so much propping up that it will be difficult for the café operators to work in there.

The promised temporary facility disappeared into the smoke and mist where it always was and 12 people were put out of work. With an earliest possible (not probable methinks) opening of December 2022 and with plans to “explore all options” through to February 2023, the Friends despair of any real movement before spring next year. Even then, based on previous experience, it will be like pulling a mammoth’s teeth.

What can we do? The Friends continue to run our refurbishment fundraiser, even though as yet we have no costs to work on. We continue to work with the “Save the Rose Garden Café” group, who have been brilliant at raising the profile of the campaign and getting signatures on their petition.

We continue to attend meetings at the

council regarding the café and to ask questions regarding the issue. We have also complained to the Charity Commission about Graves Park’s appalling treatment by the Council, in being one of the largest parks in the country without a proper café. The number of visitors this summer was noticeably down, even on the sunniest and most pleasant of days.

Sale of the Freehold of Bole Hill Farm

When the Friends were told by council officers that the council was “obliged” to sell the freehold to the owner of Bole Hill Farm, despite the land being designated charitable land belonging to the Graves Park trust, this was yet another blow. (Bole Hill Farm was unlawfully sold by leasehold back in 1982.)

In the mess of the closure of the Rose Garden Café, the council is keen to stress that it takes its role as trustee very seriously, yet we see very little evidence of this.

As I write this, we are putting in yet another complaint to the Charity

Commission, as we cannot find any power of sale in the original conveyances, nor in the 2009 Scheme. Perhaps this time they will listen and act in the best interests of Graves Park? Who knows? We have been here before.

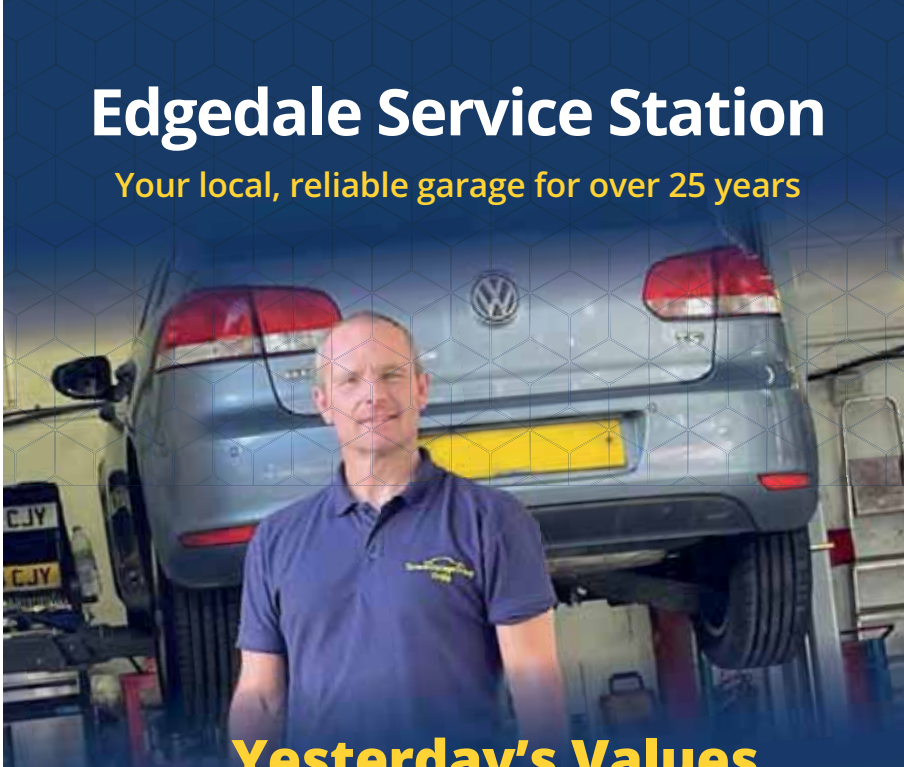
The Friends of Graves Park have been in existence for 24 years and have had charitable status for 22. In that time we have fought to keep the generous gift of J. G. Graves intact, to preserve and restore where we can this unique and most fascinating park. Council officers who were sympathetic to our work and who knew about the park’s history and importance were moved on to pastures new, while replacements knew nothing about the park, or its history or its importance to the citizens of Sheffield and were ripe to be briefed on the Friends of Graves Park by who knows who.

New threats to the park’s assets continue every few years. The council continues to try and dispose of bits of the park, while at the same time doing the absolute minimum of maintenance, thus once again being able to declare parts of the park “derelict”, “surplus to requirements”, or “end of life” as an excuse for demolition or disposal.

You can help by joining the Friends of Graves Park, for just £3 a year, to add your voice to our charity. You can also support our restoration of the Rose Garden café. All details are on our website. You can also donate at Just Giving, at this link:

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Local garage news

The Tavern Garage Group has acquired Edgedale Service Station on Abbeydale Road. The garage will continue to be managed by Craig Wragg who has 18 years’ experience in the motor trade and is well known and respected locally. The team of experienced mechanics remains the same.

Edgedale Garage has been modernised with the very latest vehicle diagnostic and test equipment being installed, a new bay and ramp have also been added. It offers a fully guaranteed servicing, repair and diagnostic service on all vehicle makes and models at prices well below those of main dealers. It is an approved MOT Testing Station for Class 4 Vehicles.

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Friends of Whirlow Brook Park (FoWP)

Since our last update there are a couple of exciting projects that the Friends of Whirlow Brook Park (FoWP) are getting involved in. The Climate Change Action Project is still ongoing and there will be a meeting presenting some of the findings on Monday 14 November at 1 – 3.30pm at Whirlowbrook Hall. Professor Ian Rotherham and others will be reporting on the survey work which has taken place over the past six months. No need to book, just come along.

As some of you may have noticed, work has finally started on the café in Whirlow Brook. The site has to be cleared first and then containers will be put in. The council are also looking at installing speed bumps and maybe a crossing near the café. The proposed opening is Easter next year. FoWP are also hoping to start work on a young children's play area near the top car park and would welcome any ideas or feedback, as well as donations. To donate please go to the <https://friendsofwhirlowbrookpark.org.uk/donate/>

Other projects in the pipeline are a weather station, painting the many benches in the park, a wildflower area and a tree trail. We also recently built a bug hotel – kids will love it! You will find it through the sunken garden and down the steps to the left.

As always, the Friends group are on the lookout for new volunteers. The sessions are held on the first Saturday and third Monday of the month from 9.30- 12pm. You don't have to attend every session, nor do you need any gardening knowledge, just lots of enthusiasm! More details on the website fowp@friendsofwhirlowbrookpark.org.uk or on Facebook or phone 0114 255 8948.

Maggie Girling



The recently opened bug hotel at Whirlow Brook Park

Non convulsive epilepsy

Rob Wilks from Bradway writes about what is an often misunderstood medical condition

Epilepsy is sometimes thought of as unpleasant, frightening or even dangerous. With that in mind it is a known fact that some people who have epilepsy should not operate machinery, drive cars or even ride a bicycle along a busy main road.

With that in mind it is interesting to reflect on the fact that for two years of my life after taking early retirement from teaching, as a person who had epilepsy I would regularly ride a bicycle 6 miles to and from work when working as a Care Assistant.

On one occasion I felt a focal seizure coming on, so using what common sense I have, I stopped cycling, parked the bike and then collapsed into what is known as a grand mal seizure. This warning and the fact that I had the sense to avert what could have been a nasty road accident would indicate that my brain at the time was working perfectly well.

Unknown to me I had been seen standing next to my parked bike by a local resident who thought it strange that I should be waiting there. A little curious she looked out of her window about 5 minutes later and saw an ambulance and two parked cars on the road. I was taken to hospital and missed as a result my shift at work.

The next day I was of course feeling fine so I went into work, again by bike, to attend a staff meeting. Whilst working in Care I had a very understanding supervisor, so on my arrival he turned to other staff and said "well I don't know, this fellow is the only person I know who has got a paramedic to 'phone himself in sick when not feeling well'". This quite naturally brought a smile to many people's faces including mine.

Strangely perhaps during my time as a Care Assistant and my 30 year career as a schoolteacher, I only recall one incident when a seizure occurred at work and that

caused curiosity and amusement amongst children rather than fear. This shows that if you are epileptic or have a tendency to have seizures it pays to keep busy, keep the brain active and look on things in a positive manner.

Some years later I was cycling along Abbeydale Road, one of Sheffield's busiest roads on my way home from Ecclesall. There was no problem until I turned off the main road as I entered Tooty and started cycling towards the steep path that leads up towards Bradway. Part way up the steep path by which time I was pushing the bike a seizure started.

On this occasion it was a form of "non convulsive status epilepticus" which manifests itself as a loss of consciousness and the seizure can go on for rather a long time (perhaps half an hour). It can be dangerous but not as dangerous as convulsive status epilepticus. However in such seizures the brain is still active for it became apparent later on that I continued pushing the bicycle right up to the entry of my house.

Those familiar with epilepsy will know that the condition is neurological and clearly in this instance the brain continued to work independently. It was as if a self defence mechanism swung into action signalling that it would be wiser to walk than cycle!

Epilepsy is a strange condition that is often very much misunderstood, it is only during my lifetime that medical treatment along with the skill of surgeons, neurologists and others in the world of medical pharmaceuticals has improved the quality of life that those of us with epilepsy live.

After all, most people with epilepsy can live perfectly normal lives.

Rob Wilks

Cricket for St Luke's

Holmesfield Cricket Club raised more than £1,000 for St Luke's Hospice when they hosted a special charity match. Members of both the Men's Senior and Junior teams took part in the day at the crease, with St Luke's receiving a cheque for £1,148, which was presented by the club's president, Tom Pearson.

"We are delighted that Holmesfield Cricket Club have once again given us such fantastic support," said St Luke's Community Fundraiser Ellie Matthews. "The money they raised for us really will make an enormous difference to the lives of our patients and their families, both at the hospice and in the wider community."

Mr Pearson commented: "This was a very special day for us and it actually raised more than £2,000, which was split between St Luke's and the club. We are very pleased to have been able to donate this sum to St Luke's as we know how much they do for the people of Sheffield.

If anybody wants to join us, we are always looking for new members for our men's, women's and junior teams."

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Alan Kewley 1942-2022

Alan Kewley, who died on 24 September at the age of 80, was a well-known local character. He was involved in the setting up of both the Bradway Action Group and our local Neighbourhood Watch, and more recently was active in Sheffield 50+ (now part of Age UK Sheffield), the South-West Sheffield Local Area Committee, the 20's Plenty campaign (for lower speed limits on residential streets), and Sheffield for Democracy.

Alan grew up in Glasgow and did his technical training there as an electrical engineer. He came to Sheffield for work, first living in Dronfield and then moving to Bradway over 40 years ago.

After he retired, Alan devoted much of his time to community activities. He was particularly zealous in pursuing local infrastructure issues. At the first sign of a water leak or a faulty street light, he was on the phone to the relevant authority. If a team arrived to repair a fault or dig up the road within sight or sound of his house, Alan was there before the workmen could get out of their vehicle.

He was especially in his element where electrical faults were concerned, because of his technical expertise in this area. When the main electrical cable down his road was replaced, he kept up a permanent dialogue with Northern Power Grid and their contractors, and a constant stream of bulletins to neighbours.

