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Kenwood Hall Gatehouse Restored

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The Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group was set up in 1973 with the following aims:

To improve the conditions of life especially of those living or working in the areas of Brincliffe, Nether Edge and Sharrow in Sheffield, without distinction of sex or race, or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating with local authorities, voluntary organisations and residents in a common effort to advance our education, to improve the environment and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time activities.

This month's edition of EDGE has been compiled by compiled by David Pierce and Howard Fry
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A bumper edition – to celebrate !

We think it is true to say that never before has EDGE offered its readers a 20 page edition. So here it is. A bumper issue. Is it worth it? That is for our readers to judge. Included in this issue are the annual reports from NENG's groups. They make impressive reading. There is also reference to our vision group and whether we in NENG could do things better. Already there have been some changes to the way we produce EDGE. We have established an Editorial Committee to ease the burden on editors, develop a 'bank' of contributors and new ideas. The difficulty for EDGE and NENG more broadly is that little feedback is available from our readers and subscribers. We need to have a better understanding of what you want.

That said, this edition provides you with another collection of fascinating new stories and comments as well as a reminder about what NENG and its sub-groups have been doing during the past twelve months. Pride of place on our front page is the iconic Kenwood Hall Gate House. EDGE offers its congratulations to the owners for their careful and eye-catching renovation. Many regard it as the gateway not only to the Hall but also into Nether Edge. There is a police update and a review of a somewhat challenging book and a description of a flight in a small aircraft over our area. There is news about how to enjoy the nearby gems outside the city by using the very convenient number 218 bus and a new feature, Thought for the Month. Finally there is an interesting contrast between Paul Selby's further update on the trees campaign and an alternative view expressed by Marion Gerson.

Please let us have your letters or articles and your opinions about EDGE, and please do your best to join us at NENG's AGM, details of which can be found on pages 8-14

David Pierce

A Big Thank You from Twelve Trees

Dear David

I apologise for the lateness of this email, but all at Twelve Trees, staff, residents, families and visitors, would like to pass on our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the donation of £100.

All donations, such as this, help us to make a great difference to our residents' lives. Our residents have discussed how they would like to use the donation and they have chosen to use it to help improve our garden area.

Our garden area is accessible for everyone but Carole Miller, our Activities Coordinator, is in the process of organising a gardening club with our residents and the main items discussed were including more colour and plant variety along with more accessible potting areas. The donation will help in making the residents ideas into a reality.

Again, we thank you for the very kind donation and we hope to keep you updated on how our garden area progresses!

Kind regards, **Maria Snape**
Senior Administrator

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'm writing to ask if, through the Newsletter and website, you could give publicity to the fact that you can now take a bus from The Stag to Chatsworth House. The 218, which used to run into and out of town along Abbeydale Road, now runs on the 4 route to and from Bents Road. It then goes, via Abbey Lane, to link with Abbeydale Road South. This is a surprise addition to bus services in NE.

Best Michael Worboys

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When the eyes get dimmer, the joints stiffen, and you can't remember what you went upstairs for, you may be forgiven for asking if there are any benefits to getting older. Well, I can tell you two – the free travel pass and the 218 bus route. I've been a fan for some time, but since they re-routed it along Psalter Lane, it almost goes past my front door. There's plenty of time for a second cup of tea, because the first bus where we can use our passes leaves the stop by the Stag at ten to ten, going straight to Bakewell. Then it's every half hour, with the one at twenty minutes past the hour calling at Chatsworth en route.

Chatsworth must be on everybody's bucket list. They offer two pounds off the entry fee if you produce a 218 ticket. I'm not sure if that applies to a travel pass, but you can always ask! Even if you don't go in the house, the grounds are accessible for picnics and riverside walks. If you're feeling fit, the Hunting Tower behind the house offers superb views and there's the Emperor Lake, which powers all the water features in the grounds.

Monday is Market Day in Bakewell, There are loads of eateries to suit all appetites and pockets, and to eat fish and chips on the benches by the river is very popular. You'll see swans, canada geese, black-headed gulls, moorhens and coots, and of course, ducks. These are mainly mallards, but there are a few tufted ducks, which

instead of dabbling, dive down and swim on the bottom. I've even seen a goosander, diving for fish, and completely ignoring the crowds. If you're travelling with Man's Best Friend, the Castle pub is very dog-friendly, and they even offer free doggie treats. There's a small museum, which amongst other things, has an umbrella stand, made from the foot of the elephant, which was shot in Darley Dale. (Surely you know about that!)

The bus offers great opportunities for walking. Bakewell is the start of the Monsal Trail, which follows the disused railway line all the way to Buxton, and if you don't want to walk you can hire bikes. I love the walk from Bakewell to Chatsworth, via the wood behind Bakewell golf course, Calton Pastures and then New Piece Wood, where you emerge to the most spectacular view of Chatsworth House, Grounds and Edensor village. If this all sounds too energetic for you, may I recommend getting off at Chatsworth and then strolling down the river (watch for sand martins) to rejoin the 218 at Baslow

If some of you are not quite at the bus pass age, they'll still let you on the bus – you'll just have to pay! If you've got kids in tow, there's a good play area in Bakewell Park, and Chatsworth has a working farmyard and adventure playground. Do, please do, take advantage of this wonderful facility, but do please keep it quiet. If they find out how much we love it, they might try to take it off us!

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH by Gareth Jones

The first in a series of 'thoughts' by representatives of the large number of wide-ranging faith groups in Nether Edge.

One of the main impulses behind every religion is a sense of mystery: a feeling of awe in response to the reality of the universe; a sense of wonder that anything exists at all. This is something that religious faith shares with the deepest inspirations of art and science.

Albert Einstein came from a Jewish background, though he wasn't a religious person in any conventional sense. However, he gave a speech that he called his "creed", and it includes these words: "The most beautiful and deepest experience a person can have is the sense of the mysterious...To sense that behind anything that can be experienced there is a something that our mind cannot grasp and whose beauty and sublimity reaches us only indirectly and as a feeble reflection, this is religiousness...To me it suffices to wonder at these secrets and to attempt humbly to grasp with my mind a mere image of the lofty structure of all that there is."

The artist Vincent van Gogh was a very different character, but he also spoke of this sense of awe which inspired his visionary paintings. "Be clearly aware of the stars and infinity on high," he wrote. "Then life seems almost enchanted after all. If one feels the need of something grand, something infinite, something that makes one feel aware of God, one need not go far to find it." Van Gogh goes on to say that he also sees these infinite and eternal depths in the eyes of a baby when it wakes in the morning.

One needn't interpret these experiences in terms of religious doctrine. But that sense of awe is common to people of all cultures, faiths and philosophies. It is part of the human response of humility in the face of the grandeur of existence.

Revd Gareth Jones is the minister of St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church and Highfield Trinity Methodist Church, and the Inter-Faith Adviser to the Sheffield Methodist District.

The Kenwood Gatehouse

The intrigue of The Gatehouse has captured the attention of local residents, passers-by and guests at the Kenwood Hotel for many years. Its history dates back to when it was built around 175 years ago. That history runs deep with quite a bit of information available, however brief. The Gatehouse was commissioned by George Wolstenholme, arguably one of Sheffield's finest cutlers. He was the third generation of the city's well-respected cutlers and was a very determined business man who took production of the Sheffield based factory to its next level in the 19th century with around 800 staff at its peak, specifically establishing a formidable reputation for making some of the best knives in the world.

