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This is the Chelsea Park Python, the Covid 19 Snake. People are invited to join in, paint a rock and see how long the python gets. The Python has its own Facebook and Instagram pages. Whilst we do not know how this one started, we are aware that they are being created in other areas as well. If you have any information as to its origins or whether there is any plan to make this one permanent, please let us know.

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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.

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The coronavirus alert level has been lowered at the time of writing so, hopefully, the lockdown will be eased. In this edition we have focussed on local businesses, the difficulties they have experienced and their plans to adapt to the 'new normal'. Among others, Turners has been open for a while, Wickwire has reopened recently, and Homemade plan to open in early July. Clearly, all local businesses are in need of your support.

The lowering in alert level has given us optimism that several planned events can take place. The first of these is the Sharrow Market on the 30th August. We are very happy that the Nether Edge Festival will proceed in September, albeit in a more modest form (see article on page 9) and the Nether Edge Farmer's Market is to return on 13th September, subject to government guidelines.

There are several photographs of Nether Edge gardens scattered throughout this edition, in lieu of the cancelled Open Gardens event. Normally, the gardens that are open ask for a donation to a charity. The two charities that the owners of these gardens support are the Gleadless Valley food bank (gleadlessvalley.foodbank.org.uk) and the Wildlife Trust. Please consider donating as most charities are in difficulties following the lockdown. If you would like to send in photographs of your garden for publication in Edge, please do so (see p 2 for address).

Nether Edge Farmer's Market.

The Farmer's Market will be back on 13th September, 12am – 4pm (subject to Government Advice).

We look forward to seeing everyone again, but please check before travelling to ensure the market is going ahead.

[\(http://www.netheredge.org.uk/\)](http://www.netheredge.org.uk/)

Archer Lane Allotments and Home Garden Society

The Allotment Society has, regrettably, decided to cancel this year's August Show. This is only the second time in over 75 years that there has not been at least one show during the year. Covid-19 means that people and their exhibits cannot be distanced appropriately in the allotment hut.

BRAIN TEASERS



Q1 When Professor Lambert went to consult a three volume encyclopaedia from his extensive library, he was disconcerted to find that a bookworm had eaten its way from the first page in volume one to the last page of volume three. Professor Lambert soon ascertained that each book cover was one eighth of an inch thick, and that the pages of each volume were two inches thick. He was thus able to work out how far the bookworm had travelled. Assuming that the books were in the usual order on the shelf, can you?



 **Bannerdale Osteopaths**

We are still open!

Our physical clinic may be closed until we think it is safe to re-open, but that does not mean we have abandoned you. We are still treating patients and are now booking everyone in for Virtual Appointments.

Our specialist software allows us to see each other face to face, discuss your symptoms, carry out any movement tests and create you a bespoke treatment plan. Our ongoing care also means that we can communicate and track your progress daily to make sure your recovery is going as planned and solve any issues or concerns you may have.

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Nether Edge Business under Lockdown

As we are all aware, the coronavirus pandemic has had a devastating effect on many shops and businesses. The editorial board wanted to find out how our local shops and cafes were managing. We asked as many as we could how they were coping under lockdown, what changes they had made and their hopes for the future. Some have changed the way they do business quite radically, and will continue with the changes in the future. Others have taken the opportunity to update and refresh their premises. Turners has been open for a few weeks now, and appears to be doing well. Pops shut on the day of lockdown, and we hope they do re-open. Whatever they have done to survive, they all now need the support of the local community.

We haven't been able to contact all the businesses in Nether Edge. If those we missed would like to tell us their stories, we would be very pleased to publish them. Please contact the editorial board.

Bannerdale Osteopaths - Steven Ojari

What effect has the pandemic had on your business?

COVID-19 has had a substantial effect on our business, despite been allowed to remain open throughout as primary healthcare, we took the decision to close when the country entered lockdown. We felt that the small proportion of people that come to us, rather than attend A&E, were all we were prepared to encourage into the clinic and that didn't warrant keeping the physical clinic open so we launched our Virtual Osteopathy service so we could still support people.

How have you have tried to cope/compensate for it?

We launched our Virtual Osteopathy service on the 26th of March after a month of research and testing and it's gone from strength to strength, being picked up by national radio where I was interviewed 15 times regarding what was referred to as the Virtual Osteopathy Revolution I had started! I was on local radio too, being on BBC Radio Sheffield on the 1st of May.

I have also diversified and started working for the NHS part-time as a Clinical Contact Caseworker on the Test and Trace programme.

What is your current trading status?

We remain open as we have done throughout but as of Monday 15th June have reopened the clinic in Nether Edge, with very strict infection prevention measures and PPE. We have managed to keep all the team together, so Steven is first back, then Alex and, from July when part-time work is allowed on the furlough scheme, Pooja will be back.

What are your short/medium and long term plans and hopes?

Our plans on all time frames are unchanged. We are here to help the people of Nether Edge and further afield live healthy and full lives without pain. We are keeping the Virtual service as it's really effective and also, just because more and more shops are open, it doesn't mean people will feel safe to leave their home. Also, there are countless people who are at higher risk who can't see how they will feel safe to go out this year. We now have a national service as Virtual Osteopathy doesn't have to account for geographical limitations, so I have patients in Scotland and Northern Ireland, plus many in London. People can mix and match between the Face-to-face and Virtual service so we are convinced we can still help all the people we used to before COVID entered our lives, and we look forward to welcoming new and old patients to the clinic.

Alison Bolsover: Edgcutters

As you can imagine it has been an exceedingly challenging time for many businesses having to close for several months. I have remained positive throughout, but it has been very difficult financially. Being self employed I have had to wait until June to claim any support. I have been busy planning my re-opening, putting into place all the Government health and safety guidelines. I am fortunate that I have a large shop so I will be able to get 5 customers in at a time, keeping 2 metres apart, also there are benches outside where customers can sit and wait, weather permitting. I will have hand sanitizers around the shop and will disinfect my barber's chair after each customer and masks will be worn by all. I have been heartened by the number of customers who have contacted me to see how I was getting along. I will be opening on the **4th July** and I can't wait to meet up with my customers again and I just hope I am going to be busy.





Interview with Charlotte or 'Lotte' of Lotte on the Edge on 19th May 2020.

How did you decide on your business model during lock down?

After Boris Johnson's speech on 30th March I closed the business for one day. I joined the Union Road WhatsApp group and neighbours sent me guidance from the government showing me that I could operate as a takeaway, so I decided to open on my own. As I live above the premises this was straightforward for me, but extremely hard work. Obtaining supplies was not a problem. I told my vegetable supplier that I was closing but then the next day I told him I was opening after all and he asked if I interested in doing veg boxes. He had had to lay people off, so he was pleased to have an additional customer. The veg boxes have

helped to pay bills and have helped me stay open. I worked on my own for 4 weeks for 5 days a week. Now I am slowly introducing my team back.

How successful has your strategy been?

Since veg boxes I have acquired an additional customer base because customers know I sell other things as well. People have expressed a desire to support local businesses and I am still getting new customers as they realise what I do. Customers are saying that they will continue to shop locally and avoid supermarkets. The weather has helped because I have been able to have a display outside. In particular, it is the older generation who do not have access to social media have been able to see what is on offer and have become customers. It has also helped that people have been walking out a lot.

What have you learnt from this experience and how will you go forward after lockdown.

During this period I have had to diversify which enabled me to tick over and stay open. Now going forward I will keep doing the veg boxes. I am extending the decking to the side of the property and there will be a little stall at the back for them. My bread supplier has a selection of speciality breads, such as sundried tomato and cheese and marmite, which I will continue to sell along with milk, eggs, flour etc. I foresee difficulties with social distancing once we are able to open up again because of the size of the premises, but we will use the outside space and hope that we continue to have good weather. In due course I will reintroduce special evening events. And I will be offering yoga on the deck which will be available on Zoom if the weather is bad.

Mercure Kenwood Hall Hotel & Spa

- Dan Wilson, Regional General Manager

2020 has been an extremely difficult start to the year with many of our sectors struggling due to the arrival of Coronavirus and our Hospitality industry has been one of the hardest hit. Our main priority throughout the last twelve weeks has been in ensuring that we have secured investment and future business to ensure that Kenwood Hall remains at the heart of community, and can safely open its doors when government restrictions are further eased. We took the decision, along with our sister properties in Southampton and Altrincham, to remain open for Key Workers. We have seen an increased amount of footfall over the last month since the latest government updates, but we are far from an occupancy that is comfortable and we are hoping that a further uplift of restrictions will see us open on the 4th July.

The much discussed 'social distancing' will have a massive impact on what facilities can and will reopen on the 4th July, and we await further guidance from the authorities on this. We have spent much of the last few weeks in putting in policies and procedures to ensure that the safety of our colleagues and guests remains strong and as it currently stands, our doors will reopen to the general public for accommodation. We are looking at offering 'Breakfast in a Bag' for our guests and our restaurant and bar will reopen offering a reducing menu and service. We will also be offering Afternoon Tea in our Lakeview Restaurant and with this in mind, our Laura Ashley Tea Room will remain closed until further restrictions are lifted and additional guidance given. There has been very little guidance given with regards to Leisure and Spa facilities. Once this is given and received, we will do our very best in opening up these facilities too.

Our much loved grounds will continue to be accessible to the community and I hope that you enjoy the new additions to our wild life over these coming months.

May I take this opportunity in thanking our community for the lovely messages of support that the hotel has received throughout this time – they are all extremely welcoming.

Dan Wilson, Regional General Manager



Sheffield Sustainable Kitchens - Rob Cole

How have you adapted your business?

In response to the COVID 19 outbreak, we've moved all our design consultations online, we are now conducting these via video calls. We also have everyone who can, working from home to reduce contact and help keep everyone safe. After a necessary pause to site works, we've now resumed our kitchen installations in clients homes. In line with government advice, our team is taking extra precautions to ensure our clients and staff remain safe at all times. We are now also offering new clients the opportunity to book COVID-friendly scheduled appointments in our workshop, where we can show them samples.

Has this been successful?

There's definitely been a bit of a learning curve with the new ways of working, but we've found the changes to be really successful with both the team and our customers. We've scheduled regular social catch ups with the team to keep in touch which have been really successful too.

Has this changed any plans you had for the future?

A lot of the changes are better for the environment and have saved time too. I think once things get back to 'normal' we'll have people working from home more than we did prior to the lockdown, and we still plan to use video consultations for jobs which are a bit further afield. We also have plans to move the business into larger premises which will allow us to make even more of our products from local and sustainable materials.