A great believer in democratic procedures – one of his favourite slogans

was 'we need less top-down and more bottom-up decision-making' – he was an indefatigable attendee at public meetings, where he always made copious notes, and often equally copious contributions.

Although he put in hours on his computer communicating through emails, and during the pandemic participating in Zoom meetings, he never took to social media, being suspicious of short exchanges that did not allow for proper explanations and debate. This unfortunately began to sideline him so far as participation in Bradway issues is concerned, which are increasingly publicised and 'discussed' via the BAG and the S17 Neighbourhood Watch Facebook groups.

Despite this relative disconnectedness on some issues, he continued to feed through to his neighbours lots of information that he gathered from the various meetings that he attended either remotely or in person, particularly covering crime prevention, public transport, issues concerning the elderly, and Sheffield city politics. He continued to deliver the Bradway Bugle to his neighbours even during the lockdowns; and he spent many hours on the telephone, especially bending the ear of the Chair of the Bradway Action Group.

Although some of us occasionally made fun of his almost obsessive advocacy on certain issues, his contributions to the community will be badly missed, and many of us will find life less interesting without Alan.

Stephen George

Totley History Group

The group ended the summer season with a fascinating talk given by Mike Kelley on the demise of Saxon England following the Norman invasion.

In September David Templeman returned to give us more insights into the origins of ancient district names of Sheffield and in October Mary Garside talked about the History of Sheffield Hospitals.

Forthcoming talks:

November 23rd Trespassers Will be Prosecuted. Thelma Griffiths, a longtime volunteer at Longshaw, explores the history of access to the countryside

December No library meeting but members can enjoy the annual celebration of winter music, ancient and modern, at Ecclesall Parish Church on Mondays 12th & 19th Spitewinter Concert by Sheffield Folk Chorale. Ticket enquiries to paulineburnett17@gmail.com

January 25th The Civil War in South Yorkshire by Catherine Warr

February 22nd 'A Man a Knife and a Project' The History of Portland Works by Anna de Lange

March 22nd A Brief History of Crime by Dr David Mosley

Unless stated otherwise out meetings are held in Totley Library each 4th Wednesday at 7.30pm.

More details on local history, events and on the group can be found at: atwww.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

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Greenhill Library

Business as usual

It's been a busy 3 months at the library since the last "Bugle". Event-wise the highlights included our fabulous "Wizard of Oz" day, a scarecrow festival, and our Autumn "readathon". The scarecrow festival attracted 17 entries, with Kathy Gorrill's "Gruffalo" a worthy winner. He is now in residence in the children's library. Nicola Corbishley's entry came a close second, with an amazingly accurate tableax from "The Day the Crayons Quit". That was also the book we used in our readathon, when storyteller Lynne Brown was joined by Sioned-Mair Richards (Lord Mayor of Sheffield) in a day of storytelling and crafts. Sioned is becoming a regular visitor; I was tempted to hand her a volunteer application form and sign her up!

Jumping the queue

Occasionally, library users may find themselves at the end of a long queue of people waiting for a recent popular council book they've reserved. If you find yourself in that situation, please let us know. If we can, we'll buy a copy for our own stock and should be able to get it to you within a week.

Changing the subject entirely, we have two places available in our "Coder Dojo" which is an after-school club giving children aged 8-12 an opportunity to get to grips with computer programming. If you have a child who might be interested, browse to greenhill-library.org/coderdojo to learn more.

Staying warm

With temperatures dropping and energy costs rising, we're pleased to announce that the library is joining the city-wide network of "warm spaces" and offering



Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress pose bravely with our Gruffalo



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our space (during our usual opening hours) to be used by anyone needing to stay warm and reduce their energy costs. Of course, we hope you might pick up a book or a newspaper while you're here. We have free wifi too.

Without a doubt, the date to look out for in Greenhill is 17 December, when a village-wide series of events, including rides, inflatables, santa's grotto, mini golf, brass band, disco and more are running alongside our later-than-usual producers' and artisan market in the library. Also inside the library there'll be "meet the mascots", then a professional entertainer and children's crafts, and we're rounding off the evening with a showing at 6.30 of "The Muppets Christmas Carol". Yes, we've shown it before but it's still one of our favourites.

And finally ...

I, like many others I'm sure, am sorry to learn of the imminent demise of The Bugle, with editor John laying down the batten but no-one willing to take it up. Which leads me to reflect on Greenhill library's own succession planning. It's

true we have recently recruited a younger chairman (I know of volunteer organisations whose chairman has been trying to step down for years but is trapped in the role for lack of a replacement), and a new storytime team, and the young mums who run the community events group (known in-house as the "fab four"), but many of the core people who run the place were already past retirement age when they originally stepped forward in 2014 and are now, of course, 8 years older. The combined ages of the two ladies who run our after-school craft club is 154. They won't go on for ever. Younger people obviously have less free time. They have these inconvenient things called "jobs" to go to, and families to raise. But if you do have some time to give, and are looking for something worthwhile to give back to the community, why not consider volunteering, at the library (greenhill-library.org/become-a-volunteer) or elsewhere. Or of course you could always take over publication of The Bugle ...

Chris Brown

Post Box

Dear Sir,

Over the last 14 months we have been giving a small rucksack containing hat, gloves, toothpaste and brush, drink bottle, pens, paper, toys to play with and a cuddly toy to newly arrived refugee children to Sheffield.

As these children arrive with nothing the rucksacks have been really appreciated.

We know it's hard for everyone at the moment with the cost of living crisis, but if you could spare any of the items we would be very grateful.

Please leave in box outside 10 St Quentin mount S17 4PQ.

With many thanks

Dot and Paul

Dear Sir,

If this is the last edition of the Bugle we would like to express our thanks to you the Editor for all the hard work of organising the various contributions over the years which we have enjoyed reading.

We shall be sorry to see it go but as you say so much information can now be found online. We agree with your comment in the last edition, however, that you would miss the feel of a newspaper or book in your hands.

I'm not sure that this is a generation thing as I have grandchildren who simply love reading books: one grandson in particular has a bookcase full to the ceiling. Enjoy the next phase of your life.

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Among my souvenirs

A souvenir used to consist of a china ashtray carrying the legend, 'A Present from Weston super Mare'.

Now it has been scientifically proven that smoking, sun and sea-side sewage can be injurious to health, ashtrays have given way to fridge magnets, key rings, soft toys or trophy knives, which may not be safer.

Remember little glass lighthouses filled with coloured sands? How much coastal erosion did they cause? Remember hats with 'Kiss Me Quick' round the brim? I dread to think what they might offer nowadays. Remember shell ornaments? These were always made in Taiwan. Don't we have seashells of our own?

We all have souvenirs, purchased or picked up in a moment of madness, to be carried home in triumph and placed resplendently on the mantelpiece or hidden away in back-bedroom cupboard and forgotten. It's quite understandable to retain a keepsake to remind us of happier days but why all the plastic junk?

Does a car sticker declaring 'We've been to Alton Towers', or a National Trust leaflet, impress anyone? Do you need tea-towels printed 'The Grand Hotel, Scarborough', a metal badge 'Butlins Clacton, 1959' souvenir coasters, hand-lettered oyster shells or novelty glasses to you remind you that you were there?

How much joy is generated by the carved wooden clock from the Black

Forest, once you're back home? What about the stuffed donkey from Spain, Venetian paperweight or the plastic Leaning Tower of Pisa? You've wasted your holiday money on 'local handicrafts', every bit of it probably imported from China.

You don't need to spend any money on souvenirs if you holidayed in North Wales or the Lake District. If you want to bring the memory of your trip flooding back, just go and stand in a freezing cold shower.

If you were in a caravan, be sure to dine on scorched sausages and lukewarm beans to get the full effect. I try to avoid caravans and camping and the days when I paraded round a Venetian Piazza are long gone but I still enjoy short breaks from the monotony of my daily existence and I still buy needless souvenirs.

I try to avoid anything large, or unnecessarily vulgar, which rules out much of the merchandise on sale.

My first rule is to avoid anything that might lead to a collection, like fridge magnets, or pottery piglets. This applies to china ballerinas, models of fat ladies wearing unlikely swimsuits and Trumpton firemen. One mad moment, and you will be housing Pugh, Pugh, Barney McGrew, Cuthbert, Dibble and Grub.

I used to think that the answer was only to buy paper or card souvenirs; at least they don't weigh much. Result? I have a shoe-boxes full of sea-side postcards, (including a full set of Donald McGill

rude ones), and several shelves of National Trust guide books which, for some reason, I always buy on the way out.

Most of us treasure family photographs, but why do old leaflets and instruction booklets mean so much? I still have the service record for my 1956 Morris-Minor Series II, (the one with the split windscreen), and the instruction booklet for my first chest freezer, now forty-nine years old - and still going strong.

Nobody can induce me to part with my collections of theatre programmes and Ward-Locke red guides or free news-sheets and parish magazines; they're suddenly interesting when you get back from holiday.

I hoard copies of *Meccano Magazine*, *The Listener*, *Which* and *Punch*. (I have every *Punch* issue for 1914-18). They will make a worthy addition to my collection of booklets and magazines I once read and enjoyed.

At time of writing, the future is uncertain but I am putting back-numbers of the *Bradway Bugle* in a pile. Whatever happens, I wish the residents of Bradway, Greenhill, Dore and Totley every good fortune.

It has been my pleasure and my privilege to write articles for the *Bradway Bugle* and to see them printed. I thank the editor - may he reach the top of whatever mountain he climbs next.

And thanks to you, my readers, *if I have any...*

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Outram Fields Care Home finally reaches its full height. Picture Chris Morgan

What next?

After 25 years and 100 issues this is the last of John Baker's Bugles and after 9 of BAG's 19 years this is my last year as Chair. Our AGM is at Bradway Primary School, 7 pm for 7.30 on 23rd November – you are all invited and will be very welcome.

It's time for a complete review – What Next for BAG? Please come and get involved. Where are the people willing and able to take BAG forward? Please don't be shy. There is lots more to be done for and by the community. It can be very rewarding.

It's an ideal time to take stock and redefine what BAG is all about, what people understand by it, what people actually want from it and most importantly whether they are willing to participate in the achievement of those aims.

The world has changed since 2003. In Bradway the NatWest Bank is now a dog-grooming salon, the chemists a ladies beauty parlour, the newsagent and Post Office now a charity shop and the

greengrocers soon to be a fish and chip shop. The Bradway Hotel was replaced by Sainsbury's. and now we have Outram Fields Care Home!

We've mostly survived Covid, although it has had effects on organisations like ours that previously held regular open meetings. Previous Chairs Dorothy Astle, Peter Stubbs, Stephen George and I have had support from many hard working committee and other members and credit goes to all of them. 9 years ago I was the younger man!

It's time again for new and younger blood. Time to have that complete rethink as to what needs doing, how, and by whom. That probably requires changes to the constitution, something we've been aware needs doing of for some time.

The current roles of Chair and Treasurer are becoming vacant. Others have indicated they are willing to fulfil these roles but this will leave other committee vacancies. As part of this review we may identify different roles for the future, maybe in sub-committees.

Are you aware of what BAG tries to achieve? To re-cap, BAG was

established with these stated aims:-

- * To raise awareness within the community of Bradway on matters of local interest.
- * To provide a forum for the debate of local issues.
- * To provide communication between the community of Bradway and any authority influencing its affairs.
- * To improve the environment in Bradway and the facilities available to the local community.