Kenwood Hall and The Gatehouse were designed by Sheffield architect William Flockton. The Flocktons were also a Sheffield based business with a series of architectural firms in the 19th and early 20th centuries. They were responsible for a number of beautiful buildings in and around Sheffield. Further research cites a gentleman called Thomas Steade, who allegedly worked with George Wolstenholme to help sculpt their visions for the Kenwood area in Nether Edge into what we know today.

Fast forward to the modern day. The Gatehouse was left unoccupied and lay dormant for a good half a century. Decay and Mother Nature were taking hold of the building and it had started to blend into the trees. However, that has now changed as the new owners have purchased it from the hotel, started restoring it to its former glory and making it into a family home. Currently 12 months into the careful refurbishment of the property and its surroundings, it is now occupied, and in the final stages of its conversion. The Grade 2 listed building has full planning permission and listed building consent to become a family home, and all the work has been done with great care and attention to every detail to make sure it's going to still be around for another 175 years. No expense has been spared on this beautiful Gatehouse to restore it to its former glory. In fact, even greater efforts have been made to make it a really special place. The owners, having put years of time and effort into the whole project were therefore delighted to be approached by EDGE and thought it would be a great way of letting the local residents/community know a little about the property and the huge efforts that have been made to give it the TLC it rightly deserves. It will be interesting to see it when work is completed by spring/summer this year.

SPRING FEVER by John Turner

Spring is finally upon us and Sheffield is totally a place which inspires poetry - the people, the views, the atmosphere, the strong sense of neighbourhood. Small wonder that there are so many successful writers who have sprung up from the leafy suburbs. Like so many other people, I came to Sheffield in the 60s for university and never wanted to leave - so here I still am! Nether Edge is a particularly close community - it is, as we all know, a village. There is such a great feeling of friendship and connections - so many local groups and events exist and happen on a regular basis. The Nether Edge History Group and the regular Wednesday folk evenings are well established. The lovely collectors' shops and the cafes with their welcoming staff draw you in.

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group has given me the opportunity to stimulate interest in creative writing in the Nether Edge area. With this in mind, I have two thoughts. Firstly, all you writers in the area, please think about submitting poems or short pieces of prose for consideration for publication in the EDGE. Secondly, I would really like to try setting up a regular fortnightly or monthly writers' group where we explore different specific themes each session. This will, of course, guarantee the creation of work which we can publish in the EDGE. If you are interested please contact the editor or me jrt39bow@gmail.com

Just to start things off, here is one of my poems, it's about our very own Nether Edge.....

On The Edge

The houses lie
Behind trees
And wide hedges
In leafy streetscapes.
In Nether Edge
The people sit happily
By their windows
Behind lace curtains,
Sharing stories of the day.
The neighbourhood group
Drink green tea together
In Cafe No. 9
Across the road from
the Bowling Club.

LOCAL POLICE REPORT by Sarah Hague PCSO 8022

In the Sharrow, Abbeydale and Nether Edge Wards there has been a spate of Motor Vehicle Related Offences in recent weeks. This consists of 10 thefts from motor vehicles and 4 thefts of motor vehicles. Most vehicle crime can be easily prevented, here are some top tips to follow:

- Think before you park, is it well lit?
- Avoid if possible parking in secluded spots.
- Use a lockable garage if you have one.
- Always close windows and lock all doors.
- Don't Leave anything on display
- Don't forget to remove your Satnav, and wipe away the sucker marks from your windscreen & remove brackets.
- Avoid number plate theft by using security screws to fasten it into place. (these can be found at most car spare retailers)

Other activities during March and April resulted in:

- 2 males were arrested for firearms offences and 2 males arrested for drug offences.
- Due to suspicious activity reported around Boston Street our team has been working with UNITE Student Accommodation and our drug detection dog, Duke. We had a number of positive detections and several individuals were dealt with for possession of controlled drugs.
- Sellers Street – ASB hotspot: we have been doing proactive patrols to deter and identify individuals working alongside partner agencies. A survey will be conducted shortly asking residents if they feel the situation has improved.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tues 2nd April-Sun 7th April - Community Week of Action (Ending with Sharrow Lantern Festival 7th)

Community Litter picks from NENG, Probation Service, Highfield Adventures. Parking Services – Enforcing parking offences in company of Police Patrols and SYP mounted department.

Highfields Adventure (Sharrow) – Multiple Events for children including Dance, Martial Arts Displays, Boxing sessions.

If you are interested in seeing what we do or simply want to contact us you can find us at:

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THE SHARROW EXPERIMENT

Jack Massey has a bee in his bonnet about graffiti, and he has persuaded NENG to fund an experiment at the shops at the junction of Wostenholm Road and Sharrow Lane. There are eleven businesses there, and every one has had graffiti sprayed on it. The idea is to help clean it all off, and then issue each business with a brush and a can of paint. If any new graffiti appears, it will immediately be painted out again. There is some evidence that if this is done, the area remains graffiti free. The aim is to give it six months and see how it goes. If it works, maybe other areas will take it up. Monkey see – monkey do!

Jack says, "I'm not against Street Art. In fact, I would recommend anyone to visit the Mausoleum of the Giants exhibition at the EyeWitness gallery on Milton Street.

We don't particularly want to catch the culprits. We just want them to stop it. Just ask yourself. Would you prefer the lad who burgled your house to get six months or would you rather not be burgled? After all, spray paint isn't free. Perhaps they should ask themselves – Would I be getting more enjoyment from a bag of chips? I know most of the business owners, so it wasn't hard to approach them. It would be fair to say that some are more enthusiastic than others, but they're all willing to give it a go. One thing they're all agreed on. They don't like graffiti.

I know some of it will come back, but if we keep on top of it the place won't look so run down and neglected. I look at it like this. I'm clean-shaven. I know that if I do nothing I won't stay that way. I spend maybe an hour or less every week in front of the mirror. For the other hundred and sixty seven hours a week – Hey Presto! – I'm clean shaven!"

If anyone wants to join Jack and the shopkeepers in their experiment, Clean Up Day is Sunday, 14th April at 10 o'clock. Bring a brush.

As I write this on 23rd February, I write some mainly positive news about our lovely street trees in Nether Edge. Regular readers will know that this time last year, just prior to the pause in felling, 156 (or 11%) of the street trees in our area were threatened. Following the mediated talks, the Council were able to save 17 of these, and offered to work jointly with tree campaigners and Amey to excavate and investigate 27 more of the trees in early 2019, with the aim of saving these too. I can report today that, subject to final Council decision, 24 of these 27 are almost certainly saved too, with 3 being referred for further discussion.

The best news of all is that the Chelsea Road elm tree has almost certainly now been officially saved, meaning safety for its colony of rare White Letter Hairstreak butterflies.

The joint excavation/inspection process has been fascinating. The dedicated and expert Amey workers have skilfully dug around tree roots and reduced kerb stone size and put in place simple and easy solutions that enable the trees to be retained safely. They and campaigners have both found that the trees should never have been identified for felling in the first place.