The Union Hotel

The Union Hotel has now been closed for social drinking since March 20th, in line with all other public houses. However this has not meant Gareth and Sarah twiddling their thumbs for 12 weeks. Far from it, making use of the opportunity to:

- Repaint the whole of the outside of the building
- Renew and refresh the window boxes and flower beds
- Gut and renovate the Ladies toilet.

In addition people have been making use of door sales of prepared food and wine which can still be had on an order by order basis...unfortunately the supplies of beer ran out some time ago.

All this while Sarah has been putting in 12 hour shifts looking after CV patients in the Intensive Care Unit of the Hallamshire Hospital and, as we speak, taking over as Clinical Site Manager at Rotherham Hospital.

Meanwhile Gareth has been nobly holding the ladder while Sarah paints the gutter.

Everything is ready for opening as soon as the All Clear is sounded...distancing plans and routes through the building are in place, surgical standard masks are waiting for the bar staff and Gareth and Sarah are itching to get going.

Wickwire – Vicky Coates

Well, I wasn't expecting to celebrate my 8th year in the shop this way! March 21st was my final day of trading before I had to close my doors as a 'non-essential' business. Thankfully, that week had been extra busy due to Mother's Day happening that weekend, so that I closed the door without too much of a panic about how long this would go on for and whether the business would cope. Although it did look very sad on the street - all our empty windows and no-one around.

Fortunately, I qualified for the small business grant, which was paid out very quickly and has meant I could continue to pay my rent and other outstanding invoices during lockdown.

So what have I been up to during these last few months? Firstly I've been working on a website that means I will eventually be able to take online orders for cards and gifts, and post them out on behalf of the customer. I hope that this will be useful for all those neighbours who may still be self isolating. The website is not complete yet - I'm blaming the amazing weather! - but I can still take orders and payment over the phone and via a new PayPal account. Other than that I have been mainly gardening, reading and painting. I'm really looking forward to reopening and seeing all my lovely customers- I think the furry ones have been missing their treats. Here's one of them- Molly with her owner Sandra - in the photo!

(Wickwire opened again on 15th June)



On June 24th it will be the 25th Anniversary of Paul Wright first opening the doors of Cafe#9 way back in 1995. It only seemed right, then, to use the date to reopen for takeaway coffee and cake after the 12 week period of lockdown we have all recently found ourselves experiencing.

At the very beginning of lockdown I felt desperate to keep the cafe open for the Nether Edge community in whatever way I could. I took over the responsibility of taking over the management of the cafe in 2013 and alongside a wonderful team of staff we've managed to avoid closing our doors for a single day in over 6 years and the thought of losing that momentum really upset me.

Then I had a sudden realisation that this could be a perfect, once in a lifetime opportunity to give this magical community hub a well deserved dose of TLC.

And that's exactly what I've done. I hope you all approve of the result.

Your continued support is always very much appreciated.



Thought for the Month - Rev Gareth Jones

At times of crisis and extreme change, new words and phrases enter our vocabulary. We will rarely have used terms like *self-isolate* and *social-* or *physical-distancing* before the last few months, and I wonder how often they will be used in the future outside the context of the pandemic. But for many people during this period, they have expressed the reality of profound disconnection. Not being able to meet and hug loved ones; spending prolonged periods of time alone; not being able to gather in much-valued public buildings. These painful restrictions have emphasized the centrality to our humanity of connectedness, community and a sense of belonging.

For people who belong to a faith community, a sense of being connected with others is normally one of the things they especially value. However, faith groups have not been able to hold acts of worship and other events in their places of worship during this time. For some faiths, for which such buildings are central to their worship, this has been a real challenge. There have been a number of important religious festivals over the last few months, beginning with Pesach (Passover) for the Jewish community and Easter for Christians, then the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi, and most recently the holy

month of Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr for Muslims (to name just a few). For each community, not being able to celebrate their festivals in special places of worship together with the rest of the congregation has caused sadness, removing a major dimension of the celebration.

Nonetheless, each faith community has found ways of keeping people feeling connected and supported, by tapping into national initiatives or providing local resources. As has been the case in the wider community, many faith groups have delivered large quantities of food and other supplies to the most vulnerable local residents. Members of all faith traditions have produced uplifting talks and acts of worship online.

All of this has been part of a bigger picture, transcending specific religious identities and expressing our shared humanity. I know I speak for many when I say a big thank you to the editorial team of Edge, for continuing to produce excellent editions during the crisis, full of interest, information and encouragement. Everything we do to overcome isolation during this time, and to increase a sense of belonging, has to be to the good.

To all our Muslim families
We wish you a very Happy Eid
and best wishes. (NENG)



Fasting and Eid in the presence of COVID19

The impact of COVID19 indiscriminately forced the lockdown across all communities and faiths and for people of no faith. Mosques, Synagogues, Churches and Temples up and down the countries almost turned into haunted buildings. For the first time in the living memories of current Muslims young and old Mosques were closed for the worshippers. Normally during the fasting month of Ramadan every Mosque across the world gets mega busy with worshippers. For Muslims it is the month of seeking closeness to God, showing sheer dedication by fasting from dawn to dusk and standing in long lasting night prayers throughout the month. It is a time for giving charity and sharing delicious food with families, neighbours, and communities of different faiths and of no faith usually by organising Iftar Parties (Opening fast meals). As one of the short chapters in the Holy Quran roughly translates, "There is ease after every hardship and there is a blessing in disguise in every calamity". Therefore, COVID19 was no different for Muslim families. Many Muslim organisations, businesses and families were able to provide meals and basic PPE packs for elderly and front-line staff in hospitals. Weekly free meals were distributed in Sheffield and in other cities and towns for homeless people.

It also provided opportunities to develop bonding within families. Every household was turned to a mini Mosque and each family prayed in small congregations at home. Many Muslims doctors and nurses observed fasting while they served the country as front-line NHS staff, and some have sacrificed their lives. The puzzling fact is why the death and infection ratio were four times higher amongst Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities.

Muslims as a community showed great respect and discipline in following the government guidelines and advice in lockdown restrictions. The community was not able to get together for Eid prayers or Eid celebrations, but families used social media, skype, zoom etc to connect with their loved ones to wish them happy Eid. On behalf of the Muslim Community I would like to whole-heartedly extend their well wishes and Happy Eid to all.

Take care, stay safe. (Mazhar)



Lesley Dyke



Richard Taylor



Q2 Tom, Dick and Harry were farmer's sons. When their father died, he left Tom, the eldest, half his cows, Dick got a third and Harry a sixth. The lads got the cows together and found that their father had owned just eleven, which gave them a dilemma. They decided to consult their father's foreman, wise old Gaffer Hickey. "Easy", he said. He went and got his own cow, Daisy, and put her in with the others, making twelve. "Now", he said, "You want half of them, Tom, which is six. Dick, you want a third, which is four, and Harry, you want a sixth, which is two". The lads all took their cows, which left just one – Daisy! "You owe me a pint, lads!", called the Gaffer, as he led Daisy back home. Who got more than his share?

UK residents have relied on community gardens as an important source of food for hundreds of years. During the Second World War, for example, community allotments were set up on inner-city sites to provide affordable fresh fruit and vegetables to the local area.

The contemporary community gardening movement began in the late 1960s with a renewed interest in green spaces in cities. Many community gardens were created when local residents transformed vacant sites into green spaces that included vegetable plots and flower gardens. As these spaces evolved, they were used to address social and health problems.

The Nether Edge Community Garden grew out of the group that helped save the trees in the local area. The Save Nether Edge Trees group showed that when a community works together, great things are possible. As the tree protection group wound down, they started to think about how to make the best use of all of the energy and enthusiasm residents of Nether Edge clearly have for their environment. A new group was formed - Nether Edge & Sharrow Sustainable Transformation (NESST). This group is gradually coming into being and the focus is on "thinking global and acting local". It poses the question: What can we do locally to address the climate crisis? The answer they came up with is to put energy into a series of projects which will address issues like improving biodiversity, increasing green space, improving wildlife habitat, and community food growing. One of the members emailed Alison Teal about the disused Kenwood Hall kitchen garden as a possible site to start a community good growing project. (Alison is a councillor for the Nether Edge area and had been very involved in the Trees Group). It was really overgrown and clearly would take a lot of work, but the potential was really exciting. Alison emailed the hotel and spoke to Dan Wilson, the area manager. 'He agreed with my proposal and asked what the hotel could do to help! I gradually began mentioning the idea to people and without even putting out a call for volunteers we now have 26 people interested and some of them are already working on the site'.

Work started at the beginning of May and several beds have been dug out of the turf. There is also a large greenhouse and outbuildings that can be used to store tools. A planting and rotation plan has been devised, and planting of vegetables started in late May. The plan is to use the food grown for Food banks and the Sheffield Junk Food project (<https://thefoodworks.org/>). Some could be possibly be sold at the famer's market and also, obviously, be used by the growers themselves.

NENG are providing financial support and Kenwood Community Growers are set to be a NENG subgroup, as well as being the first NESST endeavour. Any residents who are interested in volunteering are welcome to contact me: 07429 347826 alison.teal@live.co.uk



Q.3 People, especially politicians, use the words 'millions' and 'billions' as if they were much the same. Well, a million seconds is about eleven and a half days. How long do you think a billion seconds is?

NETHER EDGE FESTIVAL 2020

- Mark Doel & Richard Taylor

The lockdown and the uncertainty about what will follow, and when, has had an impact on everybody's lives and plans. So it is with the annual Nether Edge Festival, entering its sixth year in 2020. Should we go ahead at all? If so, on what basis? The Planning Group met by Zoom in mid-June to review the situation and, as with any group of people there is a wide spectrum of views. Overall, there is an understanding that by September the community will be ready for festivities, but that it is wise to plan for many contingencies.