Are these still important? Do we really understand what they mean? That's what we need to establish and address.

Engagement and participation are really important and there needs to be much more of both, particularly the involvement of younger members. The current composition of the committee is older than that of the community as a whole. Yet our Facebook group is younger and almost 2/3 female.

The recent Fun Day was very successful. Hundreds attended, although some who did had found it by accident despite publicity on Facebook, in the Bugle, signs in streets and shops and Parentlink from the school.

Despite many requests for help response was limited and it was only thanks to a nucleus of mostly older members, their friends and family that the Fun Day went ahead. All voluntary groups suffer these days. Why?

There's plenty of talk on social media - 'something should be done' - but who's prepared to actually 'do something' rather than expect someone else to do it?

There is a comprehensive questionnaire on the BAG website. Please let us know your thoughts, even if it's only to answer some of the questions. See; <http://bradwayactiongroup.weebly.com/>

Members

We'd greatly welcome more fully paid up members. The annual subscription is minimal. 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 but a donation on top allows

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us to spend more on our activities to help the community.

Most members set up standing orders to renew their membership subscriptions on 1st January each year. The modest income allows us to commit to projects within the community. Paid up members have the right to vote at General Meetings and are eligible to be nominated for committee positions.

Recent BAG Activities

The Fun Day on 10th September was a great success. This year our expected Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Lancaster fly past was cancelled due to the period of national mourning. We considered whether our event should be cancelled too but felt the Queen would have wanted the children to enjoy the day – and they did.

The defibrillator on Wollaton Road should be in place by November.

Planters at the top of Twentywell are being regularly replanted and watered.

Old School Field/Village Green
Another picnic bench was added – but two have been stolen! A challenge for 2023. Do we replace? What with? Can we afford to? How do we anchor them? Paint or mark them to make them unattractive to steal?

Outside work most Thursdays. We consider anything that's safe, legal and in the community interest so let John Sharpe know if you see something you feel we could tackle. Currently it may be leaf clearing or path work. To suggest a task, or maybe join us, email him at;

john.c.sharpe54@gmail.com

Major work on the railway – Volker/Story are intending to help improve the steps down to the railway triangle but it has been delayed as the ground has been rock hard. See Friends of the station article for information about work below Poynton Wood.

Christmas lights on Twentywell. We intend to decorate the row of shop on Twentywell Lane with Xmas trees and lights subject to liaison with the traders and their own events.

Future of a Bugle

BAG as currently constituted does not have the capacity to produce a replacement Bugle. However a possible way forward could be to set up a separate small independent group, maybe similar to that which produces the Totley Independent. John Baker would be happy to share background information which may include his list of advertisers and contributors.

Finance is the big issue as printing has to be covered by advertising. Distribution is relatively straightforward, although the present network managed by BAG needs revitalising. BAG is willing to facilitate discussions around this possibility.

Committee Meetings are the 3rd Monday of each odd month in the small Community Hall. If you'd be interested in joining us please get in touch

Bradway website is at:

<http://bradwayactiongroup.weebly.com/> or contact officers as above.

Chris Morgan, Chairman

Bradway Bowling Club

This summer has gone so quickly I can't believe we are planning Christmas already. Having said that the summer has been excellent for our bowling members as all the teams have done extremely well, but the bowling has finished now so we are looking to our snooker teams to see if they can do the same.

The club is just as busy during the winter with darts, snooker, dominoes, crib, the art group, entertainment and quiz nights, but also now we have our very own singing group (The Bradway Singers). They have been practicing all year and have their first little concert on the 17th of November. They will be performing well known songs, so we should have a very entertaining evening.

On the 3rd of December we have our bowls and snooker presentation night with a buffet and singer and on the 17th of December we will be holding a Carol Concert starting at 8pm with carols sung by the Bradway Singers again. Everyone is welcome so please join us for a festive sing along.

Finally on New Year's Eve we have a local singer Rachel Raynor back again to sing the New Year in with us. Everyone is welcome and tickets can be purchased from the club at £5 each.

That is about all for now so I will wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Again any queries phone Jean 07900 220696

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Bradway Buses

As expected, changes to the bus network including a lot of cutbacks happened on 2 October. This, as well as being when most contracts for tendered bus service were up for renewal, was when the government Covid support for buses was due to end. That meant the commercial bus network had to be financially viable again - ie ticket sales at least covering the cost of operation - against a background of changed demand, rising costs and a shortage of drivers in the industry nationally.

Passenger numbers on buses and trams are about 25% down compared to pre-Covid as a result of factors like working from home, online shopping, socialising more locally (or less given the economic circumstances) or simply modal shift (principally to car). In some cases increased traffic has increased journey times and made bus services less reliable too, particularly during the afternoon school run or football match days when bus priority measures are not in force.

At the very last minute the government did announce an extension of Covid recovery funding, this is a smaller figure than previously and will last until March, the money has gone to the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) to add to the pot of cash used to procure tendered services - these are buses that are not commercially viable but considered socially or economically important to the communities they serve, filling gaps in the network. The Mayor therefore put out tenders to selectively replace some of the services to be cut but of course only short term.

So, what has changed for Bradway folk?

Well, first some good news - school bus 725 to Meadowhead School, which First bus withdrew at the end of the 2021/22 school year returned from 3 October, now operated by Stagecoach. It departs the Old Mother Redcap at 07:50 and returns from Dyche Lane at 14:50.

The other bit of good news is the SYMCA have announced they are funding a price cap on adult single bus & tram tickets within South Yorkshire from 1 November with all journeys costing no more than £2 per ride.

Bradway's main bus is service 25 (Bradway-Woodseats-Heeley-City-Woodhouse), also operated by Stagecoach. This no longer operates down Wollaton Road / Longford Road with all journeys starting and ending at the Old Mother Redcap terminus but otherwise the level of service hasn't changed, running up to every 15 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime and every 30 minutes on Sunday daytime.

However this was previously supplemented by First bus 24 being extended beyond Lowedges to Bradway evenings and Sundays which no longer happens, meaning we now have no buses in Bradway whatsoever in the evening after 8pm (earlier on Sundays) - at night getting to Bradway now involves

walking up from Abbeydale Road South (bus 97/98) or from Lowedges (bus 76/86).

The other bad news is the local bus M17, which shuttled in the daytime between Dore, Totley, Bradway, Greenhill and Jordanthorpe, is suspended until further notice as the SYMCA did not find any bus operator to award the contract to!

So in Bradway all we have left is the 25. It still provides a fairly decent service as long as you don't want to travel in the late evening so hopefully it will be supported and continue to do so! The Stagecoach website (stagecoachbus.com) and app provides timetable and ticket information for their services, alternatively for wider public transport information for all operators visit travelsouthyorkshire.com or call Travel Line on 01709 51-51-51.

Andrew Cullen



Ian and Carolyn with Ellie Matthews of St Luke's Hospice at Knab Farm shop

Creating a buzz about St Luke's Hospice

There is a real buzz about the latest product on sale at Sheffield's Knab Farm Shop. The Montrose Road business in Carter Knowle is selling honey produced by local bees - and proceeds are going to a favourite local charity.

"We were approached by Carolyn Clark, a bee keeper who is probably only around 500 yards from us, so it really is a locally produced honey" said Knab Farm Shop owner Ian Proctor. Carolyn has been selling honey herself and raising money for St Luke's Hospice but her bees have been very busy this year and she actually has a surplus, which we have agreed to sell - and we are very happy to be making a donation to St Luke's too."

Carolyn's honey is available in a small jar - with a minimum suggested price of £5.99 - and a large jar, which has a minimum suggested sale price of £8.99.

"I've owned the shop for a year now and our ethos has been to bring in more and more local suppliers," Ian explained. We started with 17 and we have grown to more than 40 - and we are very pleased to have added Carolyn to that list. "Her honey is proving extremely popular and we are expecting to sell at least a hundred jars over the next few weeks,"

John Highfield

Roger Tetley's recollections

The Home Guard

In about 1943 a lot of young men joined up at about 16 or 17 years of age. I, for one, played the side drum in the Home Guard band, the bandmaster being a Mr Kelley, however more about him later.

With regard to armaments, it wasn't long before some Ross rifles came from Command, some Chicago pianos from America, Illinois, i.e. Tommy Guns, the weapon used by Al Capone to liquidate his rivals in other mobs. This was at the time of prohibition in the USA and the time of protection rackets, where gangsters were paid by businessmen to protect them from the hard hoodlum cases who abounded in Chicago, and other cities in the USA.

In Sheffield, the Home Guard met at Meadow Head, in the Transport Sports field in Greenhill, where we were given demonstrations of sticky bombs and rifle cup fixed grenades. These were held in a canister open ended on the muzzle of the barrel, and discharged in the direction of the target.

The Sticky Bombs were most unusual, rather like an orange, but twice the size on a stick. The thick skin was peeled off with one hand, revealing a glue-like substance, the idea being to stick the bombs on a passing tank. Surprisingly, the effect was to blow a hole in the tank, but this did not injure the soldier who stuck it on. It was designed to kill the occupants, but not the man carrying out the attack. I have been within one yard of the demonstration with no ill effects.

On Sunday mornings, when the band often paraded, I had to stand on the rim of the top of drum whilst father tightened the specially designed small ropes that held it together, and tightened the drum skins, which you strike with the drumsticks. Maybe not the right terminology but a very essential process or the drum could not be played.

To play a drum you have to hold the drumstick between thumb and index finger in a certain fashion, with left hand turned palm relaxed and open, facing upwards and the right hand in a similar way facing downwards, and alternately tap it downwards causing a vibrating action.

If you have seen 'Dad's Army' episodes; the truth is that they only hint at the truth. In fact the home guard would have been a force to be reckoned with if the Germans had landed, because the majority of the men were veterans of the first world war. They had suffered because even the survivors had experienced the stagnation and privations of trench warfare, had many old scores to settle and were in many cases more determined and enterprising soldiers.

Their armaments were brought up to date as the war progressed although basically primitive, they had rifles, Thompson sub machine guns (Chicago Pianos) mortars, Sticky bombs and rifle fired grenades etc. Also Sten Guns. One of our sergeants had killed several

Germans with a bayonet - very aggressive. However they also managed Anti Aircraft guns and Rocket Batteries (in the blitz) alongside the regulars.

We who had been cadets were taught Field Craft especially the art of concealment by example on joint manoeuvres, when we would creep up on a HQ position and infiltrate them, surround them and according to the umpires win the exercise. But all would be forgotten when we fetched the beer in, for the nightly get together. Everything was well organized. The local butcher provided sausages, bacon etc., someone played the piano, and a good celebration was enjoyed by all except men detailed for guard duty.

The HG band used to practice on Sunday mornings in the Transport Sports ground at Greenhill by the 64th West Riding Battn. The bandmaster was a man named Kelly who on one occasion was leading the band into the sports ground, when he threw the mace in to the air and promptly tripped over it.

This hilarious performance was filmed at the time by someone. I hope the film has survived. 'Bandmaster going arse over tip', and the, by now, undisciplined Bandsmen falling about laughing. Not to forget the spectators, some of whom were dignitaries.