The perceived damage to kerbs and pavements is as a result of years of neglect and ad hoc patch repairs. Prime examples can be seen on Edgedale Road and Hunter House Road. Here the pavements were hugely humped and to the casual observer the roots were creating huge damage. However, excavations revealed four layers of tarmac, 60cm thick. (More than two tonnes of tarmac were removed per tree!). The new pavement surfaces put in place are perfectly flat because there were no roots causing any damage at all!

The lessons learned from this joint excavation/inspection process will now be applied to the remaining 112 threatened trees in our area, 40 of which are earmarked to be felled in 2019. Some of these are definitely more difficult to save, but actually, I am confident that the collaborative approach should allow the majority of these to be saved too.

I do have a question though. Why didn't Sheffield Council and Amey take up the campaign offer to work collaboratively back in 2015, preventing the need for the years of conflict that have subsequently occurred?



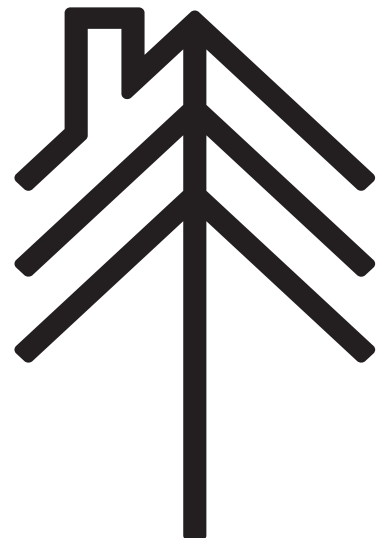
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Thursday 9th May at the

Nether Edge Bowling Club

Nether Edge Road at 7.00 pm

AGENDA

7.00 pm Arrivals and welcome

7.30 pm Business including:

Minutes of the last AGM held on 26th April 2018

Chairman's Report

Treasurer's Report

Group Reports

*Election of officers, trustees and committee members

8.30 pm Formal business concludes

followed by a presentation by Eileen Jones-Hill from the

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and informal gathering at the bar.

**Nominations for officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) should be sent to*

Howard Fry, NENG Secretary at nengsec@gmail.com.

All nominations must include the names of a proposer and seconder and be accompanied by the nominee's declaration of their willingness to serve.

Please do come to our AGM. It will be a relaxed and friendly affair, subject to the minimum of formality.

We want to hear your opinions about our work and sufficient attendance is essential to give

NENG the authority to continue its successful activities.

Chairman's Report

Looking back at my report for last year's AGM I am struck by its partly dismal tone. The battle (not too strong a word in view of the events through that freezing winter) was continuing and our special environment remained under threat. Echoing the good news about NENG however, there was a chink of light, a hesitant optimism that things were about to change. Now, it has been twelve months since a tree was unnecessarily felled in Nether Edge and by contrast, following the discussions between both sides, many of the previously condemned trees are being saved by applying simple solutions to kerb lines and removing tonnes of excessive tarmac. This is excellent news to start the new NENG year.

NENG itself is in very good condition as we reach the end of what in some ways has been a difficult period. The loss of our treasurer caused us difficulties which have been overcome by the willingness of David O'Connell to assume the role for the time being. Our secretary and our former treasurer Elaine have done prodigious amounts of work to ensure an effective transition. The recent appointment of Magdi Adam as our new bookkeeper will ease the burden in the coming year.

Those looking at NENG and its activities from outside the organisation should be very impressed. The reports of our groups in this copy of EDGE clearly demonstrate the extent and value to the community of what is being done. All those responsible for the work deserve support and congratulations. On the other hand it has been suggested that there are many outside NENG who are not aware of the extent of our work or that the variety of successful activities, from the market to the history group, from the Friends of Brincliffe Woods to the festival and more, are all a part of NENG. Perhaps we need to blow our own trumpet more. And this is the kind of question being discussed by our recently set up 'vision group'. They were set the task of considering and making recommendations about whether NENG needs to change and if so in what ways. What is good and bad about what we do and the ways we do it? What should a neighbourhood group be doing? What is possible, what is not?

There are many questions to add to that list and we hope to find the answers to some of them in the year ahead.

David Pierce



History Group Report *John Austin*

In the last 12 months the History Group has continued to go from strength to strength to benefit, we think, not only those directly involved in the Group but also NENG as a whole. The former may seem a small and select community. We have around 80 individuals on our circulation list, of whom around 20 regularly attend the Open Meetings held in The Union every 2 months. Not a massive percentage of the population of Nether Edge, but take a different perspective and a more influential picture emerges.

For example the 700 purchases of *Aspects*, published just over a year ago, and the 400 + purchased copies of *People and Places* published only a few months ago, is firm evidence of a wider interest in the work of the Group. Add to this the regular audiences we got for our 3 organised walks held during the year, the Festival talks about significant local women, the celebration of local carols played to a packed Union pub, and we like to think we can justifiably claim to touch a goodly number of people in and around Nether Edge, way above those who are more directly involved.

We believe we add value to NENG in other ways too. Our attendance at events such as the Family History Fair and the recent Heritage event in the Millennium Galleries brought the profile of the Group and of NENG to a wider public. Our current sponsorship of a post graduate student who is researching and reporting back on strategies to effectively collect the oral histories of women from the ethnic minorities in Nether Edge will not only raise our profile in a part of the local community that is often less engaged with NENG, but also raises our profile in the academic community of the city. The current quality of our publications is evidenced by the reviews received (one academic extolling *Aspects* as a model of written local history), by the feedback we have had from readers and by the numbers sold. Financially, the Neighbourhood Group offers valuable support but generally the Group are net contributors to NENG. Last year the Group paid back the £6,400 loan made by NENG to publish *Aspects* within 4 months of its publication. This year, the £4,600 underwritten by NENG to enable the publication of *People and Places*, is within £200 of being paid off despite the fact it has been in print for less than 6 months. Sales of publications continues to bring in funds which go to NENG's general accounts. We estimate that in the last year the History Group has contributed over £1,000 net of the money spent on equipment such as a screen and a projector, both of which are available for general NENG use.

Finally if there is any truth in the belief that one of the glues that brings a community together is a sense of shared history then we believe we are helping to widen the aims and principles of this community we call Nether Edge, however hard to define that is.

Our ambitions continue. This coming year we want, among other things, to improve our website and social media presence within an overall NENG strategy, so we can better advertise our offers and events. We wish to develop a structured archive policy to properly look after the slow but sure accumulation of archives we are collecting. A recent example of this is the cache of letters we have been given that were written by a family on Montgomery Road to their American relatives recounting their experiences during the war, including that of being bombed in the Blitz. We want to make sure we are looking after these archives properly and make them accessible for research. We intend to explore the possibility of regular public talks, trial the possibility of erecting Historic Information Boards around Nether Edge, develop our relationships with local schools, and continue to work on a pipeline of publications for the coming years. A full agenda. The continuing support of the Neighbourhood Group is important and welcome if we are to achieve these ambitions. In return we believe whatever ambitions we achieve will continue to enhance the reputation and profile of the Neighbourhood Group as it has in this year past. We foresee exciting times ahead. If you like what we do and are not yet involved, come and give us a try. There is room for everyone. Next Open Meeting : The Union Hotel, May 7th 2019 6.00–8.00.

GREEN SPACES *Marian Tylecote*

FROG WALK POCKET PARK

This is located on the Psalter Lane roundabout from which radiate several roads including Cemetery Road providing a direct route to the city centre. FWPP has now been going for ten years but it is safe to say that 2018 was its most difficult year to date. This was due to two reasons.