We are encouraged by plans for the Nether Edge Farmers' Market to go ahead on Sunday 13th September. This has always been an important date in the Festival's calendar as it forms part of our first weekend of events (the Sharrow Market is planned for 30th August, another good sign). Given these indications, we are planning to have a Festival with these guidelines and principles:

A limited number of events compared to previous Festivals, possibly held over two extended weekends (Fri 11th – Sun 13th and Fri 18th – Sun 20th), rather than the full nine days;

An emphasis on outdoor events, where social distancing (if it is still in force) is easier to achieve and to manage, with an acknowledgement that this makes the festival more weather-dependent;

An emphasis on events where existing social groups already considered to be socially close can participate – family picnics, treasure hunts and the like;

Continuing with popular events from past that do not necessarily require indoor close contact, such as some of the various arts and poetry competitions;

A continuing commitment to social inclusiveness so that all Nether Edge's communities are involved and represented, with particular acknowledgement of the Black Lives Matter movement;

No financial commitments, or very limited ones, in case last minute cancellations are necessary;

No fund-raising raffle, as paper contact and money handling is not advisable; costs will be reduced as there will be no printed programme this year;

Greater use of social media and websites to advertise events, especially if there are last minute changes;

We hope to open the Festival as usual at Common Ground, using the outdoor space there, and close with the Party in the Park at Chelsea Park, again using open space – but these decisions are still not firmly made.

Overall, our concern is to balance safety and celebration. We think the community will be ready to celebrate, but only if it feels safe to do so.

Mark Doel and Richard Taylor
Co-Chairs, Nether Edge Planning Group



David Pierce

Russell Crow

We published a report last year about attacks on walkers in Brincliffe Edge Woods by a crow which was, of course, given the name of Russell. Well, s/he is back. There have been several attacks in May and June and they can be quite vicious, often drawing blood. The attacks have been reported to Parks & Countryside at the Council by the Friends of Brincliffe Edge Woods. The Council indicated that they would put up notices in the woods warning people of possible attack, but any council department is obviously under a lot of pressure currently. However, by the time this is published the young may well have fledged so the danger may have passed.



Charity Fundraising in Lockdown

- Rob Skelton

On Sunday 26th April, the day that the London Marathon was due to take place, us Skeltons did our own lockdown marathon, consisting of 26 laps of Ashland Road to support the water and sanitation charity, Dig Deep. This was part of the 2.6 Challenge, one of the biggest national fundraising events ever to be held, which involved fundraisers from across the UK coming together on the day that the London Marathon was supposed to take place.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on charities, with the cancellation of thousands of events and the loss of billions in fundraising income. Dig Deep is no exception. They have seen their income fall, right when their work is most needed. Where they work in Kenya, 8 out of 10 people don't have the clean water and soap that they need to safely wash their hands. This means that the communities it serves are some of the most vulnerable in the world to COVID-19 and are in desperate need of accurate and practical advice about how to stay safe from the virus.

This is why we took on the 2.6 challenge by doing 26 laps of Ashland Road. The challenge fielded a relay team to ensure no one exceeded the 1 hour exercise rule in place at that time. The runners and riders were Rob 'the plod' Skelton (a veteran with dodgy knees), Sally 'the speedster' Skelton on bike (imagine cycling to the top of Ashland Road a lot of times) and Emma 'the endgame' Skelton on fast legs to make up for the others (spectators merely saw a blur as she sped past!). We had a surprise addition of a speeding biker, Ben Skelton, boss man of the charity. Next door provided an excellent compère, Mr Tanveer Khan, along with excited children announcing each completed lap. We knew that there were already some Dig Deep supporters on Ashland Road and the event was wonderfully supported with many people coming out to wave or cheer us on. As mentioned elsewhere, Ashland Road has formed a great community during lockdown with our WhatsApp group and general neighbourliness which all contributed to the success of the event. We had modest hopes of how much we might raise but by the evening we were astonished to find we had achieved £1000! (now £1190 and rising still - any further contributions would of course be very welcome (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/skelton-s-2-6-challenge>)). We are so grateful to the kind neighbours and friends who contributed. In any case it was a lovely event thoroughly enjoyed by us, and a welcome distraction from lockdown.



The triumphant(socially distanced) finish



Howard Fry

Q.4 Mazhar, Nicky and Ruth went out for lunch together. When they were finished, the waiter brought them a bill for thirty pounds, and so they each gave him ten pounds. However, when the waiter got to the bar, the landlord said that the bill should have been twenty five pounds, and returned five pounds to the waiter. The waiter pocketed two pounds, and then returned to the table and gave each of the diners a pound refund. This meant that each had paid nine pounds, making twenty seven pounds altogether. But the waiter had only taken two pounds. What happened to the other pound?



This walk is the second of two walks, (the first "An Ascent of Turners Viewpoint" was described in May's Edge), that can be done starting from the Nether Edge Crossroads (designed to follow the Government instructions for exercise during alert levels 4 or 5 during the Coronavirus crisis). The walk of 5.5km takes you from the heart of Nether Edge to the boundary wall of the Botanical Gardens through six gennels.

Although this walk does not pass through a park it does take the walker through a varied mix of quiet streets and properties with about 150m of ascent. Three gennels not included because of social distancing issues are Frog Walk, Toad Walk and Terrace Walk (between Junction Road and Hardwick Crescent). These could be added when the alert level is low.

The maps used to describe the history of each gennel are taken from the series of Six-inch Ordnance Survey Maps 1842-1952 (available online at the National Library of Scotland). The dates listed are when each map was published. Three maps for gennels 1,5 and 6 are included in this article.

According to WikiDiff a gennel is the South Yorkshire version of 'ginnel', which is used in both Yorkshire and Lancashire. A gennel is a narrow passageway or alley often between terraced houses. Snicket is another term that is used in North Yorkshire. The first passage described, Edge Bank, is possibly too wide to be a gennel.

Starting from the Nether Edge Crossroads, walk 200m up Machon Bank Road to reach the entrance to Edge Bank on the right hand side.

Gennel 1 - Edge Bank

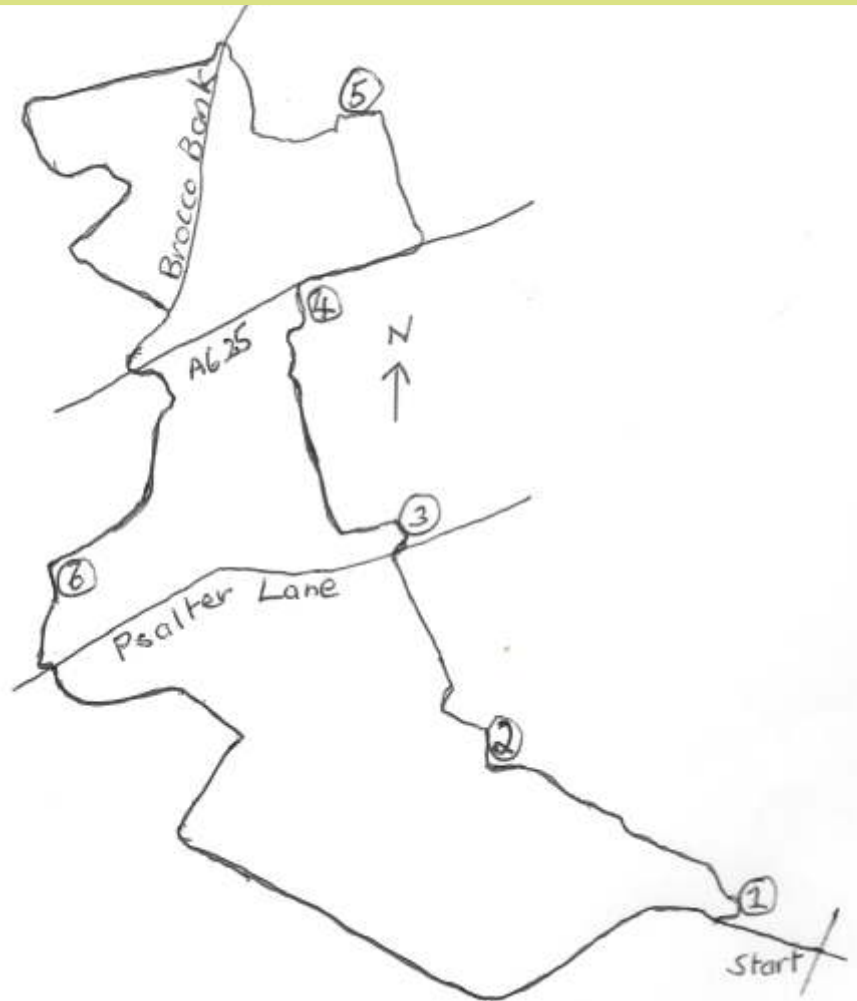
The Boot family bought the land at Edge Bank and Charles & Joseph Boot built the cottages in the late 1830's and also a lane connecting the cottages down to Machon Bank Road. Beyond the top of Edge Bank there were fields on Cherry Tree Hill Common as shown on the OS map of 1855.

In 1894 Elizabeth Newbould bought the fields and the cottages at Edge Bank so that the planned Meadow Bank Avenue Estate could be linked to Machon Bank Road. The first house on Meadow Bank Avenue was constructed in 1896 and the OS map of 1906 shows the layout of the Avenue and the completion of most of the houses on the south side.

Continue to the top of Meadow Bank Avenue, walk straight across on to Kingfield Road and walk up 150m to the entrance to gennel 2 on the right.

Gennel 2 between Kingfield Road and St Andrew's Close

The area to the left of the gennel is the site of Kingfield House and its grounds which was built in 1850. After its owner, Annie Bindon Carter, died in 1968 the house was demolished, new houses were built on Kingfield Road and St Andrew's Close was created. On the OS map of 1949 there is a small gap between the boundary of Kingfield House and the adjacent property. The gennel was probably created at the same time as St Andrew's Close on the boundary.



Gennel 1



Gennel 2

At the top of St Andrew's Close turn right onto St Andrew's Road and then left down Williamson Road to meet Psalter Lane. Cross Psalter Lane and walk down gennel 3 to reach Sandbeck Place.

Gennel 3 between Psalter Lane and Sandbeck Place

Gennel 3 is on the remains of the drive to Sharrow Mount, where a Workhouse was built at the end of the 18th century. After the building of the larger Nether Edge Bierlow Union Workhouse had been completed in 1843, the old workhouse was sold in 1845 to Henry Newbould of Sharrow House for £1200 and turned into residential housing. All the houses except for one were demolished in the 1970's for new housing on Sandbeck Place.

At the top of Sandbeck Place turn right onto Collishaw Road and keep walking straight downhill to meet Sharrow Vale Road at the corner with Gilbert & Sons. Turn right and cross over Sharrow Vale Road taking the next left down Steel Road to meet Neil Road and gennel 4 by the side of The Well Church.