As I said, I used to play the side drum, which was a very beautifully decorated drum. White ropes (blancoed) and red, white and blue wooden rims which I had to stand on whilst father tightened up the

ropes each Sunday morning. I soon learnt to do a drum roll which consists of tapping 'daddy mummy' with a loosely held drum stick between index finger and thumb, increasing the speed as you get the correct rhythm. We marched to Colonel Bogey.

The anti-aircraft battery

At age 16½ they transferred me to the anti-aircraft battery at the top of Cinder Hill Lane, Norton, where I had the opportunity to join in with the ATS girls in operating the 3.7 anti-aircraft guns. They operated the radar and predictor, that in effect fed the information to the guns for elevating, traversing for line i.e. going round in azimuth (a level circle or part of a circle), stopping where the gun was on the flight path of the aircraft.

I was a gunlayer and by turning some handwheels which allowed a mechanical pointer to follow an electrical pointer, thus putting the individual gun on target. I read up in the Sheffield Central Library about predictors, and found that they were invented by the Americans so that, with the help of sound detectors and other devices, they could automatically find out the course (bearing and track) of the Germans, and allow each individual gun to lay ahead of an incoming plane. This was developed in about 1936, three years before the 2nd World War.

As a young man, I could operate the handles to move the gun in essential ways, to fire in front of the moving target at great height. The shells and the cartridge cases were too heavy for a

youth to lift into the loading tray, so that job was done by the strong men i.e. Shells weighing 60lbs each!

There were 40 ATS girls there, who slept in Nissen huts. They were very smart and good looking girls who we socialised with. I used to take one, Betty English, a beautiful blonde lass, to the Norton Hotel for a drink on occasions. I even took her home to meet Mum & Dad and sample real Yorkshire tea.

The most important thing, to my mind, was that they were so smart, with beautifully pressed skirts and well tailored tunics, with highly polished brass buttons and the Artillery Bomb badge on the right pocket "Wow!", like taking a film star out! I felt privileged to escort a fine lady soldier. She was a Corporal or Bombardier as they were called in the Royal Regiment.

At the start of the war, when the sirens sounded we used to troop down the garden to the shelter, but when the raids became sporadic and only lone bomber efforts, Father used to say "Adolf Hitler won't keep me up all night, I've a steelworks to run in the morning. Take the kids to the shelter Lily. I'm going to bed. I don't mind if I die in bed. You can keep the cold shelter." and he never joined us in the shelter from then on.

In 1944 before the end of the war, I was at home on leave, the sirens sounded one night and a doodlebug (flying bomb) flew over. By that time we had all taken up Father's idea and stayed in bed, but I could not resist getting out of bed and

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standing at the window to look out.

I watched the exhaust of this flying bomb cross the sky and disappear towards Manchester. The anti-aircraft guns remained silent. Even the forces were sleeping, it appears. The south of England took most of these attacks as the doodlebugs were launched in France, but towards the end of the war the Germans were launching some from aircraft, e.g. slung under a Heinkel.

During the latter part of the war, Alan Backhouse flew up from Derby, following the railway line to navigate, then he did aerobatics over our house and surrounding fields. Alan was a New Zealander, a boyhood friend of my cousin Jimmy Tetley's in New Zealand.

Alan, at the age of 19, flew a Stirling bomber towing gliders to Arnhem. He used to spend his leave at our house, and we often went dancing at the City Hall. The first night we arranged this, he mistook the Town Hall for the City Hall and whilst he waited at the Town Hall, I dutifully waited at the City Hall. So never the twain shall meet!

Some Tetley tales from after the war

Some years on, Alan came over from New Zealand and I took him to Holmesfield for a drink. We introduced ourselves to the landlord of the Cherrytree, a small pub there, who happened to have been a bomber pilot in the war. Well, after the first two pints all drinks were free and the pub door closed. We carried on steadily until about 5pm eventually returned home to be told by my mother that the best place for us was bed until the next session.

Hall Farm

In the living room at Hall Farm there was a small extension where you descended one step, and saw a keg of beer, replenished each week for Charlie and the farm hands. Over the door to this small room was a stuffed ram's head, maybe 100 years old with the longest horns I've seen on sheep or goat. I wish I'd got it mounted in my house. It had yellow eyes; scary on a night! Kept

intruders out I guess! On the back of the house was a corn chamber where was preserved part of the old Hall. All gone now! Progress!

The Bull!

Charlie had an ugly and cantankerous bull that lived in quite a substantial wooden hut down the yard, near to the muck heap. There he lived, making a lot of noise and trying to kick his hut down. However Charlie used to put a hook on his nose ring, on the end of a strong short pole and gingerly lead the beast out of the hut on occasions. One day Charlie let the bull out, it escaped, and walked down Bradway Road and past the school.

One particular day I had walked right through the yard when I was met by Charlie who said "Has tha just coom through t'yard". As I affirmed this he almost yelled "Well t'bull's out t'laik" "I haven't seen t'bull and better still, t'bull hasn't seen me" I said.

A memorable occasion was the day when, having realised Father was a knowledgeable man, he invited Dad to inspect two cows in a byre, with a view to deciding if they were pregnant, and thereby testing Dad's non-existent veterinarian skills. Father eyed them up and down professionally. "Well?" asked Charlie. "This one!" said Dad. "This calls for a celebration" said Charlie.

Into the farmhouse they trooped, and on the way to the parlour Charlie shouted to his wife "Bring us some ale Missis". This she did as he always kept a small barrel on the cellar head. As they walked down the passage carpeted with sheep skins, a cloud of moths took off from under their feet like a squadron of aircraft. Anyhow the pregnancy of the cow was duly celebrated.

Charlie kept one man lodging in the farmhouse, and several lads who helped out. He paid them every Friday and on Saturday evenings he won their wages back by playing cards around the kitchen table (if possible). But I don't suppose the old skinflint always had a winning hand.

One day a sheep got out of the farmyard, so Charlie shouted to Billy "Get on thi bike t'sheeps got out". Billy got on his ancient bike and down to the village he went. I thought at the time it would be better to go on foot, with a dog or two and have recovered the sheep. A bit short in the top storey our Billy!

Grange Farm

Opposite to our house was another farm owned by a Mr. Osborne who was a gentleman farmer. He had a son who he sent to agricultural college and who ended up as a civil servant on the Milk Marketing board. At Christmas this farm in particular was visited by a troop of Mummies (otherwise amateurs) who enacted the "Peace Egg" an old play about Saint George and the dragon.

This was a religious historical folk play performed by ordinary country folk mainly to entertain the Gentry. One of the company wore a horse's skull over his head or carried it (Rather scary to we city folks). A character played Saint George and the whole of the play is chronicled in most public libraries i.e. certainly Sheffield and Derbyshire.

Mr Osborne had a Railton car. Quite a large vehicle; 6 or 8 cylinder engine. He obtained petrol for this large engine during the war and promptly removed 2 pistons and drove round at a sedate 20 miles per hour, thereby doing really well out of his petrol ration.

Frank Ryals and myself discovered a well preserved Penny Farthing bike in his barn, which we rode around the village quite well, but with some trepidation.

Ed. We hope you have enjoyed these interesting and entertaining recollections of Bradway sent in by Roger's son Richard Tetley.

Roger studied at Sheffield Art College after attending Dronfield Grammar school. Like many others, his education thereafter, was as a soldier in the Royal Artillery, which took him to India and Egypt. His son got him to write down his life story, after he'd suffered a stroke, which left him partially paralysed. He died in 2006 after a further stroke.

Easier prescription collection

You may have noticed the new changes to the front of the pharmacy. All of this is to make it easier for you to collect your prescription via a new prescription collection machine.

In the 21st century, the NHS has increasingly been embracing technology to aid provision of healthcare. Indeed, governments are demanding that all healthcare providers use technology better to deliver efficiencies. During my time at Topley Pharmacy, myself and my team have always looked at ways to improve the service we provide to the community, often investing in technology to achieve this.

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Modern healthcare hours have not really changed over the years to match changing lifestyles. Due to savage cuts in NHS funding for community pharmacy, pharmacies cannot afford to extend opening hours. This is where modern technology can be used to match patient demand and improve customer service.

Over the past few years, feedback from patients has made it clear that some of the biggest bugbears to patients have with provision of pharmacy services is waiting in queues at the pharmacy and having to change their daily plans to collect their prescriptions at times dictated to them by their pharmacy. We want to help you by allowing the freedom to collect your prescription at anytime of the day, to fit with your busy lifestyles.

With our new technology, that is no longer a worry. We have recently installed a new prescription collection machine, allowing you to collect your prescriptions at anytime, even if the pharmacy is closed. Whether you are on the way back from work or wish to collect your medication on the weekend, our new system allows you to have 24/7 access to picking up your prescriptions.

The prescription collection machine acts like an ATM for prescriptions. It is simple to use, very quick and totally secure. When we complete your prescription, you will receive a text (or email) with a PIN unique to your prescription. Simply inputting this into the screen at the front of the pharmacy will deliver your prescription in seconds. We estimate you will get your prescription 6 times quicker than the traditional way of collecting prescriptions.

As well as allowing you to collect your prescription at any time, it also allows you to maintain a safe physical distance from crowds of people in busy pharmacies. While this is not as big a concern as it was a couple of years ago, it does make sense for people who have health issues especially as we approach winter. You can even forward your code to a partner, friend or neighbour to collect on your behalf.

As well as making it much more convenient for patients to collect prescriptions, this new machine will have many other benefits to patients and the whole local community. Currently, staff in pharmacies spend a large amount of their time finding prescriptions for patients. As pharmacies have hundreds of prescriptions at any time, this can resemble looking for a needle in a haystack, especially when patients arrive to collect prescriptions before they are ready.

Our prescription collection machine will perform this task much more efficiently. This allows our highly trained staff to spend their time dispensing prescriptions rather than on a simple, mechanical task. This means we will be able to dispense more prescriptions in our working hours and patients can get their

medication quicker.

Of course, a modern community pharmacy provides many additional services on top of dispensing prescriptions such as blood monitor monitoring, stop smoking advice and flu vaccines. Freeing up our staff from finding prescriptions allows them more time to provide these additional services allowing us to help the whole NHS.

Over the many years I have been a pharmacist in Topley, our pharmacy has become a trusted source of advice and information and we have many people coming to us daily for consultations. Yet again, as the machine will free up our staff time, and reduce queues in the pharmacy, you will find it a lot quicker and easier to speak to a pharmacist or one of our team to seek advice.

We also feel that this technology conveys many of the supposed "benefits" of internet pharmacies namely overcoming queues and inadequate hours. I hope this means that local patients currently using internet pharmacies will consider coming back to

us instead now that this makes our service so convenient. I know internet pharmacies use slick marketing to trumpet their services, but they do not and never will provide a complete pharmaceutical service.

Even worse, their presence damages the nation's pharmacy network making many pharmacies in local communities unviable. The NHS contract is geared such that we need sufficient business to survive, and any prescription that goes to an internet pharmacy deprives local pharmacies of valuable business.

Designed and built in Britain, this machine automates and enhances prescription collection and will revolutionise a patient's prescription journey. In perhaps a decade, such technology will become the norm for collecting medications. To become one of the first people to take advantage of the convenience and benefits it provides, pop in to Topley Pharmacy, or email topleypharmacyrepeats@hotmail.co.uk or call 01142361070.