Firstly, a long drought tested the planting, located as it is on free-draining, sandy soil in a south-facing position. Some plants died as a result, although surprisingly few. Others, which are very drought resistant, prospered. Some adjustments to the planting will need to be made, in order to ensure that it remains sustainable in the unpredictable climate we now face. Interestingly, although the colourful display of plants, trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials was not up to its usual high standards, many people admired the park.

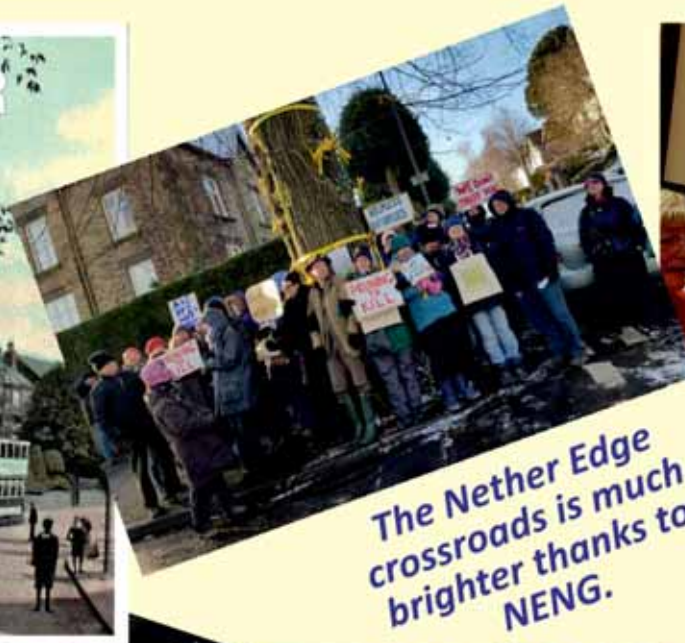
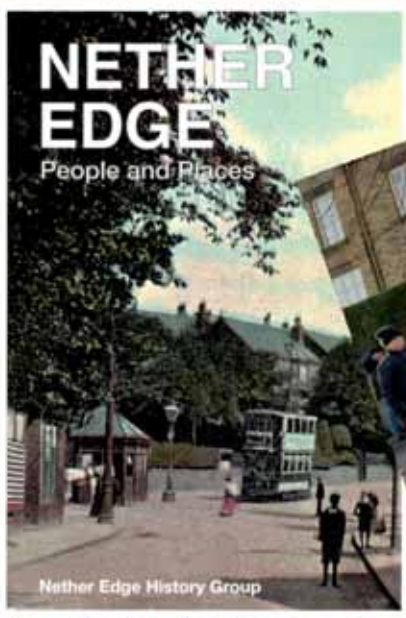
Secondly, as the volunteer in the driving seat of FWPP I am still recovering from serious illness but I hope I shall be able to commit myself fully from March 2019, to remedying some of the planting failures and thereby serving our community.

CHELSEA PARK

A wildflower meadow project has been ongoing at the park, for the last 12 years; at one time in collaboration with the University of Sheffield, Department of Landscape. This too has been a very successful project, with colourful displays of native and non-native meadow plants. But all planting changes over time – nature never stands still, as every gardener knows. Some adjustments in the planting are now being undertaken here also, as some species have disappeared whilst others are doing very well, for example, our beautiful wild flower, Common Knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*). The main problem we have is the encroachment of blackberry bushes from the meadow's western boundary. This will have to be dealt with very forcefully if it is not to destroy the meadow entirely. I am in an ongoing conversation with our Park Manager, who is aware of the problem but is desperately trying to juggle with funding shortages and the needs of CP with other parks in the southwest. I hope this matter can be resolved as soon as is possible.

I would like to thank all the volunteers in the Greenspaces Group of NENG for their hard work and unstinting support over the years.





The only road clear of snow that day was at Nether Edge market.



NENG NOTES &

Our notice board was put back in place by Sainsbury's car park.



The Farmers' Market transforms Nether Edge four times a year.



People and Places was the second book produced by our history group about Nether Edge and its people.



Volunteers delivered nearly 11000 EDGEs this year and every year.



Brincliffe Woods are a treasure, cleaner, tidier and safer thanks to the volunteers.



S YEAR N PICTURES



Celebrity Cruises launched its latest cruise liner, and named it EDGE!



Open Gardens Day enjoyed by many and it raised £4500 for charities.



Another fabulous festival this year.

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group -Festival report *Richard Taylor*

January 2018 saw the Festival Planning Team regroup and start to map out the 2018 festival. After 3 years of hard work and dedication Maggie Little decided to step down as Chair. Mark Doel and Richard Taylor were elected as Co-chairs.

The main events were to go ahead again –“Party in the Park” to be led by Maggie Little and Chris Venables. The Common Ground Carnival was to give the festival a bumper start and Lord Mayor Majid Majid agreed to open the Event. Jean Allen was to host the Craft Fair at St Andrews Psalter Lane. The Farmers’ Market was to be one of the centre pieces- a great opportunity to sell raffle tickets and inform the public of what was happening.

Many people and venues were contacted and over 60 events were planned - far too many to mention them all - to give the festival its usual mix of Arts, Music, Dance, Literature, Food, Sport, Community and Culture. Behind the scenes Leanne Mallender and Jean Allen were entrusted with the programme design, a monumental task. The raffle was to be managed by Deni Ennals and Gina Pierce. Mark and Richard agreed to cajole the local shops to donate prizes. The events were all registered by June and the hard work then began.

The programmes were ready by the beginning of September - enter Howard Fry and his team - 7000 programmes to be delivered to every house in Nether Edge (boundaries expanded this year) in the following week - what a task! A big team of volunteers were recruited [all duly dressed in the Festival T-shirt] and we waited with baited breath. The festival came and went and brought mainly great weather apart from a little wind. All the events took place without hitch. The team hope everyone enjoyed the 10 days that gave the Community an opportunity to highlight Nether Edge and its many facets. The feedback was good and the estimated overall attendance was around 5,000.

The festival was kindly underwritten by Nether Edge Neighbourhood group and we are eternally grateful for their support. The raffle brings in around £1000 and we rely on money from the Ward Pot. A small profit is usually made and this is donated back to NENG.

Was it all worth the effort –of course it was! We are already planning next year –dates 14th to 22nd September. This time the festival runs alongside Heritage Open Days – so it is already bigger and better.

The team sadly have lost our voice of sense and reason- David Pierce [thank you so much for your past efforts] and Kate Grisby. However we have some new members of the team –Kate West, Kate Housden, Nasima Akthar, Marion Gerson, Ifty Ahmed and Katriona Hackney Huck. There will be lots of different events so put the date in your diary, tell your friends and enjoy!

Friends of Brincliffe Edge Wood *Ken Phillip*

Since last year's report we have decided to discontinue the Facebook page as this was of little benefit and took too much time to administer. We also thought that, on reflection, the idea of twinning with another wood group or green space wasn't a particularly helpful move. We have, however, managed to get Brincliffe Edge Wood onto the Woodland Trust website so that anyone visiting the area or wishing to know more about the wood and our aims can access both information and photographs of the wood.