Gennel 4 between Neil Road and Ecceshall Road



Gennel 4

The OS map for 1899 shows that the area on the South of Ecclesall Rd where the church now stands was completely undeveloped. By the time the 1906 map was published the church and the houses around it had been built and there is clearly a small space alongside it between Neil Road and Ecclesall Rd. This suggests it may have been retained as a short cut/ pathway for people from Sharrow, perhaps to get access to the front entrance to the church more easily.

Walk through gennel 4 and turn right on Ecceshall Road for 200m and then cross over and walk up to the top of Wadbrough Road where you will find a well hidden gennel (gennel 5).

Gennel 5 between the top of Wadbrough Road and Dover Road

Gennel 5 is bordered by The Botanical Gardens which was opened in 1836. The OS map published in 1855 shows a lane directly connecting Botanical Road to the top of Wadbrough Road (which was just a field boundary or wall). Most of the houses in the area were built towards the end of the 19th century and at the beginning of the 20th century. On the OS map of 1894 Dover Road and Wigfull Road existed but not Wadbrough Road. By

1906 all the houses on Wadbrough Road had been constructed and 2/3 of those on Wigfull Road. The gennel is the only remaining part of the original lane. The impressive end house on Dover Road next to the gennel was constructed in 1893. Apparently the gennel was used by carts to take sewage away.

Gennel 5 connects to Dover Road. Take the next right onto Wigfull Road and then right again up Botanical Road to the top of Brocco Bank. Cross over Brocco Bank and walk along Endcliffe Vale Road for 300m to reach Endcliffe Glen Road (3rd road on the left). Make your way down Endcliffe Vale road turning right along Everton Road and then left along Rossington Road to reach Brocco Bank again and Hunters Bar roundabout.

Walk up the right hand side of Junction Road taking the first right up Hunter House Road and then immediate left up Pinner Road. Fulmer Road the second road on the right, appears from the bottom to be a dead end. However, gennel 6 leading on to Penryhn Road is at the top on the left.

Gennel 6 between the top of Fulmer Road and Penryhn Road

Fulmer Road was created at the beginning of the 20th century. On the OS map published in 1906 neither Fulmer Road, Roach Road or the upper part of Penryhn Road existed. By the time this map was revised between 1914 and 1915 (published in 1924) all the houses on these roads had been built.

Fulmer Road is unusual in that it is a cul-de-sac. Unlike Penrhyn, Hunter House and Hunter Hill roads, the top of Fulmer doesn't connect into Roach road, which in turn connects with Psalter Lane which have would be the main route into town (via Hansom Cabs and horse-drawn buses) for the kind of people who were buying homes in this area. The gennel



Gennel 3



Gennel 5

would (and still does) provide a shortcut for residents living at its upper end. Without it they would have to walk downhill via Pinner Rd then back up Penrhyn to reach Psalter Lane.

From Penryhn Road continue to walk uphill and turn left on Roach Road to meet Psalter Lane and the top of Brincliffe Gardens. Take Brincliffe Gardens on to Osborne Road and then right along Cavendish Road. Then return to the start via Lyndhurst Road and Barkers Road.

Appendix – OS Maps - Six-inch England and Wales, 1842-1952

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<https://maps.nls.uk/index.html>

Gennel 1

Map 1

Yorkshire 294 (includes: Sheffield.)

Surveyed: 1850 to 1851 Published: 1855

Gennel 5



Map 2

Yorkshire 294 (includes: Sheffield.)

Surveyed: 1850 to 1851 Published: 1855

Gennel 6



Map 3

Yorkshire CCXCIV.SE

(includes: Sheffield.)

Revised: 1901 to 1903

Published: 1906



Gennel 6

I have a slim green volume called 'Twentieth Century Short Stories'. On the blank page at the beginning I have written my maiden name beside the legend 'LVI G'. That tells me that I read this book at school in 1965, and I have never forgotten one of the stories in it.

E M Forster, author of *Howard's End*, and *A Passage to India*, wrote only one science fiction story, 'The Machine Stops', probably in answer to H. G. Wells' 'The Time Machine'. Forster felt that Wells was far too gung-ho about science and technology, and that humanity was in danger of losing its soul.

Even in the 1960s 'The Machine Stops' seemed frighteningly prescient. Published in 1909, it depicts a post-apocalyptic world in which humanity has retreated to live underground, each person in a small individual cell, communicating with others through a screen, ordering food and anything else they want electronically, never leaving their rooms. They have grown weak and pale, starved of sunlight, obese from spending their days sitting on wheeled chairs so that they never have to walk anywhere.

It is not clear exactly what has caused the world to become uninhabitable, but Vashti, one of the two main characters, says 'the surface of the earth is only dust and mud, no life remains on it, and you would need a respirator, or the cold of the outer air would kill you'. 'The forests had been destroyed during the literature epoch for the purpose of making newspaper pulp,' Forster says.

In the days of the Machine people only have one book, the manual which tells you how to work it. 'If she was hot or cold or dyspeptic or at a loss for a word, she went to the book, and it told her which button to press'. It is not the ecological disaster which Forster is interested in, but the technology. 'She knew several thousand people; in certain directions human intercourse had advanced enormously'. Forster seems to have foreseen social media, but in 2020 what is also resonant is the fear of other people. 'The clumsy system of public gathering had been long since abandoned' he writes, and 'people never touched one another. The custom had become

obsolete, owing to the Machine'. Public transport, while it still exists, is mainly used by those who have no choice but to travel to vacated rooms to take up residence. There is little need to go anywhere, since 'thanks to the advance of science, the earth was exactly alike all over...What was the good of going to Pekin when it was just like Shrewsbury?'.

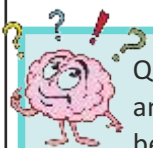
Vashti has 'studied the civilization that immediately preceded her own – the civilization that had mistaken the functions of the [transport] system, and had used it for bringing people to things instead of bringing things to people'. In these days, when many of us are relying on 'things' being brought to us, this story seems more relevant than ever.

'The only thing that really lives is the Machine...if it could work without us, it would let us die' Vashti's son says to her. He is a rebel, who wants to get out and explore the world outside. We might say he is a Luddite, but we are all less and less trusting of Facebook, or Twitter, or Amazon. As we approach the post-anthropocene age, we occasionally must contemplate a world in which humanity is finished, and only Facebook still blinks and flashes through the night, carrying dead viral video clips, photographs of long-mouldered breakfasts, and unanswered, un-'liked' messages from the last survivors. 'Rapid intercourse, from which the previous civilization had hoped so much,' wrote Forster in 1909, had ended by defeating itself'.

At the end of the story, when the Machine stops and humanity is dying, Vashti's son reveals that he has been outside, and that the air is breathable, and there are people living out there after all. The earth has recovered from whatever had afflicted it, and, just as we have been witnessing more wildlife recently, it has only taken a short rest from us for Nature to reassert herself.

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Ed's Note: We would like to say, to those of you who read the BBC News website, that Felicity wrote this article way before Will Gompertz. We think he has been hacking our emails.



Q.5 Howard Fry has ten pairs of socks, three pairs of brown and seven of black, which he keeps loose in a drawer in his bedroom. One evening, when he went to change to go out, he found that the bulb had gone in the bedroom. However, he was able to find his way to his sock drawer. How many socks did he have to take out to guarantee a pair?

Q.6 When David Pierce sat down to peruse his evening paper, he found to his intense annoyance that Page 13 was missing. If the rear page was Number 20, which other pages, as well as 13 would be missing?

The Runaways

A few months ago Edge ran an article about a local film director, Richard Heap, who had just released his first feature film. It is 'The Runaways' and is set in Whitby and North Yorkshire. It is a children's film, about 3 siblings who go on a search for their mother, and take a donkey along with them. It is now available on DVD. Hopefully the film can be a nice reminder of the Yorkshire countryside that's waiting for us when we are released from lockdown! More details can be found at <http://therunaways.film>.



Rundle Drive Flowers - Jude Haslam

On March 14th, just a week or so before lockdown, I posted a message through the letterboxes of my neighbours in Rundle Drive asking them if they would allow the areas of grass in front of our houses, to grow long this season in order to encourage wildflowers. My main purpose for this was to help bees, butterflies and other insects which it is now known are in serious decline.

I was aware that other areas in Sheffield such as the communal space in front of the Landsdowne Flats in Sharrow, had grown a wildflower meadow in the summer of 2019 and that it was a stunning success.

Since moving to Rundle Drive in late October 2016 it seemed to me that we, the residents, had the responsibility for mowing the grass. So, I was delighted when all of my neighbours agreed to give the project a try. We all let our little lawns grow and within weeks we were seeing surprising results which I have been photographing monthly. The variety of wildflowers has included: common daisies, Germander speedwell, dandelions, clover, primroses, oxeye-daisies, dog-violets, sheep sorrel, and possibly trailing St. John'swort.

Ironically, a few days ago I received a Whatsapp message from one of my neighbours via the group we formed since lockdown. She told me that a Council Employee had just cut my patch and that of my next door neighbour. She had rushed out and stopped him from cutting the other patches and explained to him about the project we were trying out. He then agreed to leave the other two areas unmown. My neighbour told me that she had never seen anyone from the council cutting the grass in front of her house in her sixteen years of living here. Hopefully more flowers will grow through shortly.





Rainbows in our windows

Kevin Hickey



Taking our daily walk around Nether Edge at the start of the 'lockdown' or 'self-isolation' or 'shielding', whatever your experience is, you couldn't help but notice the emergence of drawings and painting of rainbows in front windows. As the months have gone by and now into June there are magnificent displays of support, thanks and words of encouragement to the NHS workers and all key workers. What started as a few rainbow drawings in front windows have developed into almost installations, some with grand messages and interactive activities for the community to enjoy and reflect on. Some of the displays have clearly been produced by children happy to voice their support and thanks as well as more sophisticated pieces which have had parents involved in their production and some others where adults have got their paint brushes and crayons out and had a go.

It has been remarkably interesting to see how the 'rainbow windows' have increased and more and more specific messages are emerging. 'We respect the care workers' and 'thank you all key workers' and 'we love the NHS' and 'stay safe'. Thursday the 28th May was the final clap for key workers where neighbours have come out together with pots and pans and whistles to clap and show support to all those who have kept everything working. It is all the key workers who we are saying thank you to. Yes, the NHS staff, pharmacists and care home workers but also the van drivers, school teachers, refuse collectors, post workers, shop keepers, supermarket staff, police, fire service, bus drivers and all the others who have kept working to make our lives easier and manageable.