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Dore Male Voice Choir

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Based in Padua, a beautiful city which claims to be the oldest city in northern Italy proved to be a sound decision, singing in the evening mass at St. Anthony's Basilica, where we were presented with some memorabilia, and being a short distance from Venice where we sang in the evening mass at St Mark's.

A trip to this part of Italy would not have been complete without a trip to an Amarone Winery which was enjoyed by everyone. Concerts in Padua and at the Villa Ducale, around 30 minutes' drive from Padua, rounded off a most enjoyable week.

The memorial concert with our two guests Lorna James and Thomas Asher, who have performed with us on many occasions, along with Mackenzie Paget our accompanist for the last 6 years who was moving on to a new life as a concert pianist, ensured it was a quite emotional evening.

A bucket collection held in support of St Luke's Hospice which raised £888.00 which rounded off a memorable evening.

And finally, a date for your diary. Our Christmas concert will be held on 8th, 9th, and 10th of December at 7.00 pm in Christ Church, Church Lane Dore Sheffield S17 3GY. Tickets £12 including programme and refreshments. Guest artist Erin Alexander soprano

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Ray Mellor

NOW and THEN

Absently Stirring Time's Teacup SITUATION NORMAL: ALL FACING UNCERTAINTY

If Heisenberg was still around, he might observe our present state and think he was 'living the dream', for the German theoretical physicist who bequeathed the world his Uncertainty Principle would be agog at how his theories concerning the teeny-weeny world of quantum mechanics can so easily be scaled up under the right circumstances.

It isn't just the speed and location of a particle that we can't know with accuracy (thanks, Werner), these days it is the speed, location and state of our underwear in response to the modern

world that is even harder to measure.

This column is nothing if not educational (those of you who thought 'So that's a nothing then' – see me after assembly) and as ever provides not only respite care for readers seeking solace, a hot beverage and a fondant fancy, but perspectives and reflections from Bradway's unique position on the space/time continuum to take back with you as you re-enter the fray after tea break.

No thanks necessary. Just doing my job, citizen.

The first thing to do is to acknowledge that uncertainty is nothing new; it's just that under most circumstances, we experience it only as background music to our foreground lives. Currently, we're still adjusting to the much higher volume levels of Uncertainty (possibly even thinking about how fast we can learn sign language to continue communicating over the white noise) but we're human, so coping is what we do.

That's because there has always been a tension between past and future, memories and dreams, nostalgia and modernity. Although those pairings sound different, all those elements are faces of that which is knowable and that which is not.

The heavier the emphasis on the latter, the more there is a tendency to lean back on the former, not least in the words of the beloved adage, 'because we live Life forwards but understand it only backwards'. Hence we give history an undue glow of certainty, when those living through it could not.

This is not unique to our current generations. If you look around Bradway, you'll see evidence past traces of this everywhere. Think of the houses on Bradway Road, many of them designed and built back in the early 1950's when the trauma of the Second World War (which all but danced a jig on old certainties) was still fresh in the minds of many.

As a result, home buyers still wanted to live in houses that looked 'Tudorbethan' or had 'Medieval-Lite' Arts and Crafts touches, all harking back to less challenging times in a highly edited version of the past. None were designed with an earth closet, for example.



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But even this is too simplistic. Although the past, because known, is more certain, we extend it a belief that it was truer to basic values somehow. At the same time, we know nostalgia as the original anti-modernist propaganda, putting it somewhere between 'heroin for old people' (Dara O'Brien) and an archive of fake news and alternative facts curated by unreliable witnesses (anyone under 25).

While there is some truth in those views, it overlooks the fact that mistrust of something can blind one to a proper assessment of its value. Those who don't know their lived history are doomed to repeat it, after all.

Take for example, the garage at 157 Bradway Road. There's nothing architecturally significant about it, except that my Father commissioned it the attendant concrete driveway soon after moving there with my Mother and sister. It was a new house. Post-war building of new homes was slow to get going, so when my Father discovered by sheer luck that a house was being built in the area, he leapt at the chance and considered himself lucky to have secured it. This part of my family history is a story told and retold amongst us, each telling deepening the warm glow of hindsight when things turn out well.

Yet it has taken me years to note that neither the garage nor the driveway was part of the original design. Car ownership was still limited for sure, but the house builders also clearly remained unconvinced that mass vehicular emancipation was likely in the near

future and thus needed to be included in a family home.

Or take another small detail from my early 60's childhood, when we kids dreamed that in the future we would all have devices to turn book pages over when reading in bed without taking our arms out from under the warm bedclothes to be exposed to the sub zero air of our bedrooms (patent no longer pending).

Thinking of it again now, the idea seems positively steampunk. But it also points to the fact that Retro-futurism (studying the future that previous generations thought might be coming down the pipe to them) probably offers greater insight into what those previous generations were actually living through. Fictional alternative history (books like The Man in the High Castle or The Difference Engine) becomes not only a way of seeing what our ancestors didn't see but also a way of understanding their uncertainty about what they really did see.

So in the case of our nocturnal reading aid, even though we had eiderdowns (a kind of proto-duvet that sat on top of the blankets like a too small toupee on a bald head), we didn't see the coming of Scandinavian-style 'continental quilts' e-book readers or central heating – all of which made reading in bed possible without mechanical aids (although blowing the dust off that patent might not be a bad idea in the current circumstances)

None of these Futures Past make a lack of certainty in the Present comfortable, but it does mean that if you're not

comfortable at least you are sane and in good company with others. Uncertainty brings our temporal horizons closer to us; getting through the day trumps getting through the week. Doing the next thing becomes the only thing we can reasonably do. And that's where we are - right here, right now.

Alright. Tea break over.

Time to do the next thing.

Chris Sheldon

Bradway Agewell Leisure Club

Forthcoming meetings

Tuesday 6th December - Panto 'Annie' Northeast Producers

Tuesday 3rd January - Darwin Talk by John Kirkham

Tuesday 7th February - Railways in a Cornish Landscape Stephen Gay

Tuesday 7th March - AGM

Meetings are held at South Sheffield Evangelical Church, Greenhill Parkway (Next to fire station)

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Greenhill Village History Society

We have been asked to submit an article for the Bradway Bugle, and, as it sadly appears that this will be the last edition, I have summarised our Society's year. It is in appreciation of the publicity that several local societies all link through editions of this publication.

The Society has continued to hold its monthly meetings in Greenhill Community Library, on the 2nd Tuesday afternoon of each month, 2-4pm. Any new members would be most welcome. Essentially, the meeting starts with a recap of the last month, a break for tea/coffee and a chat, then either a discussion or small presentation by one of the members.

2022 has been a mixed year for GVHS, essentially starting with some sad news, with the deaths of two founder members of the Society, Lesley Fox (chair) and Ted Hancock. These really shocked all members as well as many local residents. Funerals were held in March, but plans are now ongoing for several events in their memory.

The village Pump was restored in time for Lesley's funeral. Teds' talk on Railway memorabilia Part 2, has been deferred and is finally due for presentation late in 2023, thanks to Barbara and Steph. Some monies left from donations left at Lesley's funeral, along with some monies left from the Restoration of the Village Pump grant, are to be used in a joint mission with the local Neighbourhood Watch, to place a second bench in Greenhill Village, near the site of the new noticeboard, opposite the White Swan.

Discussions are on-going with Sheffield City Council, regarding the position and type of bench as it is to be in a Conservation area. Unfortunately, this is taking some time. The new noticeboard has been designed and developed with advice from Sheffield City Council, and members of the group, to display a map of historic Greenhill, live from July 2022.

New ventures this year have been a Facebook page (courtesy of Margaret Smith) in April and a new look website in July (courtesy of Darian Charlesworth) with support from Chris Brown of the community library. A visit to Manor Lodge took place on Tuesday 6th September, and we had 14 participants. A very interesting presentation was given by David Templeman on the history of Sheffield Castle and Lodge, followed by a walk round the site. All recent developments at the site have been partly supported and funded by grants from the National Lottery. A real gem on our doorstep.

Two films put together by member John Sowerby, attracted good audiences at the Meadowhead Transport Club in 2021. These were "The Aerodrome on Your Doorstep- RFC Coal Aston" and "Our Other RAF station- RAF Norton". Both films have also subsequently been shown at meetings of the Norton History Group.



Old maps of Greenhill show an abundance of Water Pumps scattered about the village. The only Pump left is the one in this photograph. It is located on the Main Road going through the village. This map from 1898 shows the location of all the Pumps & Wells in the village (14 pumps and at least 4 wells)



Right up until the early 2000s there was another Water Pump in the village, it was opposite the old Forge. It was damaged by builders and removed.

GVHS has also supported local groups, in February at the Norton Project History Day, the Sheffield and District Family History Fair in May, the Sheffield Amateur Radio Club belated centenary day in July, and the Bradway Fun Day in September.

If anyone has any interest in supporting local history, either by jotting down notes, supplying old photographs for the documentation of Old Greenhill and previous residents, or just having a chat, they would be most welcome. Our agenda for next year is in discussion, including the Buffer Girls, hall of Fame, Radio communication, the Barn at Dronfield, Magic years and childhood memories.

The Society would like to acknowledge it's thanks to John Baker, editor of the

Bradway Bugle for his previous support and publicity of events, and wish him well for the future.

Sue Bowles

Neighbourhood Watch

My two weeks away in the sun seem so long ago but not long enough to get away from the local incidents as some of you were kind enough to inform me. Unfortunately the internet connections were not great onboard the ship and I could only get online with any certainty whilst in some ports of call.

One thing that really caught my eye was the number of police officers of various types there were on the streets of even the smaller villages and towns. In some cases there were about four or five different local, municipal or port police. The major difference was that almost every one of these officers were armed and some quite elderly ones amongst them, not that we saw any evidence of any crimes but were warned about the dangers of pickpockets on the Rambles in Barcelona.

A bit different from our own local problems which continue to involve the theft of motor vehicles, Range Rover & Ford Fiesta models dominate our incident reports. Most of them were accessed without the keys or fobs, indicating the keyless systems had been cloned by capturing the signal from the fobs and transmitted to the vehicle to unlock the doors, cancel the alarm and start the car without anyone knowing. Simple measures like RFI wallets prevent the signal being captured in this way and are easily available at very little cost; even a metal container can screen the signal effectively.

Another crime that was very prevalent during the summer months was the theft of bicycles from sheds and garages. According to some of the officers who attended the scenes the lack of secure locks or strong doors was very noticeable. The question we should be asking is what price does a good secure lock cost, compared to the expensive bicycles being stolen.

Now as we enter winter some types of crime become more prolific including burglary as the criminals use the dark nights to spend their time attempting to relieve us of our hard earned property. Therefore we should be considering various means of making our property more secure, some of these involve a lot of money like professionally installed CCTV or burglar alarm systems.

Many others can cost very little. The first items to check are door locks, many properties will still have a Yale type lock that was fitted over thirty years ago. Now is the time to replace them with a newer high rated version that is unlikely to be so easy to gain access through. Similarly Eurolocks on patio and other UPVC doors need to be at least 3 Star rated with multi anti snap features, finally window locks of some form should be utilised as the usual window handle does not offer

much security on its own.

If you are on Facebook you will see regular posts from people who have been notified of suspicious people calling at their homes via their Ring door bell camera systems, there are many other suppliers of similar systems available, again a fairly inexpensive option. The hours between 4pm until dawn are the main danger periods but between 4-7pm the criminals are on the lookout for unattended properties especially those without any lights showing.