The saddest item to report is that charcoal fungus, plus other blight, was found to be present in a small number of trees and SCC took quick action to fell these diseased trees as they were a potential danger to wood-users, traffic along Brincliffe Edge Road and houses opposite.

NENG provided money for more woodland plants and these, along with plant donations from Marian Tylecote and Sue Pethen, have been repotted and cared for by group members ready for planting later in 2019. A prime site will be at Needham's Field which is to be extended by 10 metres to the west, thus further opening up this sunny area.

We are still following up the question of accessibility for wheelchair users on the top path between the entrances above Union Road and Oak Hill Road. It is hoped that the Community Infrastructure Levy might yield funds for this work. Also, community inclusion - attracting people from the wider Nether Edge demographic - remains a priority.

The biggest task for 2019 is the repair or replacement of many of the steps in the Wood, which are showing signs of rot or wear. This will be done by volunteers overseen by a Ranger or by SCC Highways.

Following excellent TripAdvisor reports from the bugs in our first Bug Hotel we are putting in a second which we aim to use as a teaching tool for younger volunteers. It is, of course, an Air Bee 'n' Bee.

Subscriptions and Membership Report *Ken Lambert*

As at mid-March the following figures should be noted:-

- 891 households are paid subscribers of EDGE magazine
- There are 351 members of NENG, including 35 households where there are two members
- 42 subscribers receive electronic copies of EDGE
- The total received in subscriptions to date is £5403
- 204 subscribers pay by standing order



Annual subscription payments for 2019-2020 (£8 or £5 concessions) are due in April, and some payments for 2018-19 still remain to be paid. It would be really helpful if payments could be made promptly, and this can be done in a number of ways:-

- By cash or cheque to your local distributor or direct to the membership secretary, Ken Lambert (contact details below)
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- If you pay by standing order or bank transfer, please give Ken your name and address so that records can be updated and the bank account reconciled. An email or text is sufficient

Ken Lambert contact details: 32 Thornsett Road Sheffield S7 1NB Email ken.lambert227@gmail.com

If in addition to being an EDGE subscriber, you can become a member of NENG (only members can vote at the AGM; you also undertake to pay the princely sum of £1 in the most unlikely event of NENG becoming insolvent). Ask for a form from Ken, pick one up at the Farmers' Market or at the AGM.

FARMERS' MARKET Another Good News Story!

THE BACKGROUND

The Farmers' Market has been a feature of our lives in Nether Edge for more than 10 years and we are looking forward to the next 10 years with equal enthusiasm. When Thildy Lowe and Chris Venables started the whole thing off in 2008, there wasn't anything like it in Sheffield – or indeed in most other cities, as Farmers' Markets were more of a feature of rural life. There aren't that many cattle roaming round Nether Edge or wheat fields or farmers, come to that. But there are quite a lot of farms and smallholdings within a 10 mile radius of us and many more crafts-people, cake-makers and small, owner-managed enterprises working in the local neighbourhood who are really keen to set up a stall in our market and sell their wares.

We can accommodate about 75 commercial stalls at our market but there are always many more applicants than we have space for, so we have to be selective. We are always open to applications from new, start-up businesses. If you want to apply for a stall, please email netheredgefarmersmarket@gmail.com and we will try to help you. We only encourage stalls selling good quality, well presented, locally grown or ethically made produce, not franchises or the sort of stuff you can get anywhere. At each market we try to ensure that at least 7% of stalls are new, as well as our 'regulars', who come time and again because they do such good business at our market. We are particularly keen to encourage local crafts, skills and enterprises from all age groups and cultures.

CAN YOU HELP AS WELL?

The Farmers' Market is run entirely by local volunteers, so we always welcome more help from local residents. There are opportunities to help as Marshals (you'll see us wandering round in high-vis jackets and we'd love to speak to you) and we could always do with more help on the NENG stalls as well. There is also a lot that goes on behind the scenes, arranging publicity or sorting through applications and liaising with stallholders, so we would really love to have more new faces to help to run the show.

All our entertainers provide their services for free, and aren't they wonderful! Sometimes we have to curb the enthusiasm of younger groups, for fear of upsetting older local residents trying to have an afternoon nap. We try to maintain a balance but again, we welcome new applications from gifted musicians and performers, who just want a decent platform for their skills and an appreciative audience.

THE BENEFITS

As well as encouraging local enterprise, the NENG Farmers' Market does a huge amount to help small local charities. Over the last 10 years we have raised over £75,000 this way. We charge stallholders £40 for their 3m x 3m space at each market, but give all of our profits away, less our overhead costs for insurance, licences, skips and the like. We used to charge £30, but from this March, we have put the price up, so we can give even more away! We thought stallholders might object to the price rise, but almost everyone said something like *"Good on you, we are all pleased to help to support good local causes"*.

CONTACT US:

NENG are always keen for more people to get involved. You don't need special skills or a degree, just an enthusiasm for your local community and maybe some fresh ideas. Feel free to get in touch with any of the NENG Committee Members, listed inside the front cover of this edition of Edge and they would be delighted to answer any questions. If you enjoy the Farmers' Market and would like to help to run it, or would like to have a stall, or perhaps be one of our entertainers, just email us at nengfarmersmarket@gmail.com or write to nengsecretary@gmail.com

Our next markets for 2018 are between 12 noon and 5pm on Sundays 16th June, 15th September and 1st December, which is between 11am and 4pm, before it gets dark.

Farmers' Market Beneficiaries

Date	Charity	Monies Given
March 2008	Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice	£ 775.70
June 2008	Ruskin Mill Trust for Merlin Theatre	£1200
September 2008	Whirlow Hall Farm Trust	£1206
December 2009	Homeless & Rootless at Christmas (HARC)	£1308
March 2009	Heeley City Farm	£1301.50
June 2009	Abbeydale Picture House restoration	£1400
September 2009	Lantern Theatre Roof Appeal	£1400
December 2009	St Wilfrid's Centre	£1500
March 2010	Three local care charities: (South West Area Sitting Service; Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care & Trinity Day Care Trust)	£1950
June 2010	Sheffield General Cemetery Trust	£1800
September 2010	W.O.R.K.Ltd	£1800
December 2010	Roundabout	£1800
March 2011	Friends of Porter Valley for Shepherd Wheel restoration	£1800
June 2011	Sheffield's Alzheimer's Society	£1800
Sept. 2011	St Luke's Hospice	£1800
Dec. 2011	NOMAD- Homeless, Advice & Support unit	£1800
March 2012	MIND & ASSIST	£1800
June 2012	Amy's Retreat	£1800
Sept. 2012	Sheffield Carers' Centre	£1800
Dec. 2012	Shared between Ben's Centre & Safe at Last	£2000
March 2013	Sheffield Hospital Radio	£1800
June 2013	Friends of Porter Valley for Forge Dam restoration	£1800
Sept. 2013	Sheffield Talking News	£900
	Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind	£900
Dec. 2013	Home-start	£1000
	Teenage Cancer Trust	£1000
March 2014	Chelsea Park improvements	£2000
	Friends of Adventure Playground	£1800
June 2014	Sheffield Bi-Polar support group	£200
	Sheffield Samaritans	£1000
Sept. 2014	St Vincent Furniture Store	£1000
Dec 2014	Sheffield Alcohol Support Service	£1800
March 2015	Heeley City Farm	£900
	Whirlow Hall Farm	£900
June 2015	Sharrow Festival	£900
	Nether Edge Festival	£900
Sept 2015	Cavendish Care	£1350
	Baby Basics	£450
		£900
December 2015	St Luke's	£900
	Salvation Army	
March 2016	ASSIST	£ 1800
	W.O.R.K.	£ 900
June 2016	Mums in Need	£900
	Roundabout	£900
September 2016	Cherry Tree Support Services	£900
December 2016	Sheffield Young Carers	£1800
March 2017	Sheffield Family Holiday Fund	£1800
	No Panic	£900
June 2017	Sheffield Eating Disorders	£900
	Sheffield Carers Centre	£900
September 2017	Sheffield Parent Carer Forum	£900
	Disability Sheffield	£900
December 2017	Sheffield Council for Community Care	
March 2018	St Lukes	£1350
	FABLE	£450
June 2018	Nether Edge Festival	£800
	Goldigger Trust	£800
September 2018	Street Pastors	£800
	Delphi Trust	£800
December 2018	Sheffield MIND	£800
	Sheffield Youth Forum	£800
March 2019	Bluebell Hospice	
	Sheffield Environment Week	
	TOTAL To Date: £74,551	