My hope for the future is that we continue to say 'thank you' to those who provide a service and support us in our lives but most importantly that we remember to show 'respect' to all members of our society, now and in the years to come.



Easy-peasy lockdown puddings

Jane Wheatley.

Chocolate banana pudding.

A good pudding for younger children and very quick and easy to make. Can be made ahead and refrigerated.

Ingredients:

- Carton/tin of ready made custard
- Bar of plain/dark chocolate (amount will depend on the amount of custard you are using)
- One or 2 large bananas (or other fruit – see below)
- Squirty cream (optional)
- Grated chocolate/dusting of cocoa powder (optional)

Method:

1. Pour custard into a saucepan and place on a very low heat. Use enough custard to split between however many bowls you are using and people you are serving. Could be a tin, small carton or 1 litre carton. I would use 100gm of chocolate for 750ml of custard but adjust to be as chocolaty as you like. Plain/dark chocolate should be used rather than milk chocolate.
2. When the custard is warm, break the chocolate into the custard and let the chocolate melt into the custard stirring gently until mixed through. Turn up the heat a little and stir thoroughly. Do not allow it to boil.
3. Chop banana and put at the bottom of the bowls
4. Pour warm chocolate custard over the custard. Can be eaten immediately or allow to cool and squirt a whirl of cream on the top and dust with a little cocoa or grated dark chocolate
5. If you like it extra chocolatey, you can also mix a heaped tsp of cocoa into a little milk and add to the custard with the chocolate when it is being warmed.
6. If you don't want to use banana, then sliced/tinned pears, tinned peaches, mandarins, frozen/fresh raspberries, cherries, or other fruit could also be used.



Cheats black forest trifle Serves 6+.

Use a deep glass bowl if possible or make it in individual deep bowls alternatively.

Ingredients:

- 4 double chocolate shop bought muffins or similar cake bar
- Jar of Morello cherries in juice (Lidl sell these)
- Tin of cherry pie filling
- 300 ml of whipping/double cream
- Portion of cold chocolate custard (see above)
- 25 ml of brandy or more if desired (optional)

Method:

1. Slice the muffins into pieces about 1-2 cm thick. Divide into 3 portions if making in a serving bowl and into the number of portions if making in separate bowls.
2. Drain the Morello cherries reserving the juice. Mix the drained cherries in a bowl with the cherry pie filling.
3. Whip the cream in a bowl to soft peaks.
4. Place one portion of the sliced muffin pieces at the bottom of a bowl/s. Drizzle a little of the juice from the cherries over the muffins and a sprinkling of brandy if using. Needs to be enough to allow the cake to become soft with the absorbed juice
5. Over the top of the muffin spoon one third of the cherry mix.
6. Cover the cherry mix with one third of the chocolate custard.
7. Cover the chocolate custard with one third of the whipped cream.
8. Repeat the layers as above finishing with the last one of the whipped cream. Dust with a little cocoa and/or grated dark chocolate if desired.
9. Refrigerate under cling film or similar for at least one hour before eating to allow the muffins to absorb the cherry juice (and brandy if using).



Ginger and apricot pudding. Serves 6+

This needs to be made ahead and I would suggest at least 2 hours before eating. Use a deep glass bowl if possible or make it in individual deep bowls alternatively.

Ingredients:

- Packet of ginger-nut biscuits
- Dried ginger powder
- 300 ml of whipping/double cream
- 2 tins of apricots in own juice

Method:

1. Drain the apricots reserving the juice. Slice the apricot halves into smaller slices and divide into three portions
2. Whip the cream to soft peaks.
10. Break the ginger biscuits into pieces and divide into three portions and places one third at the bottom of the serving bowl or into the number of portions if making in separate bowls.
3. Over the top of the biscuits drizzle some of the apricot juice sufficient to just cover the biscuits which will absorb the juice.
4. Lay one third of the sliced apricots on the biscuit layer.
5. Cover the apricots with one third of the whipped cream and using your finger and thumb dust the top of the cream with a pinch or two of dried ginger powder.
6. Repeat the process ending with the final cream layer.
7. Refrigerate under cling-film or covered for a few hours before eating to allow the ginger biscuits to absorb the apricot juice and become squishy.



Q.7 Helen, Ros and Kate went on a journey, but the car broke down, and by the time the garage got it going, it was very late. The hotel was closed for the night, and dinner time had finished. The girls were starving hungry, but the night porter said that all he could offer was a bowl of leftover potatoes. By the time he returned with them, all three girls had fallen asleep at the table. After a while, Helen woke up, ate a third of the potatoes and fell asleep again. Then Ros woke up, ate a third of what was left and fell asleep again. Finally, Kate woke up, ate a third of the remaining potatoes, and then also fell asleep again. When the night porter came to retrieve the bowl, he found that eight potatoes were left. How many had there been to begin with?

Shootings in Nether Edge

We contacted the police asking for an update on the latest developments in relation to the shootings on Machon Bank and here is their response.

The neighbourhood team remains focused on policing the area, engaging with the public, gathering intelligence and protecting the vulnerable people targeted by organised crime groups. We have just interviewed for officers so should find out the results of that shortly, we are also recruiting Police Now students in November so the team will grow again. We have just secured two closure orders on addresses on Frederick road and Preston Street are seeking another in the area too. These addresses have been taken over by drug dealers. We now have more control of them and will conduct regular checks, anyone found inside other than the occupant can be arrested.

The wider community don't need to worry unduly or alter what they are doing as all the recent shootings have been targeted attacks and related to organised crime. All we ask is that you stay vigilant to what is happening in the area, look out for vulnerable neighbours and report anything suspicious to us. Calls can be made anonymously on 0800 555 111 or anonymously online at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information>

PS Daniel Wilson Police Sergeant of Sharrow Neighbourhood Team

PROTECTION AGAINST NHS TRACK AND TRACE SCAMMERS

It may be hard to believe but for some people Track and Trace is a great opportunity to defraud vulnerable people. Here is advice about what to look out for and how not to fall victim to unscrupulous criminals. Please read this and pass it on to others.

If NHS Test and Trace calls you by phone, the service will be using a single phone number 0300 0135 000.

The only website the service will ask you to visit is <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk>.

Contact tracers will never:

Ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to us (for example, those starting 09 or 087)

Ask you to make any form of payment

Ask for any details about your bank account

Ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts

Ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone

Ask you to purchase a product

Ask you to download any software to your device or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet

Ask you to access any website that does not belong to the Government or NHS

DWP SCAM ALERT

Action Fraud have advised that they are continuing to see examples of emails and texts sent by fraudsters purporting to be from the Department for Work and Pensions.

The DWP will never text or email asking for your personal information or bank details.

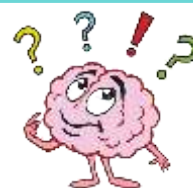
Do not click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails and never respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for personal or financial details.

Forward any suspicious emails to

report@phishing.gov.uk.



John Scholey



Q.8 Old Farmer Wilshaw bought a number of fence posts at an auction. When he got them home, he found that if he spaced them equally, he could make one large paddock, two equal-sized medium paddocks or three equal-sized small paddocks. What is the smallest number of posts that he could have bought?

I am a mum of two and a trained Fine Art lecturer and I started my business, PaperBased, in September 2019. After 10 years teaching at college, deciding I wanted a better work life balance for my family.

I teach a range of workshops from my studio at Kingfield Hall on Brincliffe Crescent and at different locations around the city, which include various bookbinding techniques, paper flowers, paper cutting, printmaking, paper jewellery and rubber stamps.

I focus on using recycled materials as much as possible in my work, as I am passionate about the environment. I offer a Recycled notebook workshop where we use old envelopes, packaging and tetra paks to make small notebooks, perfect for shopping lists, together with a Paper flower workshop where we use old books and used gift wrap as well as paper and card. These flowers will never wither, so can be kept to brighten up the home. They are not plastic or throwaway like fresh flowers, which are also part of a high polluting industry.



As a visual artist I chose to work primarily with paper, as I feel it is such a diverse material that can be made into so many things. I make artist books in my main practice and use techniques such as printmaking, paper cutting and collage, and create framed pieces using paper cutting, collage and old magazines. I also make notebooks using old envelopes, wedding albums, guest books, paper bouquets and badges, using words and imagery from books. I sell my work at fairs and through private commissions, on-line and from my studio.

In light of the current situation I am unable to teach workshops, but please follow me on Instagram or Facebook to see the work that I have available for sale, and any new updates or virtual teaching that I am planning to do in the future. As a mum of two small children I am always looking for new things to keep them interested and entertained, especially through this difficult time and I turned to my creativity for this. So I have put together a worksheet which you can follow, to make a book at home with your children using things that we all have around the house!

You can find more information on my Facebook page : www.facebook.com/paperbasedworkshops/ or on Instagram @paperbasedworkshops - or just call on – 07789 804871 My website is currently under construction at www.paperbasedart.co.uk.

MAZE BOOK

1. **A4 Paper**
Fold in half and half again.

2. Fold in half the other way and in half again.

3. Cut along black lines leaving a gap at each end.

4. Take hold of one end and fold up one way then the next to make a concertina.

COVER

5. **Tetra Pak**
Cut down the card to the height of your book 7.5cm approx.

6. Then measure 5mm and score with scissors and fold to create the spine.

7. Then measure 55mm from the sides and cut away the excess.

8. Using a glue stick, stick one end of your book into your cover.

Cereal Packet
CORN FLAKES

Pets and Lockdown - Rob Haselgrove

It has been a very stressful time for many people during this Coronavirus crisis and these rapid changes to society have also had an impact on our pets.

Our dogs have really enjoyed the increased time we have spent with them during lockdown; both through increased interactions at home and us having time to walk them more. As we start to return back to work over the coming months, some of our dogs may begin to suffer effects of separation anxiety. Here are some tips to help them cope with increased time alone.



Start leaving your house at least twice each day. It doesn't need to be for long (a five minute walk around your garden is enough) just make sure you recreate your usual routine as if you were going out for real. When you do start leaving the house for real, consider giving your dog a Kong or long lasting chew, which creates focus and helps them to settle when you first leave.

Provide your dog some quiet time each day while you are at home, maybe in a separate room or using a puppy pen/crate if they prefer to still see and hear you. Make the space appealing by putting something they really love in there.