This is where other inexpensive measures can make your property less likely to be burgled. TV simulators, time switches for lights, external security lighting are all available for less than £20 and in most case do not need a professional to install.

Why make it easy for them and costly for you, insurance may replace items and repair any damage but it will never cover the feeling of some villain being in your property and the possible loss of not only valuable items but those of sentimental value.

Don't forget if you see a crime taking place call 999 immediately, if you want to report a crime that has already happened use the 101 numbers but better still report it online to SYP and avoid the potentially long wait to be answered. Please do not try to contact our PCSO's in an emergency; they are only contactable when on shifts Monday to Saturday and do not take their work phones home with them.



Crocheted poppies on display outside the United Reformed Church

Consider joining Neighbour Hood Watch, where this and additional information is regularly available, it does not cost anything to join and we send out weekly incident reports to all our members. A membership form can be completed online at our website and we also have a Facebook group. Website: www.s17nwa.co.uk S17NWA Facebook Group.

Take care and stay safe.

Les Day, Chairman S17NWA
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United Reformed Church, S17 3QS

Remembrance 2022. Many people have knitted or crocheted poppies over the last few months. These are now on display outside our church doors and are well worth seeing. Our service for Remembrance Sunday on November 13th at 10.30 am will be led by Rev. Chris Tomlinson. All are welcome to join us. Whilst the tradition of poppies began after the First World War sadly conflict continues all over the world and our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine especially.

Christmas celebrations. We begin the Advent season with a wreath making workshop on Wednesday November 30th at 7 pm. There are a limited number of places available. The cost of £22.50 includes all materials and seasonal refreshments. Please text Elaine on 07929720977 if you'd like to book a place.

On 11th December we are holding a Carol service at 10.30 am led by Rev. Barry Welch. All are invited to join us and have refreshments afterwards.

Our Christmas Day service will be led by Rev. Zaidie Orr. Check our notice board for the time of this service.

Cathedral Archer Project. Thank you to everyone who donated jigsaws for our sale in October. We had a huge range of jigsaws and we raised over £1300 for the Archer project.

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Industrial relations

Sadly this rather dominates railway matters at present. Over several years of restraint all the railway unions have accumulated grievances over pay with mostly below cost of living increases when granted. Added to that are overdue changes in working practices to benefit from advances in technology and more modern trains. Changes in users travelling patterns post-Covid need different approaches.

As I write another 3 days of strikes are being announced by the RMT. Their members man the old manual signal boxes along the Hope Valley so even if their train conductor members work train operators are unable to run trains on our line. On other days ASLEF may strike so few drivers will work. Unite have control of railway depots so when they strike trains can't be serviced. TSSA cover a wide range of roles and they aren't happy either.

Short of strikes unions are also banning overtime, working to rule and refusing to work on rostered rest days. Following Covid there's a big backlog of training that would normally be resolved by the flexibility these measures provide. Most, but not all, railway employees are in a union and follow their instructions.

Trains on the Midland Mainline and East Coast Mainline are controlled from a big centre in York together with similar centres in Manchester and Derby. Currently they can be manned for restricted hours by staff not subject to union actions.

It's a delicate situation with no quick resolution in view. Maybe when we get a stable government in place there'll be opportunity to thrash out agreements to restore peace to the railways. In the meantime check train details very carefully on the night before travel and again on the day as some cancellations may happen at very short notice.

Services from Dore & Totley

All said above Northern services have been less severely impacted than Trans Pennine Express! 100 Manchester bound commuters used to be unhappy when the 7.14 arrived with only 3 coaches instead of 6. Unfortunately TPE's training plan is a long way behind schedule and that means they can't run all their trains even on strike free days.

The 7.14 may not run at all. Pre-Covid this was Dore & Totley's greatest success story. Along with many other groups FoDaTS is in contact with TPE and they hope to see major improvements by the year end – we certainly hope so.

Northern have also been having crew shortages, particularly on Sundays meaning only 2 in 3 services may run. Positively they are now running 4, 5 and

6 coach trains at weekends as they try to cover missing TPE services.

Good news - Timetables from 11th December

At least it should be for most of us as long as all the other complex factors are resolved. Almost every service to, from,



Autumn colours in the station car park

and through Manchester has been amended. There may be some teething problems! The new timetables are available for booking now.

Most TPE services will run to and from Liverpool Lime Street. As examples our 6.15 will arrive there at 8.00, the 7.14 at 9.00. They'll use Platforms 13 and 14 at



Work starting on the Poynton Wood site

Manchester Piccadilly for easier changes to the Airport.

East Midlands services remain almost the same as now and in theory should be more reliable.

Northern services are to stop at all stations every hour leaving Sheffield at 14 minutes past and will leave Dore for the Hope Valley and Manchester at 21 minutes past – no more finding oneself at Grindleford when the Sheffield 13.14 doesn't stop here! We get a new westbound train at 8.21.

Trains from Manchester will run at 48 minutes past the hour and slightly less regularly at 50 - 59 minutes past the hour to Sheffield. Our current 8.24 will become the 8.58 – the single platform can't cope with more stopping in the morning peak.

The next 12-18 months at the station

Work planned for the July weekends was not all completed as planned. Work is currently progressing to build the new freight loop below Poynton Wood and that will continue into January. Local

residents have been advised, there will be more details posted at the station and in our Facebook group.

In order to facilitate construction work and undertake the delivery of rail material, the station car park will be closed from **Friday 4th November (6am close) – Friday 25th November (12pm open)**. Alternative parking will be available in Abbeydale Sports Club, in the top car park, while accessible parking and a drop-off point will be available on Ladies Spring Grove road during the closure.

Work on the station platforms should start the first week in January – with more car park closures!

We now understand we'll be getting two shelters on the new Platform 2 and they'll both be bigger than the small bus shelter originally planned. Bigger, but not what we'd hoped for in design.

Our current impression is that the planned Scheme completion date of September 2023 has slipped, probably by 6 months and possibly nearer 12. Strikes, the hot weather and delays in obtaining materials due to the war in Ukraine are some of the reasons.

Car park expansion, toilets, EV charging points

Due to the fall in passenger numbers after Covid, further falls due to unreliable services, and the difficulty in calculating true demand during the current construction work it's not possible to produce a strong business case to get funding for car park expansion. All avenues of government, both local and national, are looking for cost savings so we'll need to present a very strong case once we can get some reliable and strong statistics. SYMCA are sympathetic to our needs.

We keep requesting toilet facilities. Legs crossed and we may have some positive news in 2023.

Electric vehicle charging points, 4 of them, are being installed for operation in early 2023. This will happen.

Let's look forward to a more positive 2023 when station, trains and services can better serve our community. By this time next year we will be needing help to brighten our new station.

If you're a Facebook user, you can find and join us by searching for FoDaTS. It's a very active group with over 600 members and is updated frequently with topical information and comments.

Alternatively look for our website at www.fodats.net

If you're not on Facebook and would like more information please send an email to our Secretary; njbarnes@outlook.com

Happy Christmas and New Year to one and all.

Chris Morgan
Chairman

Grave goods

I like archaeologists. They confirm my conviction that we've achieved little over the past 5,000 years. We need somewhere safe, warm and dry to sleep, a means to prepare and cook food, and a wardrobe but countless people all over the world lack these basic necessities, let alone an adequate sewage system.

By carefully uncovering the past, archaeologists can determine where our ancestors gathered together. Regrettably, they take bit of a liberty, by disturbing graves, but this does provide important information about how we lived, what we wore, how we worshipped and even what we might have had for dinner.

There is always a possibility that graves may contain items selected to accompany the dear departed and, if the corpse was once rich or royalty, (technically termed 'High Status'), then you have hit the jackpot. You can find plenty of pennies, potsherds and post-holes; what you really want is valuable merchandise.

The ancient Egyptians made much of deciding what possessions they would carry over into the afterlife. We don't bother, letting others pick what we wear in our coffins and to choose hymns for the funeral. It would save a lot of heartache if we wrote down our wishes in advance, not leaving it to the mourners.

I do not have anything as precious as the prehistoric, intricately carved, chalk drum and ball discovered in the children's grave at Burton Agnes but I

will take a few bits that might amuse future archaeologists. I am not going to be famous in this life so this will be my opportunity to make a lasting mark on history.

I'll look a gentleman in my coffin, wearing my wedding suit, shirt and tie and my charity shop cufflinks; a pair with a helicopter emblem, bought in support of the Air Ambulance, will confirm my High Status. Anyone who can afford a flying machine will have been a chieftain in the community; a prince perhaps?

In one hand I shall hold a fountain pen so folk will know that I was literate and made my letters by hand. In the other I shall have a few coins, so my demise can be accurately dated. And I can pay the ferryman. I shall take a book of Pam Ayres' poems in a plastic box. The poetry might not survive but the box will.

Now comes the fun bit: take an empty tomato chutney jar, an expensive one, bought at a garden centre. Drop onto concrete and collect the pieces, deliberately discarding a few embossed shards from the base. Transfer the fragments to a blue velvet bag and tie with a silken cord, indicative of something precious.

Can you imagine the entertainment future archaeologists are going to have, trying to stick it together? Hours of fun, working out whether it was a reliquary, a vessel for votive offerings, or a decorative pot and discussing whether *Tom Pickle*, *Tom de Pickle* or *Tom o' Pickle* was the maker, owner, a hero or

deity.

Having had my fun, I intend to help historians of the next millennium for theirs is an honourable calling. In my coffin, ready for use in the after-life, will be a real, bone-handled, Sheffield Stainless Steel table knife. I have plenty to spare for I have been buying them regularly at car-boot sales or charity shops for years.

A Sheffield Stainless Steel table knife: the way it sits in the hand reveals the judiciousness of the design. The curve of the blade indicates knowledge of mathematics, the quality of the material is unparalleled. The edge appears never ever to need sharpening. Mine cuts a Victoria sponge or raw swede with equal ease.

The knife, '*Hygienic Stainless, Sheffield*' was made by Thomas Turner and Co., cutlery to King George V. It spreads butter and eases omelettes from a pan; I seldom utilise another knife, except for slicing meat.

When its kitchen duties are done, it opens all my letters and there is no finer tool for spreading *Polyfilla*

As historians of the third millennium examine my artefacts they will discuss ancient 20th century Britain. "This was a place where they once made televisions, telephones, machinery, clothing, and built ships, but their factories vanished like the dinosaurs as they imported everything instead.

What went wrong?"

Robert Smith



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On the Beat

And it's Goodnight from Him.

After around 6 years in and around your area the South West PCSO teams are reorganising and Paul and I will no longer be covering the S17 area instead moving to Gleadless Valley, Heeley/Meersbrook and Woodseats. The 3 PCSOs currently covering the Sharrow and Nether Edge area will now also be looking after the areas that we were responsible for.

There will no longer be a direct mobile number for you to call, please use 101 or 999 in an emergency and remember there is also the facility to report online via the SYP website. You can also email sheffieldsouthwestnpt@southyorks.pnn.police.uk for any non urgent enquiries.

Thank you for your support over the last few years and hopefully some of the information I provided within my articles has proved to be useful to you. A special thanks also to the hard working editors of these local publications, very few areas still have these locally based magazines and they are a valuable resource for sharing community information. Keep safe!