The regular market Tombola Stall has also raised over £3,000 which has been donated to the social fund of local residential care homes including: Overdale, Prior Bank, Twelve Trees, Kingfield Holt, Grange

Treasurer's Report

NENG's finances are in good health, but the last year has been challenging. Victoria Imeson retired as our treasurer at the last AGM and we are very grateful for all her hard work over the last few years. Rosalyn Wallace kindly volunteered to step into the role in April last year, but she found she just didn't have enough time once she started in a full time job, so she also resigned in July. Fortunately David O'Connell offered to stand in as Acting Treasurer, as no one else seemed to want the job, with me working alongside him, but we are both architects, not accountants and have no book keeping experience, so it was very much a case of the blind leading the blind. The committee therefore agreed that it would be far more sensible to employ a properly qualified book-keeper on an occasional basis. We took advice from Voluntary Action Sheffield who are our independent assessors, and they suggested Magdi Adam, who was appointed as our part time book-keeper this February.

Our financial year-end is October, so Elaine Bird, our former treasurer, generously agreed to step in at Christmas to complete the 2017-18 NENG annual accounts that Victoria had started. She has almost completed that exercise, but not quite. Full accounts will however be available for inspection at the AGM and Magdi will take over our book keeping from that point.

We have also been trying to streamline some of our processes over the last year. To reduce the burden on the Treasurer and book-keeper (Victoria was doing an incredible amount of work), Subscriptions/ Membership, the Market, History Group and the Festival are now becoming responsible for managing their own accounts and budgets within the overall framework of NENG and responsible to the main NENG committee. For example, the History Group now records all its own sales and it was agreed some time ago that sub-groups should have the freedom to spend up to £100 without seeking prior consent from the main NENG committee. This is working well and we have enough money in the bank to fund a range of useful community initiatives over the coming year.

Howard Fry

Looking forward to Nether Edge Festival 2019

We know it's only March and winter is still with us but behind the scenes preparations are well advanced for this year's festival.

We have a very strong team of planners and volunteers but we are always open to new people and ideas.

So if you want to be involved or you know somebody who wants to help or to take part please contact Richard Taylor at the following email address: richardtaylor635@hotmail.com
With greetings from the festival committee.



Milkman - Winner of the 2018 Man Booker Prize By Richard Taylor, NEBC book group

If you think this book by Anna Burns is about a milkman then read no further. This is a challenging novel both to read and understand. After I'd read the first 25 pages I had no idea what it was all about. It starts as follows: "The day Somebody McSomebody put a gun to my breast and called me a cat and threatened to shoot me was the same day the milkman died. Confused? - So was I!"

My enlightenment came when I was invited for tea at my neighbour's house. They are both retired English teachers and quite fortuitously they had both just read the book. They proceeded to fill me in with most of the answers. Reading it in an Irish accent was a useful tip. So with renewed vigour I soldiered on. The characters don't have names as such but are referred to as people such as maybe boyfriend, Somebody McSomebody, nuclear boy, tablets girl and ma.

The novel is set in Belfast at the time of the Troubles – in the 1980s or 90s. The main character is Middle Sister (aged 18) who for some reason likes to walk the streets reading novels such as *Ivanhoe*. She makes the mistake of drawing attention to herself and hence the attention of Milkman. Milkman is an older man and "Renouncer" (IRA) Intelligence Officer who tries to groom her by following and threatening her whilst in his car. He is married but it is unclear what he wants from her – maybe sex or just Power!

She has a Maybe boyfriend, a car mechanic whose life is threatened by Milkman. He lives in another area of Belfast. He can't become a proper boyfriend because of Ma who spends most of her life trying to match her up with "a nice local lad". She also has three sisters – "the wee sisters"

To add to the confusion Real Milkman is mentioned. Real Milkman is fancied by all the local ladies but states that nobody loves him. He returns home one day to a backyard full of guns. He is supposed to say nothing but decides to dump them in the road. A brave man!

Living in those "dark" days can't have been easy what with "no go areas" and a constant pressure to conform. The day all the local dogs are killed as a warning is an interesting statement of the time. The book gives the reader a true to life insight into Belfast in that period. It is well written and has its funny moments.

The book group found it a good challenge mainly because of the long sentences. Most of us persevered and I can really say that discussing the issues certainly helped us all to grasp what the novel was trying to convey. It scared us all to think that Ireland may, post-Brexit, return to this hidden conflict.

If you fancy reading it there should be lots of copies in the charity shops.



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Nether Edge History Group. Programme of Events 2019

January

Wed 9th Open History Group meeting at the Union pub 6-8pm
19-20th Sheffield Heritage Fair at the Millennium Gallery

March

Thurs 7th Open History Group meeting at the Union 6-8pm
Sun 24th The History stall will be at Nether Edge Market
Mon 25th Guided History walk 'Pubs Clubs and Recreation', 2-4pm
Meet at Sainsbury's car park.

May

Mon 6th History Environment walk 'Victorian Open Spaces' 2-4pm
Meet at the Union Road No 3 bus stop
Tues 7th Open History Group meeting at the Union 6-8pm
Thurs 9th NENG AGM 7pm at the Bowling Club

June

Sun 16th The History stall will be at the Nether Edge Market

July

Thurs 4th Peter Machan will talk on 'Sheffield Manor and Mary Queen of Scots' at the Bowling Club at 7.30pm, £2 entrance fee please.
(This is instead of the open meeting at the Union pub)
Wed 17th Guided History Family walk, 5.30-7pm. *

September

Thurs 5th Open History Group meeting at the Union 6-8pm
13-22nd Heritage Open Days with the theme 'People and Power'
14th-22nd Nether Edge Festival, see details in the Festival booklet
Sun 15th The History stall will be at the Nether Edge Market
Thurs 19th Nether Edge Festival/Heritage guided history walk
'People and Power' 10.30-12.30 *

November

Tues 12th Open History Group meeting at the Union pub 6-8pm.