It is important to reward your dog when they are calm. We often reward our dogs when they are active or paying us attention but rewarding them when they are quiet will start to build value in calmness. Simply drop a treat beside them and walk away. Remember the focus is upon their independence, not the interaction.

When you do finally go back to work, consider scheduling a pet sitting visit to break up the day for your dog as they transition back to your old routine.

What about cats?

Cats are generally solitary animals and in many cases they will have found our increased time at home more stressful! In fact, we have seen an increased incidence in feline cystitis cases in our hospital; a condition which is often brought on by stress. Getting back to our normal routine may actually improve their quality of life!

About Rob: Rob is the senior veterinary surgeon at Sheffield's PDSA charity hospital. He also provides an independent evening and weekend service through his business, 'Pets at Rest', supporting families at home when the difficult time comes to say goodbye to their companion.



Laura Jellinek, Chelsea Road.



What can I do about crime in my area?

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1 Report

If you see, know or suspect something call CrimeStoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111** or online <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/pre-form> - no need to be afraid, it is anonymous and you don't give your name. All information is useful and sometimes you need to report the same issue regularly. Many reports from different people are needed to create strong evidence.

اذا رأيت أو سمعت أو اشتبهت بجريمة فالرجاء الاتصال ب CrimeStoppers على الرقم 0800555111 أو من خلال الموقع الإلكتروني <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/pre-form> تذكر أنك لا تحتاج لتزويد اسمك ولذا لا داعي لأن تخاف أو تقلق. أي معلومة مفيدة وفي بعض الأحيان قد تحتاج لإخبارنا بالمشكلة بشكل متكرر. إننا نحتاج لتقارير متعددة من أشخاص متعددين لخلق دليل قوي فيما يخص الجريمة المشتبه بها.

1 تفصيلی جائزہ (رپورٹ کریں) ۱. اخیر

اگر آپ نے کچھ دیکھا ہے یا آپ کو شبہ ہے کسی جرم کے بارے میں تو آپ اس نمبر پر 111 0800 555 CrimeStoppers فون کریں یا انٹرنٹ پر رابطہ کریں <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/pre-form> خوف کی کوئی بات نہیں اور آپ کو نام دینے کی ضرورت نہیں ہے۔ تمام معلومات کام آتی ہیں۔ کبھی کبھی کسی جرم کے سلسلے میں کئی دفعہ معلومات دینی پڑیں گی۔ جتنے لوگ آگاہ کریں گے اتنا ہی اچھا ہے۔

2 Talk

Talk to your kids, your family, neighbours, friends and colleagues about the issues in your community. Lack of knowledge and understanding allows bullies to take over and creates fear of the unknown. Talking leads to better understanding and solutions. Share this flyer.

تحدث لأطفالك، عائلتك، جيرانك، أصدقائك ومعارفك عن المشاكل الموجودة في مجتمعك. الجهل بهذه المشاكل يسمح لمثري هذه المشاكل بالسيطرة وخلق حالة من الخوف في المجتمع. التحدث عن هذه المشاكل يساعد على فهمها وإيجاد حلول لها. الرجاء المساهمة بنشر هذا المنشور.

۲. تحدث

2 بات کریں

اپنے بچوں، اپنے خاندان، اپنے ہمسایوں، دوست اور ملازمت کے ساتھیوں سے گفتگو کریں اپنی کمیونٹی کے حالات کے متعلق۔ معلومات کی کمی سے فتنہ پرور لوگ خوف و پراس پیدا کرتے ہیں۔ ایک دوسرے سے بات چیت کرکے سمجھنا آسان ہوگا اور حل بھی۔ اس تحریر سے سب کو آگاہ کریں۔

3 Use your community spaces

When spaces are not used by the public they become more likely to be used for antisocial behaviour like drug dealing. The more spaces are used and cared for the less likely they will be used for criminal activity.

۳. استخدم مرافق المجتمع

إذا لم يستخدم أفراد المجتمع المرافق الموجودة فيه فإنها تصبح على الأرجح مكانا لبعض الممارسات غير القانونية كالإتجار بالمخدرات. فكلما كثر الاستخدام الصالح لهذه المرافق، كلما قل استخدامها مكانا لارتكاب الجرائم.

3 کمیونٹی کی جگہوں پر جائیں

خالی اور سنسان سی جگہوں پر جہاں لوگوں کی آمدورفت نہیں ہوتی، ایسی جگہوں پر غیر اخلاقی کام ہونے لگتے ہیں۔ جتنی زیادہ جگہیں جائز کاموں کے لئے استعمال ہوں تو جرائم پیشہ لوگوں کو اور منشیات والوں کو کم سے کم موقع ملے گا جرم کرنے کا۔

4 Join a community group

You are not alone. There are many local people coming together to combat the issue of drug dealing and ASB in Nether Edge and Sharrow - we would love to have your support, we are all on Facebook!

۴. انضم لإحدى الجمعيات

أنت لست وحدك. هناك الكثير من الأشخاص الموجودين في Nether Edge و Sharrow المتحدین ضد الاتجار بالمخدرات وصور السلوك غير الاجتماعي. إننا نثوق لدعمك...كلنا لدينا حسابات على الفيسبوك:

4 اپنی کمیونٹی کے حلقہ میں شامل ہوں

آپ اکیلے نہیں ہیں۔ لیدر ایج (Nether Edge) اور شیرو (Sharrow) میں اور بھی لوگ آگے آ رہے ہیں منشیات کے کاروبار کو اور غیر سماجی کاموں (Antisocial behaviour) کو ختم کرنے کے لئے۔ ہمیں آپ کے تعاون کی ضرورت ہے اور ہم فیسبک (Facebook) پر ہیں! Common Ground Abbeydale (کومن گراؤنڈ) مشترکہ جگہ، کمیونٹی سینٹر اور باغ (علاقہ سے محبت) Love Our Streets لوگ اپنی سڑکوں کو اور اپنے پڑوس کو صاف ستھرا رکھنے کے لئے ملتے ہیں Mums United (ماؤں کا اتحاد) مائیں جاقو والے جرائم کے خلاف Family Voice Sheffield (فیمیل وائس شفیلفڈ) لیدر ایج اور شیرو گھرانوں اور اسکولوں کے ساتھ کام کرنا اور مدد کرنے والے۔

Common Ground Abbeydale - community centre and garden space **07815 966201**
Love Our Streets - keeping our neighbourhood clean and tidy
MumsUnited - mums against knife crime **07445 911671**
FamilyVoiceSheffield - working with local families & schools **07951 510366**

5 Learn

Watch a programme on TV, read articles, find out more information about how and why. For example: Hometown on iPlayer is a recent documentary about drug dealing and crime in Huddersfield by journalist Mobeen Azhar.

شاهد البرامج وقرأ المقالات التي تناقش الجرائم والصور المختلفة للسلوك غير الاجتماعي كتعاطي المخدرات والاتجار بها. على سبيل المثال: Hometown برنامج وثائقي موجود على iPlayer من إعداد الصحفي مبین آذر جرنال عن الاتجار بالمخدرات، في مدينة هدرسفیلڈ.

۵. تعلم

5 اس موضوع کا علم

ٹی وی پر پروگرام دیکھیں، مضامین کا مطالعہ کریں اور معلوم کریں ایسے جرائم کیوں ہوتے ہیں اور کیسے ہوتے ہیں۔ مثال کے طور پر iPlayer (آئی پلیئر) پر ایک نیا دستاویزی پروگرام ہے Hometown (ہمرا علاقہ) جو پڈرس فیلڈ میں ہونے والے منشیات فروشی اور دوسرے جرائم کے متعلق ہے۔ پروگرام کے صحافی بین مین اظہر۔



Nether Edge Panorama - John Austin

A Guide for Visitors

Just before the lock down preparations were well underway to produce a *Visitors Guide to Nether Edge*. This was to include the recently produced Panorama of the area and include information on local shops, services and leisure opportunities as well as pinpointing their locations on the map.

Local organisations were invited to contribute a modest amount to support the cost of producing this in return for an entry on the brochure. The draft outline was well received and nearly 20 local businesses of all manner and size committed themselves to participate.

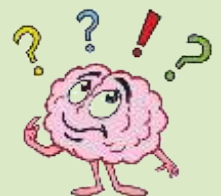
Then the lock down happened. Not surprisingly, work on the guide has been suspended until things get back to more normal times. When this happens many of our local businesses will need all the help they can get and NENG looks forward to the day when we can resurrect the project as one of the ways in which we are doing our bit to support local businesses.

If you think your business might want to be involved with this once the lock down is over please contact John Austin or David Pierce.



Brain Teasers : Answers

- A.1 Two and a half inches. (Look at a book with the spine towards you and notice where the first and last pages are.)
- A.2 Everyone! Tom should have had five and a half cows, but he got six. Dick got an extra third of a cow, and Harry, an extra sixth. Even Gaffer Hickey got a free pint for doing not very much. A win-win situation.
- A.3 Nearly thirty two years! It's hard to believe, but work it out for yourself.
- A.4 What other pound? The bill came to twenty five pounds but the diners paid twenty seven pounds. The money we should be worried about is that extra two pounds, which ended up in the waiter's pocket!
- A.5 Just three. If the first was black and the second was brown, then the third had to make up a pair.
- A.6 7, 8 and 14.
- A.7 27 potatoes.
- A.8 Forty eight posts.



Abbeydale Road

On 4th June Sheffield City Region (SCR) announced their active travel plans following an 8-month online consultation. These plans will see 1000km of accessible walking and cycling routes, 800 safe crossings and 320km² of low-traffic neighbourhoods implemented across the whole of South Yorkshire. Many other local authorities and city regions are also capitalising on increased government funding, opportunities afforded through the lockdown and a surge of interest in safer and greener streets to re-imagine the public realm; moving away from areas dominated by motor vehicles towards ones which are more friendly and welcoming to pedestrians, cyclists and wildlife.

All of this makes the idea of a tree-lined Abbeydale Road feel closer to becoming a reality. Before the lockdown arrived, members of the council and SCR were (and still are) supportive of seeing trees planted along Abbeydale Road, and the contractor, Amey, helped us to identify 33 potential sites for planting, including 3 where 'large' species could be accommodated. Local users of the road are also supportive. From our consultations to date, 97% of people and 94% of businesses on the road wanted to see some sort of tree-planting programme implemented on the mile-long stretch between Bannerdale Road and Mount Pleasant Park.