Adrian Tolson

Ed. All change. It seems the Bugle is not the only service to disappear from our streets at this time.

Totley Operatic and Dramatic Society

Hello everyone! I would like to introduce myself as the new secretary for TOADS as our lovely Anne Bettridge has decided to retire and enjoy some much needed me-time! Best wishes to Anne and to her husband John who can now get to enjoy even more devoted attention from his amazing fabulous lady wife! I only hope I can follow in her shoes and make as good a job of this as she did for so many years.

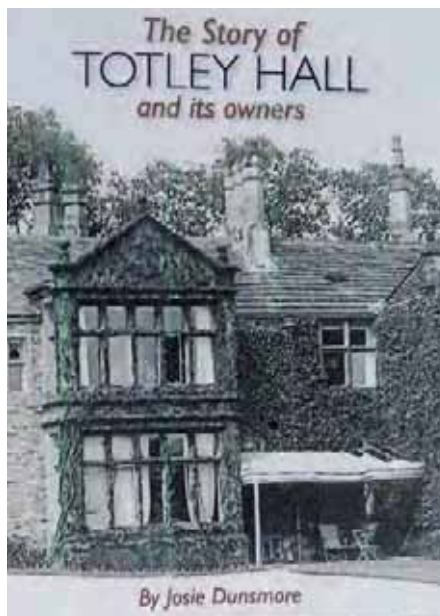
It doesn't seem like five minutes since our last play Beach Day in May 2022 written and directed by our very own Alan Wade. The play was a great success and it is rumoured that Alan may be cajoled into doing a follow up... watch this space!

In the meantime rehearsals are well underway for our November play which will be 'Secondary Cause of Death' written by Peter Gordon. A murder mystery set in wartime England with all the requirements for a good whodunnit... secret passages, multiple double identities, malapropisms, you name it. Full of twists and turns and absolute mayhem. You will love it!

The play will run from Wednesday 16th November to Friday 18th November at 7.30 pm each evening with a matinee performance on Saturday 19th November at 2.30 pm. Tickets are £7 full price and £6 for concessions (students and over 65) available from Jeff Bagnall on 0114 235 1206 or email tickets@toads-drama.co.uk.

We have had a number of new members in the last few months and so there will be new faces to see both on-stage and off. We are always on the lookout for new members so if you would like to join us you will be most welcome! We are a very friendly and welcoming bunch and we meet every Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the Guild Room at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Come along or contact us via our page at <https://www.toads-drama.co.uk/contact-us/>. It will be lovely to see you!

Deb Taylor



A new local history book by local author Josie Dunsmore

Happy Birthday, Totley Hall

Over a number of years I have been researching the history of Totley Hall – the Big House in the Village – for my own pleasure and interest. During Lockdown I began, with the help of my husband, to write up its story on wet days to keep our minds active.

I came to realize that our local Hall, built in 1623, was nearing its 400th birthday, and that maybe the time was right to share my findings with others interested in our local history by putting the story into print.

Totley Hall has played a number of roles during its lifetime as a farmhouse, Manor House, sporting lodge, office, retirement home, village hub and College.

Its owners have included a High Sheriff, a Lead Mine Owner and an eccentric Gentleman, but – who was the founder of Dronfield Market; which owner was a thief and embezzler; and which owner scandalized the village?

Find out in this illustrated booklet, published with the support of Totley History Group, and with profits going to Transport 17. Available from: Totley Library; Transport 17; Carl at 'Shoe Repairs' on the Rise; priced at £8.99.

Josie Dunsmore

It's a grey world

I've lost my love of lettuce. There is certainly nothing nicer on a summer's day than a crisp, fresh salad. Served with new potatoes, it gives body and meaning to the slice of fresh ham or the chunk of pork pie but I am denied such simple pleasures. I simply cannot find crisp, fresh, green lettuce or tasty tomatoes.

A television programme introduced me to the science of hydroponics: miles of automated greenhouses, where men have been replaced by machines, are made to produce the freshest, crispest leaves on earth. Let the rabbits have them! They may be a miracle of modern science but they are all bitter, or tasteless.

It is the same with tomatoes: I tested indoor, outdoor, on-the-vine, grape, cherry, plum and beefsteak. They all taste watery and go soft within a day. Even innocent cucumber tastes like marrow in miniature, and the supermarket lettuce selection is limp, pale, mild and bitter, or icebergs chilled to nothingness.

My sister-in-law presents me with freshly-harvested garden leaves but (dare I say it?), I don't like them. Before rows of growers beat a path to my door to impale me on a radish may I say, "You are not alone?"

Beef does not taste like it used to, (it tries to be too lean); nor does beer or butter or bread and cheese. There are more real ale brewers than ever, more strength to them, but I can't savour a pint as I used to. There are many excellent artisan cheesemakers but I still miss my farmhouse Cheddar cut from the rind.

There are countless television-trained 'celebrity chefs', but I don't fancy food that's been fiddled with.

Perhaps the biggest tragedy is the quality of our daily bread, despite there being legions of craft bakers. Bakers despair. One pointed to a sourdough loaf and said to me, "I don't know why I bake this rubbish. It tastes awful, but I have to keep making it because people keep asking for it because it's fashionable."

You can buy bread with things taken out, bread with extra things added in, baguettes, brioche, ciabatta, cornbread, focaccia, multigrain, pita and pumpernickel; all I want is a genuine cottage loaf with a crust.

I used to buy fresh fruit. It's good for you but it goes soft, or grows a fur coat, before you get it home.

Why must everything get worse? Or is it a symptom of old age that nothing is as good as I remember it? Each morning, it's easy to look out of the window and wonder why nothing is as good as it used to be.

The houses in my road went up when white window frames, barge boards and guttering were the thing. Even garage doors were white; it all looked so fresh and clean. Now everything has to be black or grey.

A fine tree stood at the corner. A neighbour had it removed because it shed too many leaves in autumn. A green hedge, home to many birds, is now a 6 ft.

high timber fence that would grace a builder's yard.

Anything that can be painted is painted grey, to match the concrete blocks that cover the front gardens. What is it about grey? I know this country no longer builds battleships so is there a surplus of grey paint?

You can choose from elephant's breath, mouse's back, goose down, grey marl, misty mountain, fossil. Winter's whisper, gunmetal, grey owl, vintage smoke or thimble case; any colour, as long as it's grey.

It has become an urban obsession: shopfronts, pub signs, garden furniture, carpets, curtains or kitchens; why would you paint your woodwork grey, unless you harbour hopes of being an upmarket undertaker? Or is it that the Mercedes Benz quicksilver supercar is still such an object of desire that we must imitate it?

I'm sure that the world is as bright and colourful as ever it was, but it's hard to see it some mornings. People used to make an effort to look smart, neat, tidy or elegant. It was no insult to call a girl 'pretty'. Now even the fruitful and famous appear unkempt, unshaven, pierced, tattooed, hooded or half naked.

I used to like music on the radio. I dare not turn it on for the noise affects the nerve-ending of the brain. The news is black, the future promises some grey days, only my garden provides me with colour, or am I simply being left behind in an increasingly complicated and precarious ever-changing world?

Robert Smith



Ellie with Jason Ramsden (left) and club president Lionel Clarke

Golfers for St Luke's Hospice

Members of Dore and Totley Golf Club have raised a fantastic £3,500 for St Luke's Hospice. The money was raised in memory of St Luke's patient Lesley Stone, whose husband Andrew is a member of the club.

"We know about the great support Lesley received from St Luke's and decided that we wanted to do something for the charity so we had special raffles on both our Captain's Day and President's Day and also an auction for two rounds of golf with a trick shot artist," said club captain Jason Ramsden. "We were delighted to raise so much and we look forward to doing more with St Luke's in the future."

St Luke's Community Fundraiser Ellie Matthews added: "We are so pleased that Dore and Totley Golf Club's members

thought of us and raised such a great amount. "We are delighted to know that they want to work with us in the future and they can be assured that the money they raise really will make a massive difference to the lives of all our patients and their families."

John Highfield

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Transport 17

Here at T17 we have had a mixed few months. We received the sad news that two longstanding supporters of the organisation passed away over the summer – Felicity Revill and Maureen Cope. We were however able to join a celebration of Stella Jockel's life who passed away during lockdown. We have also been out and about at several local community events and are still recruiting for volunteers and a part time paid role for a Volunteer Co-ordinator.

Felicity's initial contact with Transport 17 was through her job at the Community Action Programme in the late 1990's. Much of her working life was spent encouraging and enabling individuals to succeed, always seeing the potential in others.

Through her work role she placed John Savournin in his administrator's role at T17, and also one of our volunteer drivers, Darryl Creed, who continues to drive for us to this day. Felicity joined the management committee, initially as secretary to the Barlows who were running the organisation and when they left, Felicity took over as Chairperson.

She brought enthusiasm and patience to this role, and is remembered as being someone who was committed to T17 determined that older people in the local community would continue to benefit from our services.

Maureen was the co-ordinator of Dore Open Door Lunch Club, amongst many other roles within the Dore Community. It was always a pleasure to speak to Maureen as she was friendly and

organised. Attending her memorial service in early September made it clear how well thought of she was within Dore and the positive impact she has had on the lives of many individuals. I am

confident that there will be many memories of Maureen spoken about for a long time to come. We are grateful to be one of the three recipients of the generous donations given following Maureen's memorial service.

Earlier in the Summer, we had the pleasure of attending Totley All Saints' Church for a celebration of the life of Stella Jockel who passed away during the Covid lockdown. The remembrance service was a very special occasion and will be a lasting memory of the woman she was. Listening to, and joining with, a choir of the quality of Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus was amazing. Stella had been a member of the Chorus for over 60yrs.

It was a pleasure to meet Stella's wider family and to be able to express our thanks for Stella and the family's support over the years.

Stella was Alan Jockel's 2nd wife and worked with him to support Transport 17 right from its inception in 1984. After Alan died in 1985 she continued to support us and, almost right up until she passed away, was an active supporter of our fundraising events.

We were thrilled to bits with a significant donation she made in 2019, and her generous spirit lives on in the form of a legacy left to T17 in her will. In the last couple of years of Stella's life, as her mobility declined, she was able to make use of the service herself to go to a lunch club at the URC on Totley Rise.

Community events

T17 thoroughly enjoyed being at the Dore Gala (July), Lowedges Festival (August), and most recently at the Totley



T17 stall on tour at local shows



Stella Jockel who died during Covid



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Show (Sept). Thank you to all those who took the time to come and say hello, those who enquired about volunteering roles and/or how they might support the organisation financially, and of course those who took part in our luck dips, tombola and 'finding the Totley Treasure', all of which raised funds for T17 operations.

Many people, both young and old, enjoyed coming aboard the minibus to have a look around, experience how the tail lift works to bring passengers on board, and to sit in the driver's seat.

We are really excited to be planning our first Christmas fayre to be held since the Autumn of 2019. As with previous fundraising events, the Cross Scythes have kindly agreed to host us. It will be held on Saturday 19th November, and will include some Christmas activities for children as well as the ever popular Bottle Bonanza, a Christmas raffle, and various Christmas stalls.