December

Sun 8th The History stall will be at the Nether Edge Christmas Market
Thurs 19th Sheffield Traditional Carols at the Union Hotel arranged and presented by NENG
*Please watch for further details in the 'Edge' magazine, the NENG noticeboard outside Sainsbury's in Nether Edge village, email historygroup@netheredge.org.uk
or www.facebook.com/groups/netheredgehistory

A couple of evenings ago I was waiting to get the number 3 bus home to Nether Edge. A younger woman at the bus stop told me she normally gets one of the more frequent buses up London/Abbeydale Road then walks up Sheldon Road, "but not at night" she said, "it's too dangerous." It turned out that she wasn't talking about lurking strangers but about the pavements. "I don't usually think of suing if I have an accident" she added "but I would if I injured myself there. Those pavements are atrocious"

I've talked to people using sticks and other mobility aids. All complain about the state of Sheldon Road's pavements and some have said that, if they want to get to Abbeydale Road, they take a detour via Glen Road rather than using Sheldon Road. One of my neighbours has talked about how difficult and painful it is just to walk along the short bit of pavement between us and the bus stop. "It's the down slopes that are the worst", she said.

So the pavement has to remain in its dangerous state and some elderly or disabled people continue to be marooned in their houses when a short walk to the shops or to visit a friend would be so good in helping alleviate their sense of isolation. Quite a number of these people are elderly Asian men and women and I know I shall be joining them in a couple of years as my arthritis progresses; already I can't afford to stumble or slip and jar my spine.

It's not just people with walking difficulties who struggle with these pavements, it's also anyone in a wheelchair who gets tipped sideways or even stuck as they try to navigate some of the worst obstacles to their progress. (There's one place where I've seen a man on a small mobility scooter fail to get past and have to go out onto this busy road). It's also blind and partially-sighted people - especially at night - and young mothers or not-so-young grandmas with buggies, shopping and perhaps another child alongside. **THIS IS DISCRIMINATORY.**

There are large numbers of vans and other diesel-powered vehicles using Sheldon Road because of the many builders' merchants etc. on and around Broadfield Road and Queen's Road. In summer the cooler air under trees stays below the warmer ambient air so that polluted air and particulates are trapped at pedestrian level and into adjoining houses, affecting the health of young and old alike.

So why isn't Amey doing something about these problems? Well, it's the 'tree activists' of course. I really like trees, have planted quite a number in my life and will plant more soon. But like any other plant, a tree can be in the wrong place, or the wrong species for that place. On Sheldon Road the Edwardian developers planted sycamore and plane trees – both non-native species – on a narrow pavement. For the first 10 or 20 years these trees probably looked great and were useful in selling the new houses. But they are now far too big.

Plane trees, in particular, grow very wide at the base as they mature and most of the trees on Sheldon Road are still not all that old. There's also a young lime tree near the junction with Abbeydale Road whose 'whips' last summer were interfering with children and cyclists; as the tree grows, the boll will start to obstruct both the narrow pavement and the cycle lane.

But in spite of two attempts to remove some of the trees and give us a reasonably level pavement, a small number of 'tree activists' have taken it upon themselves to stand under trees in such a way that they can't be cut down safely.

Yes, I'm angry. I'm angry every time I see someone making their way painfully along this atrocious pavement. I'm angry when I think of the many people on this road living in limited or poor quality housing who don't get proper daylight. I'm sad when the sun shines into my own windows and I know that many of my neighbours are shut in or denied the life-enhancing sunshine. Any benefits of these tall trees accrue to all, but the costs are born by those who live on Sheldon Road or use its pavements.

The best solution would be to remove many of the large trees, level the pavements and replant with smaller trees so that we can all enjoy the sunlight and the greenery. It would then be possible for the residents of Sheldon Road to use their front gardens as other people do to grow plants that would be good for their mental and physical environment.

The activists themselves are very well organised, able bodied and so far haven't listened to any other point of view in their self-appointed 'defence' of each and every street tree; some even deny that trees can be discriminatory. I'm hoping that some of our elected local councillors will try to help but they could find it difficult to counter the aggressive publicity of STAG. The Edge has frequently been used to promote the views and activities of STAG but there is another point of view: pavements are first and foremost for the people who want to use them safely.



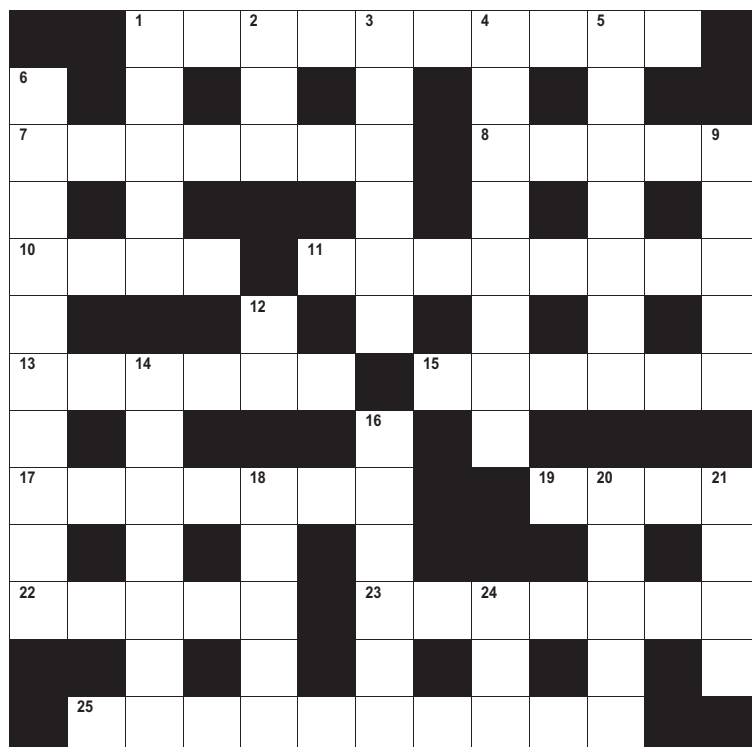
SPRAT'S ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH CROSSWORD

Across

1. Ian Dury's backing group (10)
7. Middle Eastern chickpea dish (7)
8. Proposal (5)
10. Crustacean (4)
11. A girl's best friend (8)
13. Curiosity (6)
15. The BBC (6)
17. Lucerne (7)
19. Sleep rough (4)
22. Chestnut coloured member of the giraffe family (5)
23. Suspicion (7)
25. Dangerous South American snake (3,2,5)

Down

1. Very light wood (5)
2. Clumsy stupid fellow (3)
3. Scottish water sprite (6)
4. Very large (8)
5. No longer existing (7)
6. Enthusiast (10)
9. Rhyming slang for 'tea' (5)
12. Chemical symbol for astatine (2)
14. Let down (7)
16. Indian crocodile (6)
18. Scottish landowner (5)
20. Sheeplike (5)
21. Long heroic story (4)
24. Family (3)



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At the heritage open day at Portland Works in September 2017 'The Friends of Portland Works' were recruiting members to their cause. All who joined the Friends on that day had their name put into a hat and the name that was drawn out won a trip in a four seater aircraft.