Now, momentum needs to be maintained. Some shops and cafes have already seized the initiative by recently creating green areas in front of them, and more are on the way. But there is a lot more which can be achieved. As well as more street trees being planted, we would love to see improved access and safety for cycle-users and pavement-users; more planters and parklets (small parks that fit into the space of a car park, see photograph) to help reduce air-pollution and increase biodiversity; and for vehicle traffic to be reduced and slowed, with cars prevented from parking on the pavement.

Much of this is imminently possible. Many councils are introducing 'pop-up' cycle-lanes and pavement widening to help people maintain social distancing as the lockdown eases. Yet nothing has been introduced, or is in the offing, for any of the main thoroughfares leading in and out of Sheffield. And whilst the Active Travel Plan has earmarked improvements for Abbeydale Road over the next few years, it's not yet clear what they consist of other than containing an 'Active Travel Component'. That's not to say that some of the wonderful changes happening elsewhere won't be seen here. But what better time is there to start bringing about the changes many of us really want to see than now?

In order to do this, there are a number of ways we would suggest to go about it. Writing to Sheffield Council's Cabinet Members Bob Johnson and Mark Jones (or to us for forwarding on) outlining what immediate changes you would like to see is a great way to start. So is leaving friendly suggestions on the Council's Twitter feed. For longer-term ideals, adding your comments on the SCR Active Travel Map, to the 44 (at time of writing) already made about Abbeydale Road, will also help support its long-term transformation. And of course, if you are a business on the road, adding your own touches of greenery and magnificence to the ones already there will help make a big difference to the road's 'feel'. On our part, and with your support, we promise to keep trying to do as much as we can to get those first trees in the ground, as a first step towards wider change, when planting season arrives in November.

If you would like to share your thoughts and opinions with us, feel free to leave comments on our Facebook page at facebook.com/AbbeydaleStreetTrees or write to us at Abbeydaleroadtrees@gmail.com



Nether Edge Virtual Gardens

Whilst the Nether Edge Open Gardens event is not taking place this year, we can all nonetheless experience the pleasure that they give and appreciate the hard work and dedication that has gone into them. We will be publishing more photographs in future Edges, so do let us have one or two pictures of what you consider the best bits of your garden with a brief (100 words or so) description. Also feel free to name the charity that you would like readers to support in the same way as you would if you were opening your garden to the public.



Greville Turner



Richard Taylor



Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group - vacancy

NENG needs a new honorary Treasurer. If you have an interest in accounts, some basic book keeping experience and have a few hours to spare each month, we would love to hear from you. You would be supported by the current book keeper. Please contact nengtreasurer@gmail.com or phone Howard on 07798 801670 if you are interested or want more detail. Thank you.

One hundred and seventeen years ago this month saw the release of a film destined to be a major influence on world cinema, whose impact is still felt in movies today. And it was made in Sheffield.

A Daring Daylight Burglary was filmed over three days early in 1903 by the Sheffield Photo Company, owned and run by Frank Mottershaw and his three sons. The business, founded in 1882, was mainly concerned with still photography, but at the turn of the twentieth century it developed (no pun intended) a sideline in motion pictures. The eldest son, Frank Storm Mottershaw, took charge of the company's cinematograph activities and was responsible for making a total of forty-two short films. This was in the early silent era, but after quitting film production in 1908 the company continued in the photographic business and survived until as late as 1982.

Frank Storm most likely directed the company's most famous production, its first fiction film, which ran to all of four minutes' running time. So why was *A Daring Daylight Burglary* so important?

Take the story, first of all. By modern standards it seems not only simple but elementary, consisting of only half a dozen short scenes. A burglar climbs over a wall and through the window of a house. He is observed by a boy who alerts the local police station. Two policemen run to the house and one pursues the burglar onto the roof, which he is thrown off following a struggle. The policeman's body is collected from the road by a horse-drawn ambulance. Meanwhile, the burglar is pursued by two other officers down a steep hill and across a river. He makes his escape by jumping onto a train but the law is waiting for him at the next station and after a brief struggle on the platform he is arrested.

This basic description hardly conveys the helter-skelter excitement of the film's visual storytelling, with its fluid movement from one scene to another. At this point in cinema history, most films consisted of 'actualities' – scenes from life, mostly shot in one take without changes of camera angle. Those few films with fictional stories were mostly staged in theatrical tableau fashion, often shot on actual stages from fixed camera positions, again usually in continuous single shots. But here was a story involving outdoor action that carried over from one shot to another – a *series* of consecutive scenes, each leading on logically to the next.

The locations are significant too. Although outdoor shooting was far from new – it was in fact the norm at this time, with even scenes set indoors shot in the open air to make use of daylight instead of artificial lighting – *A Daring Daylight Burglary* is notable for its *creative* geography. Widely dispersed settings are made to appear adjacent, joined together by editing with what we can still recognise as continuity. It creates a coherent imaginary world.

Viewers familiar with Sheffield environs who see the film today will enjoy trying to identify where each scene was shot. The burglary itself took place at the old Prince of Wales pub – on the same site as the current one at the junction of Ecclesall Road South and Carter Knowle Road, but an earlier building which burnt down in 1928. Another, still-extant pub, the Robin Hood on Millhouses Lane, can be glimpsed in the background of the scene at the police station – which actually *was* a police station when the film was made and is now the Marco at Milano restaurant on Archer Road. The railway stations are either Beauchief or Millhouses and Ecclesall, both closed in the 1960s – see if you can recognise which!

Besides its artistic and technical achievements, the film also had great commercial significance. *A Daring Daylight Burglary* cost all of £25 to produce – a hefty sum at the time, but instantly turned to profit when Frank Storm Mottershaw sold the distribution rights for £50 to the Charles Urban Trading Company, which in turn sold between 500 and 600 copies of the film worldwide. This ensured Sheffield Photo Company's reputation as one of the leading British producing firms over the next few years. But the full extent of the film's circulation probably cannot be traced, as once they reached America prints were often 'duped' (copied in laboratories) and sold illicitly. This pirate activity undoubtedly increased its influence: the film served as the inspiration for what is perhaps the best known of all early silents, *The Great Train Robbery*, made later the same year and three times as long, but basing its crime-and-chase story on the model provided by Mottershaw.

The Sheffield Photo Company was not the only early film production outfit based in Yorkshire, and *A Daring Daylight Burglary* was not the only important British film produced in the first decade of cinema, when the possibilities of this wondrous new medium were being explored. But when you settle down to watch a modern action adventure, with exciting chases and life-or-death struggles, you are seeing the descendant of this little Sheffield production.

Further Information

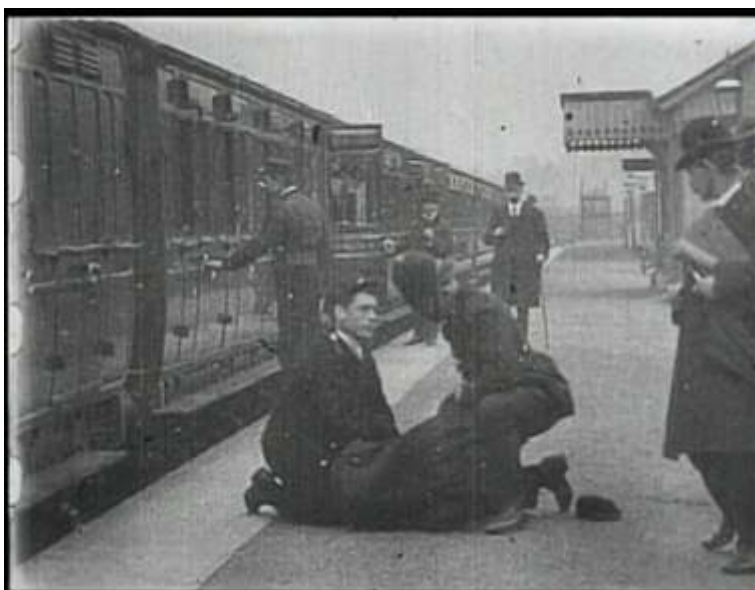
A Daring Daylight Burglary can be found on YouTube. Penny Woolcock's BBC Radio 4 programme *The First Action Movie* (2014), on the making of the film, can be heard on BBC iPlayer: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b041vww0>

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Bird Quiz: Answers

1. Pheasant
2. Curlew
3. Corn bunting
4. Nightingale
5. Spoonbill
6. Kittiwake
7. Toucans
8. Kingfisher
9. Nightjar
10. Waxwing
11. Nuthatch
12. Magpie

Greville Turner

Dear Nether Edge,

The past few months have seen everyone's lives turned upside down, inside out and round and round. No one has been spared from having to make adjustments to their routines. Some of us have felt bored, some of us lonely, some of us feel inspired by the new sense of space and time to breathe, some of us feel scared by our loss of earning, some of us feel supported, and some of us feel alone. Whatever your experience, it has no doubt been a journey for you.

The Zeds journey has been like being on a high speed rollercoaster. The kind that you enjoy for a while, but then decide you would like it to stop for a bit so you can have a break. The initial enjoyment turns into a sense of dread at what might come next. I have had to adapt at a rate that I never actually thought I was capable of. But here we are... and it seems that up until this point, I am capable.



When Covid-19 hit, it felt like the only option was to get my head down and forge ahead; do absolutely everything necessary to stay open, to keep the business trading and continue supplying food to Nether Edge and beyond. I'll be honest though, I have spent a lot of time feeling jealous of many of my peers who were enjoying spending time in their gardens and homes, chilling out, indulging in extended yoga practices and creative projects that they have wanted to tackle for many years. However, I am also acutely aware of those who have lost or potentially lost their livelihood. So I no longer allow myself to romanticise about the benefits of lockdown, as I know that for most people it is a real struggle.

I'm not exaggerating when I say it has felt like being in a brawl with someone of similar strength and skill. I get punched and become dazed and confused. I summon up energy to throw a punch back. Covid stumbles and then hits me back right where it hurts. Not that I have ever been in such a brawl of course, but the metaphor feels appropriate as I feel battered and bruised and completely exhausted! Covid is my opponent and I am determined to win. At the point of writing this, neither of us has managed to throw the knock-out punch.