The funds raised will go towards the £5,000 total needed for essential bus services, inspections and maintenance through the year. Please put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Recruitment

Volunteer Roles - We are interested in hearing from anyone who would like to volunteer with us at T17 as a minibus driver or a passenger assistant. In the last couple of months, we have had 4 enquiries from local organisations

needing transport for their older members who are finding it difficult to access their groups as they are unable to use public transport. Unfortunately, although we have the minibus capacity, without more



Felicity Revill receiving flowers from T17 on her retirement from the management committee.

volunteers, we cannot take on new routes. Similarly, we are in search of new members for our board of Trustees, the time commitment for which we would expect to be on average six meetings a year.

Fiona Smith
T17 Operations Manager



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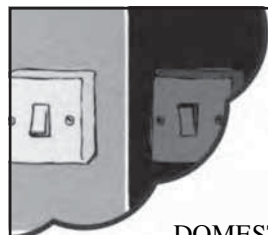
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Witches of Bakewell

This is a tragic tale with resonance over the centuries, raising the questions of who is to be believed, no matter how unlikely their story might be, and who are the victims of prejudice.

It's a story that is sometimes attributed to White Watson (1760- 1835) the Bakewell antiquarian and historian. It is one of the few published legends about Bakewell and has inspired stories told and shared in recent local history books. Bakewell Youth Theatre created and performed a powerful promenade play based on this story, using the historic buildings of the town as a setting.

There's both tragedy and a dark kind of comedy in the story of the two women, hat makers, living in Bakewell at the beginning of the seventeenth century. They took in lodgers to supplement their income. Some say they were sisters, others that it was a widow, Mrs Stafford, and her maid.

They had the misfortune to take in a Scottish pedlar, an itinerant door to door salesman. Taking advantage of the two women, he left without paying his bill in the middle of the night and made his way to London. In his haste he left some of his belongings behind. The two women put it down to experience and kept his shirts in place of payment.

Once in London the pedlar was discovered by a nightwatchman, trespassing in the cellar of a merchant's house. Hauled up before the local magistrate he spun a fantastic tale about how he had got there.

He claimed to have flown through the air and landed in the basement, thanks to a spell the two women in Bakewell had placed on him. He also said that they had kept some of his personal possessions for that purpose.

Ridiculous as this story is to our ears, these were difficult times for women without the protection of a man. King James 1st had revived the Witchcraft Act in 1604 after a claimed attempt on his life, and witchhunters were out and about up and down the country accusing

innocent women of witchcraft with hideous trials by ordeal to prove innocence.

The witchhunters made their way to Bakewell, found the women and discovered the pedlar's possessions as so called proof. A confession was forced out of the women, they were sent to Derby Assizes and hung for witchcraft in 1607.



Part of the displays from the autumn event at Beauchief Abbey

Life at Beauchief Abbey

Well as we approach winter we reflect on our Autumn Event. The Abbey welcomed over 300 visitors for Heritage Open days.

The displays from the University's Fairway to Heaven Field Survey 2021 were popular and we were delighted to have some of the University team at the Abbey talking to visitors about the results (including the discovery of the Outer Precinct wall and Gatehouse).

We also had displays from the Art Students – their take on the survey including stained perspex windows depicting the students busy excavating on the 4th Tee. Amazingly the perspex slotted temporarily into the Abbey's East Window.

The event concluded on the Sunday

with a full house for Choral Evensong with the wonderful Steel City Choristers.

Our Harvest Evensong during October was also well attended and a big thank you from all those that donated food for Grace Food Bank.

There will be a special service of Remembrance on Sunday 13th November at 10.45. We are also hoping to be open on Christmas Eve. However, this depends on available volunteers, and we will be limiting numbers, and this will most likely be a ticket event – please check notice boards / our website www.beauchiefabbey.org.uk for further details.

Beauchief Abbey is open every Sunday 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays at 11am and on the 3rd Sunday 3pm for Evensong.

Chocolate, Rum & Raisin fudge

Ingredients

500g 70% dark chocolate
175g white chocolate
50g butter
350g icing sugar
100g raisins
350g chopped hazelnuts
30ml rum (or to taste)

Method

Butter a 20cm square baking tin. Melt the dark and white chocolate in microwave in 30 second bursts until each are completely melted.

Combine the melted chocolate, add butter. Stir in the icing sugar, nuts, raisins and rum, mix until smooth.

Place mixture in the prepared tin and lay a sheet of cling film over the top; press and smooth down.

After 30 minutes score with a knife to portion (bite size).

Leave in the tin to set for two hours in a cool place.

Portion out and dip into tempered dark chocolate and decorate (optional).

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Preparation time: 40 minutes

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Twenty-six soldiers

Why do people write letters to newspapers and magazines? I know why I do it; mainly it's just for fun.

I write almost every day. It might be because I have a story to tell, - be it fact, fiction, poetry or prose, but sometimes because I retain a glimmer of hope that I can write a piece that actually does some good.

It is not easy. The world's worries gather like raindrops on a window pane and gather speed as they fall. We cannot hold back change but we have a duty to record what we see: homeless families left to starve, whilst others profit from their misery and science devises new terrors that may blow us to smithereens.

Who is to hold to account the liars, the lazy, the cheats, the perverts and the brutes amongst our rulers? We all have a

duty to fight for fairness and reason; to protect the poor and the weak, and to expose evil. What forces can we muster to prevent the ungodly and uncivilised taking over? Just twenty-six soldiers!

You have at your command twenty-six soldiers, who can speak the truth and fight for a brighter future. Your soldiers are letters, drawn up in lines of words; then words marshalled in squadrons of sentences; well-formed phrases form pages, pages make an army. Use words wisely and you have a fighting force!

Do not doubt the power of words: how few are used in the Commandments, what if they were obeyed?

Words are so powerful that princes and prelates stopped us reading them, by censorship or obfuscation. Countries and companies bend them, twist them, hide them in small print or insist they never existed.

Words can be unruly. Left uncontrolled they are a disorganised rabble, writers must impose discipline, but words can be allowed to make us laugh. In times of peace they form pictures and patterns of poetry.

Words can speak to us through plays, calm uneasy minds and, as day moves to its close, ease us to sleep.

Words are necessary to record our history. You can show your children and grandchildren pictures but only words can tell the whole story. It is often painful to reveal our past mistakes, crimes or prejudices, but the name of every victim of injustice, oppression or soldier killed

in action deserves to be recorded.

Without words there would be no letters. We have almost forgotten how to sit down and write a letter but Mothers still need write to children far from home. There is still joy in getting letters from a friend.

A letter can provide quiet words of advice and in a love letter Tom can declare his true feelings for Jane.

If you would be immortal: if you could spare a piece of yourself to entertain or ease the path of others: if you have hours to spend in composing a monograph or must find a few minutes to write a brief note:

if you honestly want to save a soul, serve a need or spread your sphere of influence - then please write.

If you want to be comfortable, adjust the central heating. If you want to be healthy, go out for a stroll.

To be replete, eat well. To be content, read a book. To mourn, be still. To find solace, offer a prayer.

If you would meet a stranger, *who might turn out to be yourself*, then summon up your soldiers, and write!

Robert Smith

Save our insects

Insects are one of the main drivers for many of our eco systems on land and in fresh water. But there is a problem: The worlds insect populations are plummeting, 40% are in decline and a

third are endangered. We can be part of the solution by making our gardens insect friendly.

Research indicates that private gardens in Britain cover an area bigger than all the country's nature reserves combined, estimated at over 10 million acres. So despite individual gardens being small, they have amazing potential!

We need gardens to create important green links to connect to the wider countryside. Making your garden wildlife-friendly will help to ensure that the plants and animals that we value today will still be there for future generations to enjoy.

Science shows that if just one person in every four takes action, this can be enough to change the minds and behaviour of the majority. Will you be that one?

Taking a simple action like not mowing your grass can really help nature on your doorstep. So Grow Don't Mow is one of the best and easiest ways to help insects and pollinators. By leaving your grass to freely grow allows the natural and vital pollinating flowers like dandelions to flourish, helping to feed the bees and other insects.

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November

15/11/22 Our second members' evening. (DP)

22/11/22 Simon Roy from Wetherby on his wildlife images, all taken close to home. Zoom only with Norwich CC (Z)

29/11/22 Round 2 of the Print Competition judged by Stephen Womack LRPS, CPAGB, EFIAP from Huddersfield. (DP)

December

06/12/22 We get in the festive spirit with an Xmas fun evening. (D)

January 2023

03/01/23 John Stones Norwich CC on "Storytelling for photographers". Zoom only

10/01/23 The Ken Doney Trophy. Six digital images on your chosen theme, judged by all present (D)

17/01/23 Photographer and model Graham Currey, from Stockport, will talk about his experiences "If you see it, shoot it". (DP)

24/01/23 President's theme night entitled "Open Door". (DP)

31/01/23 Ian Daisley, from Matlock, with monochrome images of the Peak District. (DP)

February 2023

07/02/23 Print competition, judged by David Kissman CPAGB BPE2 (DP)

14/02/23 Richard Hall some accepted images from this year's YPU Exhibition. (DP)

21/02/23 Members invited to talk about their favourite images (DP)

28/02/23 Shared evening with Norwich CC, with an international speaker. Zoom only



Light play - Anne Turner

March 2023

07/03/23 Members' evening. (DP)

14/03/23 Bob Pettigrew MBE, from Derby, on visits to India. (DP)

21/03/23 Paul Bingham, from Derby, a visit to Sri Lanka, with rich diversity, especially birds. (DP)

28/03/23 Print competition, judged by Sue Wilson DPAGB BPE3 (DP)

April 2023

04/04/23 "The AV Show" annual presentation of Audio Visual sequences. (AV)

18/04/23 Professional photographer David Speight on "Simplifying the view", how he plans and chooses his landscape shoots. (DP)

25/04/23 Presidents' Choice Exact format to be decided. (DP) A Lonely



A Lonely World - by Mannat Kaur. She is our youngest member at 12 years old. She captured this image during the Lockdown when just 10 years old.

New flood management project

Limb Brook natural flood management project

Work implementing a series of natural flood management measures in the Limb Brook Catchment to help protect Sheffield and the region against future flooding continues on new sites, this time regenerating a popular urban site at Whirlow Playing Fields to provide flood water storage and improve the area for wildlife.

As part of the Upper Don Source to Sea programme, the works use a number of natural flood management methods used to help store and slow water flows. This is to reduce the risk of flooding at at-risk locations downstream in the Don valley, as well as providing new environments supporting local wildlife.

This work involved breaking into drainage systems and bringing the flow to the surface as streams and directing it into a series of six attenuation ponds. These hold and slowly release excess water. In addition swales are created which are shallow, grassy channels which slow and direct the flow of water, essentially little streams..

This more natural drainage causes slower movement of rainwater once it hits the ground, as it moves through long vegetation and snakes around bends. In addition, the ponds act to temporarily hold off water during storm events.

Bringing water to the surface and out of its pipes can create a new dynamic and biodiverse landscape. These features along with wildflower, meadow and hedge planting will also support a range of wildlife including birds, insects and amphibians, as well as creating resilience to the climate and ecological emergencies.

The change is being monitored onsite via a large citizen science component involving the local community, and in the river with specialist hydrology equipment.

Ongoing works have seen similar interventions along the course of the Limb Brook and its catchment area; from Lady Canning's Plantation down through the Limb Valley to Ecclesall Woods.