I was fortunate to be that person and was informed by Mark Pickering, Chair of the Friends, before Christmas and was put in touch with the pilot, Ray Carr. Ray is a nice man and a very experienced pilot who has had his pilot's licence since 1994. I called Ray and he said that I should pick a clear winter's day for visibility, give him a ring in the morning and if he was free he would take me that afternoon. Christmas came and went and the New Year, then we had all of the bad weather including the Beast from the East so it was eventually the end of March 2018 when I checked the weather forecast for the next day and called Ray and he said right – let's go tomorrow afternoon. Ray has a part share in a Piper PA28-180 four seater aircraft which is based at Netherthorpe Airfield near Worksop. Although the plane has four seats he will only take two passengers because the shortness of the runway at Netherthorpe means that unless there is an especially favourable wind he wouldn't get off the ground by the end of the runway with the weight of four people aboard. Netherthorpe has the shortest runway of any licensed airfield in the UK. On this occasion the second passenger was going to be my wife Enid.

Monday morning came and the day looked bright and clear and we set off to meet Ray at Coal Aston where we transferred to his car and set off for Netherthorpe. It was an interesting place to get to and Ray took us up some very narrow country lanes. When we arrived the aircraft was already out of the hangar so Ray then did all his usual checks preparatory to take off - checking the fuel and the oil, the tyres and the electrics and many other things. There is a long list and Ray even checks that a bird hasn't made its nest behind the propeller. He filled the aircraft with fuel and we climbed aboard – myself next to Ray at the front and Enid behind me. We had to wear headphones to talk to each other because of the noise. We taxied to the end of the runway and



before we knew it we had taken off and we were airborne. It is an amazing sensation being in an aircraft that small. We headed west passing over the M1 and Treeton and over the wind turbines and then passed over Sheffield City centre with a good view of Park Hill flats. Ray then took us over our own house at Nether Edge and we had good views of Endcliffe Park and Hunter's Bar roundabout. Unfortunately the speed of travel meant that we didn't have time to locate our own house but I got some good photos of the area round Ecclesall Road. Ray then headed over to Crookes and Walkley where I was brought up many years ago and we had some great views of the Bole Hills before turning and heading out over Rivelin Dams to Ladybower. The reservoirs looked good as we headed onwards over Grindleford and eventually over Bakewell where we got some great views of the town. Enid particularly wanted to go over Lathkill Dale so we headed there next and I got some good photos of Youlgreave. Perhaps the best view of the trip was of Chatsworth House, newly restored with all of the scaffolding removed. Finally we passed over Chesterfield with the crooked spire before heading back to Netherthorpe and landing around 50 minutes after taking off.

All in all it was a great trip and we had some magnificent views of places that we know and love but from a very different perspective.

Crossword Answers



What's on in and around Nether Edge in April 2019

Every Monday (excluding Bank holidays) Walks for Wellbeing .Meet at Heeley Green Post Office to join this friendly walk which lasts about an hour. For meeting times and more information contact Dawn or Peter 0114 303 9981, Heely City Farm.

Fri 5th April 7.30pm. The Often Herd a bluegrass band who marry wistful, sunshine harmonies of Southern California performing at Café#9. Tickets £11. WeGotTickets.

Sun 7th April 7.30pm onwards. The Sharrow Lantern Carnival annual event. Gathering at Mount Pleasant Park the parade starts at 8pm and arrives at the General Cemetery at 9pm. Everyone is welcome! Children must be accompanied by adults. Wrap up warm and bring torches too. The Samuel Worth Chapel will be open from 8.30pm for hot and cold refreshments. S11 8NT.

Sun 7th April. First train 1pm-last train 5pm. Abbeydale Miniature railway. Tickets are £1.50 per person per ride all classes. Abbeydale Road South. S17 3LB

Mon 8th and 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th April 7.30pm. Private Lives by Noel Coward presented by the Dilys Guite Players at the Lantern Theatre. Tickets £12 box office: 0114 255 1776. Lantern Theatre.

Wed 10th April 9.30am -12.00. Friends of Brincliffe Edge Wood Volunteer Morning. Meet at the main entrance next to 245 Brincliffe Edge Road, past the Chelsea Park top gate. Contact Ken Phillip on 07756891802 or philipk@vip.solis.co.uk or just turn up on the day.

Wed 10th April 7.30pm. Chloe Foy performs her melodic, homegrown music, taking inspiration from classical as well as transatlantic trends in folk and indie at Café#9. Tickets £11. WeGotTickets.

Thur 11th April 1-2.30pm. Art and Education through Nature: Ruskin's legacy in Sheffield. An illustrated talk by Dr Patrick Harding and Jean Binney. Carpenter Room, Sheffield Central Library, Surrey Street. S1 2 LH. Free.

Thur 11th April 7.30pm. Clark Zuppari Hartley play their foot-stomping bluegrass and old-time music with traditional songs and tunes at Café#9. Tickets £11. WeGotTickets.

Sat 13th April 10.00-11.30am. Friends of Porter Valley Walk- Expedition to the Headwaters of the river Porter. Meet at the car park on Fulwood lane. Peter Kennet will lead this walk exploring the source and areas around the head waters of the River Porter.

Wed 17th April 7- 9.30pm. The Sketching Spectacle at the Samuel Worth Chapel. The Sketching Spectacle offers sketchers, scribblers and all lovers of art the opportunity to draw models in a range of themed scenes. £10 on the door for this two-hour event, refreshments available. Please bring your own sketch pad and art materials. S11 8NT.

Tue 18th April 7.00pm-10.00pm. Film: Nae Pasaran! The true story of the workers' solidarity against Pinochet. Felipe Bustos Sierra's feature charts the incredible story of the Scots who managed to ground half of Chile's Air Force. Tickets £7 0114 273 1258. www.regather.net

Sat 20th April and on the 5 following Saturdays a Bee Keeping Course at Heeley City Farm. A series of 6 sessions led by Nick our resident bee keeper. For more information contact Nick 079411820028. Visit www.eventbrite.co.uk and search Heeley City Farm Bee Keeping Course 2019.

Sun 21st April 8.00pm. Sharrow Folk Festival: Treebeard a five-piece acoustic rock band featuring former Haze/World Turtle compatriots Chris and Paul McMahon with Danny McMahon & Ceri and Catrin Ashton. At Haggles Corner, 586 Queens Road. S2 4DU

Mon 22nd April 10.00-4.00pm. Friends of Porter Valley (FoPV) Bank Holiday Duck Race, Endcliffe Park, Rustlings Rd, S11 8TF. A quacky good family day out. Family of six ducks £5.

Tue 23rd April 7.30-10.30pm. The Lamplight Club – Diane Cluck +Support. The regather Works is welcoming back the one and only Diane Cluck a Virginia based singer songwriter of intuitive folk music. Tickets £12 0114 273 1258. www.regather.net.

Wed 24th April 8.30pm. The Washboard Resonators at Nether Edge Bowling Club Folk Club. Tickets £7.

Thur 25th April. 7.30pm. Richie and Rosy perform at Café#9 £13.75 WeGotTickets.

Fri 26th April 7.30pm. Julia Waldron local singer, songwriter and guitarist performing at the Nether Edge Bowling Club. Tickets £8. Phone 07742627839.

Sat 27th April 12.00-4pm. Heeley City Farm Spring Fair. Arts and crafts, food stalls, children's activities, bar and music. Free.

Fri 3rd May 7.30pm. Amelia White. American singer, songwriter from Nashville performing at the Nether Edge Bowling Club. Tickets £8. Phone 07742627839.



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