Having an online ordering delivery service has been part of my business plan since the day I took over Zeds five years ago. But every time I initiated the project to get it up and running it felt like such a huge task to get the thousands of Zeds products online. This time it wasn't an option I could mull over. This time I had to do it, fast, and make a really good job of it. So we went online, and I took on new staff. After all, I had no idea how many of my team would get ill. Would it be one member of staff, two or the whole team? What would happen if all my experienced staff got ill at the same point? Zeds is not the kind of shop that can be managed alone, and as a single mum I need a strong team of experienced staff to work with, so that I can still dedicate time to my kids. My suppliers started having problems delivering, deadlines were changed, stock wasn't available, customers started panic buying. Shopping habits completely changed, and then changed again and again, so predicting stock requirements became very difficult. It then became apparent the website wasn't good enough. So I went back to square one and started again from scratch. I worked on the website, I installed new systems, I changed them, I updated them. It has felt as if I have literally set up a completely new business in the last two months. Running an online business that deals with deliveries of ambient, chilled and frozen goods is quite an operational change from the purely shop counter retail shop I was running before. Setting up a decent online delivery service that runs well is a costly thing to do and I really hope that the investment I have made right now will pay off in the future. I hope it will. I have bet everything I have that it will.

By the way, when I say 'I', I really mean 'WE'. Whilst I am the coordinator, the manager, and the plate spinner, it is my amazing team of staff that keep this ship afloat. Some of them have been with me since day one of me taking over the shop, some of them have been with me for a couple of years, some of them have been temporary during this tough time. But without exception, each one of the team has been dedicated and worked so hard to help Zeds survive. As a workplace I feel Zeds is quite unique. Even during these hard times it is a happy place to work, and as an employer I feel very lucky to have such a wonderful team.

So the current incarnation of Zeds is as follows. This is how we will operate for the foreseeable future, but who knows what the future will hold. Either way, I'm ready and waiting for the next set of challenges that the world has to throw at me. Although I'm really hoping that the world chooses to give us a break from big challenges and give me a little bit of time to sit back and enjoy the benefits of my hard work. I live in hope! In the meantime, this is how Zeds will operate for the foreseeable future:

3 ways to shop at Zeds

1. **Order online for delivery or collection.** Visit www.zedswholefoods.co.uk (this is the most time efficient way to shop)
2. **Come see us at the shop front.**
(We cannot let customers into the shop due to the layout and the fact that we have to keep working on online orders to ensure adequate turnover for the business.) Tell us what you'd like and we'll get it for you while you wait. To ensure speed of service, if you have more than a couple of items to get, a written shopping list would be very helpful.
3. **Telephone order.** This service is reserved for customers that do not have or are unable to use the internet. We are only able to take a limited number of these orders a day, so if we start getting lots of these calls we will have to withdraw the service. So if you are physically able to use option 1 or 2, please do, so that less able customers can take advantage of the telephone service. If you know someone that would benefit from this service please tell them to call 0114 255 2153 during normal working hours.

I know from many people that I talk to that they think business must be booming, and whilst this was the case whilst everyone was panic buying in the early days of Covid, the investment needed in order to keep up, means that we have now fallen on hard times. We need as much support as we can get to survive the upcoming months. So whether you want to do your weekly shop with us, or simply buy a bottle of milk, we really appreciate every purchase. I'm pretty sure this goes for all local independent businesses at the moment.

Thank you for taking the time to read about the Zeds journey. I hope I might have the opportunity to write here again and tell you about the next chapter in Zeds history!

Lot of Love Nicola xxx

Strange events on the Island of Sodor - Ken Lambert

With enormous apologies to Rev W Awdry

The characters in this little story bear no resemblance to any human beings, living or dead.

It was a curious sort of day on the Island of Sodor. Thomas the Tank Engine was talking to his best friend James the Red Engine. They were very worried about Percy the Green Engine. "I haven't seen Percy for days" said Thomas with a frown. "I heard he has been taken to the sidings to be broken into scrap" murmured James, who was clearly very concerned. "I heard that he has broken down and cannot be repaired – something I think they call Collapse Of Vehicles Into Disrepair. It seems to be something that affects the boiler and even deep steam cleaning does not always work". "That sounds awful. I hope I don't get it. What shall we do?" said Thomas with anxiety in his voice. Just then Boris the Blustering Engine rumbled into the yard. "Piffle poffle, piffle poffle" wheezed Boris. "Hello you chaps, have you heard about Covid? Nothing to worry about, it will all be fixed in a matter of days. I'm just going round all the sidings to tell everyone to stay calm and carry on as normal. If you do feel a strain in your boiler, then just ask Matt the Caring Engine to sort it out – ipsum lorem habitat and all that. Bye bye". And off he clanked making his unusual trademark sound "piffle poffle, piffle poffle". "He's a strange one" whispered Thomas, who could see Matt out of the corner of his eye in the distance, so did not want to be overheard. "I sometimes don't seem to believe a word he says". "Well I don't know about that", replied James, also using hushed tones "He is a rather colourful sort of engine and does cheer us up sometimes, but I think he should be more worried than he seems to be". Just then there was a mighty roaring sound. "What on

earth is that" wailed Thomas. "Oh no, it's Donald the Orange Engine" shouted James. Both engines tried to hide in the shed, but it was too late. Donald thundered into the yard. "Tweet, tweet" he whistled, which was rather a strange sound for such a large and shiny engine. In fact Donald often boasted that he was the largest and most powerful engine that Sodor had ever seen. "I KNOW HOW TO FIX THIS COVID THING" shouted Donald, who had a habit of shouting when there was no need to; it was actually very quiet in the yard. "What plan have you got, Donald" sighed Thomas, who had still quite not got used to Donald's strange ways. "It's simple" said Donald, using a normal voice this time. "Motor cars run very nicely using petrol, in fact very nicely indeed, so all we need to do is to pour petrol into our boilers, and no engines will get Covid". "But" said Thomas rather hesitantly, "Won't the boilers explode when the petrol get hot?". "Well, you know, I've had petrol in my boiler for years and it never harmed me" asserted Donald and off he chugged.

Thomas and James rolled their eyes; there were becoming used to Donald's tall tales, and so they agreed that the last thing they would do was to put petrol in their boilers. They also thought that it might be useful if for the time being they separated from each other by at least two hundred metres – just to be on the safe side. Just then from over the hill there seemed to be a might explosion. All they could hear was a cacophony of "Piffle, poffle" and "TWEET TWEET". What on earth was happening.

To be continued



Community Spirit in Lockdown Sally Skelton

Ashland Road in common, we imagine, with many other districts or roads has formed a closer community during the COVID crisis. A group originally formed just among women residents of the road was extended to a WhatsApp group including nearly all the residents, with those not using this kind of social media given updates by neighbours if necessary. This was largely due to the energy of two of our residents, TJ and Tiff. It was their idea to extend it as far as possible to the whole road and it has proved a great success. The group has shared a whole variety of information from making people aware of who was perhaps more vulnerable on the road, to requesting shopping for missing items, from sharing of seeds and plants, toys, household items to ideas for entertaining children and general news. It has also included the odd amusing video or uplifting story. It has helped to make a feeling of great connection with neighbours and it has really helped to lift spirits in this time of isolation. The community spirit was very much in evidence on Thursday evenings for the NHS applause, but also on VE day when many neighbours brought chairs onto the pavement and people were strolling up and down the road holding socially distanced conversations. The blessed relief from traffic on the road made this strolling all the more pleasurable.

Chelsea Road Garden - Kath Mowforth

Our Chelsea Road garden has been a work in progress over the 33 years we have lived here and it is a garden full of memories for us. The yellow alstromeria started off as a small clump given to us by my Mum. We now have several large clumps of this beautiful flower which appear in the Spring and flower every June. When our son David married Louise in June 2012, I sat with my Mum in law and Louise's mum in our conservatory filling vases with the alstromeria and Lady's mantle for their tables at the wedding.

The white Iceberg rose was given to us by my brother and sister in law to mark our 30th Wedding anniversary and it flowers every year all summer long.



The patio is edged with pots of daffodils and tulips in Spring and then summer flowering plants. We built the patio below the back of the garage as it is in sun most of the day. Our next door neighbour at the time was Sam Smith, who made good friends with my Dad and we have a photo of them cutting the ribbon to declare it open!

Many of our plants have come from friends and family and gardens all over the country. As we work in the garden and walk around it, we are reminded of them, many of whom are sadly no longer with us. Gardens are definitely not just full of plants..... they are full of happy memories too.



Nether Edge Community Contacts

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Other Useful Contacts:

Streets Ahead: 273 4567

Will remove large items that have been dumped.

Environmental Protection: 273 4567

For vermin and other pests in or near your home.

Ring 101 about noisy neighbours, and other anti-social behaviour or online at

www.reportingcrime.uk/.

Volunteering Opportunities:

Friends of Brincliffe Edge Wood : phillipk@vip.co.uk

Nether Edge Arts Festival : Richard Taylor richardtaylor635@hotmail.com

Nether Edge Farmer's Market : nengfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Defibrillators in Nether Edge

Brentwood Tennis Club Nether Edge Dental Practice Shirley House, Psalter Lane

Tesco, 455 Abbeydale Road Nether Edge Bowling Club

Coronavirus – some useful contacts

Nether Edge Help Network (Covid-19 Mutual Aid) Facebook Group This provides local information as well as details of street level groups already set up in Nether Edge. You can volunteer to be a street coordinator.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2257972117638744/>

Voluntary Action Sheffield (VAS) COVID Support Map Shows the various support groups in Sheffield and what support can and cannot provide. <https://www.vas.org.uk/sheffield-covid-support-map/>

NHS Coronavirus site The official information – beware of dubious information on social media sites

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Official UK Government site <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Sheffield City Council Changes to council services <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/coronavirus>

Age UK in Sheffield Regularly updated page of information <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/sheffield/about-us/helpful-resources/> Phone (0114) 250 2850

Sheffield Rethink Mental Health Support <https://www.rethink.org/help-in-your-area/services/advice-and-helplines/sheffield-helpline/> Phone 0808 801 0440

Sheffield MIND <https://www.sheffieldmind.co.uk/news/covid-19-and-sheffield-mind>

The Silver Line helpline for older people <https://www.thesilverline.org.uk/telephone-friendship/> Phone 0800 4 70 80 90

Domestic abuse helpline Sheffield 0808 808 2241 National helpline 24/7 0808 2000 247

This is a link to a list of shops and other services in the local area remaining open, many providing deliveries. It was compiled by Judith Rossiter, of the Whirlow Mutual Aid what's app group, and is updated regularly.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10XxJ3LFYG_MTdwKs01lxXI9tf2MQhuQU9wjaOucgvzE/edit

