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

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

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EDITORIAL

In this Edge we look at ways people in the area are managing with the challenges that face us to produce better outcomes for themselves and others both in the short and the long term.

We discovered innovative ideas across the spectrum, small steps, that are being employed to make a real difference to the quality of people's lives. We look at the work of local schools to improve the quality of the air that the pupils and others inhale. With regard to strengthening families in times when parents work long hours, we found out about the substantial, and exhausting, contribution made by grandparents, and how this is appreciated by parents.

In times of accommodation shortages, increasing prices and decreasing resources we discuss the advantages that cooperative housing can bring. And taking us way beyond the confines of Nether Edge we have a fascinating contribution about Citizens Science. For the NENG Committee it has been a time of

considerable change. Our long-standing Chair, David Pierce has stepped down, but will continue in his work with the Committee as well as the NENG editorial board and the Farmers' Market. No doubt he will remain as busy and committed as ever.

We lose Laura Fitzgerald who has been our website manager. She has kindly agreed to continue in this role on an interim basis, but she would be grateful to be replaced as quickly as possible. Also leaving us is Deni Ennals. We wish them all the best and thank them for their contributions.

It was lovely to see so many attending our recent AGM, a chance not only to catch up with NENG business but also to catch up with neighbours and meet new ones.

Please continue to let us have your letters, articles and opinions for future editions of Edge

NENG'S NEW CHAIR

A brief message from the new NENG Chair: Ken Lambert.

First can I pay tribute to David Pierce, the outgoing Chair who, as I hope most of you will know, has worked tirelessly, along with his wife, Gina, in helping to make Nether Edge such a rewarding place to live.

Now a little bit about me. I moved to Sheffield in 1983 with the sadly defunct Manpower Services Commission to t'Manpower building, as the locals still call the fortress at the foot of the Moor. I worked as a civil servant in numerous guises, with the last five years before I retired living and working in Brussels. I have two grown up children and now three grandchildren. We deliberately moved to Nether Edge from windy Stannington in March 2017, experiencing a major, but pleasant culture shock. Trees and more trees; not much wind; a multicultural environment; lots of friendly people; walking distance to local shops and the city centre; not least, a thriving neighbourhood group.



I joined the NENG Committee last year and somewhat rashly volunteered to take on the role of Membership Secretary, where I needed to rely on the tireless distributors of EDGE, to whom I am most grateful. As Chair I hope to continue to gently steer the work of the Committee and look to new opportunities being developed by the Vision Group. Please be reassured that NENG is not a "closed shop" - it is a neighbourhood group for all in Nether Edge, and new volunteers for whatever role are always most welcome. Finally, if you have any suggestions about what you would like NENG to do (or stop doing!), or indeed find out more about NENG activities, please contact me, or any of the Committee members.

NETHER EDGE IN THE BLITZ: A HISTORY WALK FOR Y6 CLASSES AT HUNTER'S BAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Nether Edge History Group was contacted by Hunter's Bar School in March. The children had been studying WW2 and staff wanted them to understand the local impact of the Sheffield Blitz in December 1940. We planned a route and created a set of materials; maps, props, photographs and accounts of first hand experiences. Three walks took place for the Y6 classes in mid April.

By Zoe Savage and Daisy Reeve on behalf of Hunter's Bar Junior School. It was the first week back after the holidays when we went to find out about local historical bombsites. The sun was up and we set off to Kenwood Road, where we saw our first bombed house site. One of the Nether Edge historians told us that when the bomb hit, a 21-year-old girl was alone in the house.

We then walked along Kenwood Road and found our next site. The historians told us how you could identify where a bomb had fallen by these ways: the house would look newer than all the rest of the houses because it would have been rebuilt; there would be no trees around that area of road since they would have been knocked down; the gateposts wouldn't fit the look of the house. We also talked about what people would do to prepare for an air raid.

- You would sometimes sleep in a type of shelter called a Morrison shelter.
- If the bomb caught fire, it was the children's job to go and find water to put it out.
- You would store food in a type of shelter called an Anderson shelter.

We stopped on the green at Meadow Bank Avenue and John used models to teach us about the different types of bombs, landmines, high explosives and incendiaries, which catch fire as soon as they land – and the ways that people dealt with them. Later we stopped in the grounds of the old Nether Edge Hospital and we read accounts from people who had experienced the Sheffield Blitz. One was from a 16 year old girl who was in the city centre when the bombings began. She had to catch the bus back through the fire and explosions and then when she got to her home it had been damaged by a bomb. Her parents were not there so she had to walk to her grandparents. Luckily her parents were there uninjured!

After that, we headed back to school, our legs were a bit achy by the end of it but it was definitely worth it. We found it interesting to learn about what damage it did locally. When you think of World War II you think of the whole world, that's why it's called *World War II*, so it's strange to think about how local it really was.

Finally, we want to say thank you to the Nether Edge historians, who gave up their time for us.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Beyond 'us' and 'them' – the climate is not in crisis, humanity is

How does it happen that a human being kills 51 others with a sense of justification and rightness? How does it happen that a minority of the earth's population exploit its resources to the extent that the whole ecosystem is in danger of collapse? Are these connected and what can we do?

The displacement and persecution of people of colour already caused by climate change is invisible to many in the West - as the humanity of Muslims was to the gunman in Christchurch. At the risk of being a bit too theoretical, we want to offer an insight from the psychology of dominance and from Buddhism. It explains this invisibility by a paradox: firstly the 'other' is seen as 'not like me' in fundamental ways which justify oppression and atrocities in terms of 'us' and 'them'. But at the same time, their actual real otherness, their full humanity, is not seen. Paradoxically, the other is unconsciously incorporated to my world and for my benefit. We need, as an antidote, fuller perception of otherness, not less.

New Zealand Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, breaks through the paradox when she dresses in black, wears a hijab and hugs bereaved Muslims close, saying it is 'we' who are bereaved. The killer identified himself as 'ordinary White' and Muslims as 'invaders of his land', perceiving their difference from him as hostile. He does not see their actual, real otherness from him, their full humanity. Their significance for him is only in his self-world. Jacinda Ardern reverses this by her actions and by her words. She sees the other *and* has redefined 'us' inclusively. This is the role of the wise leader.

Anthropocentrism (i.e. regarding humans as central), racism and sexism work in similar ways. Women, people of colour, non-human species, are seen as 'other' but paradoxically are not seen in their otherness, their fullness, their independent qualities.

Buddhism tells us that we all build self-worlds constantly (in modern parlance we live in *the bubble*) and that we can wake up to this. It is transformative to recognise the other as fully other, in their wholeness, and see that 'us' includes us all. Jacinda Ardern's embrace was a simple action. At the same time it was a most potent act of leadership – in a moment of silence waking us up to the inclusiveness of humanity.

Gina Clayton and Mike Fitter are Pureland Buddhists living in Broomhall

and have participated in interfaith events at St Andrews and Shirley House on Psalter Lane



Air Quality: Local schools take the initiative



According to NHS figures, air pollution causes more than 500 premature deaths every year in our city and costs the NHS more than £160 million p.a. That is just in Sheffield! Air quality is getting worse, not better, and as demonstrated by the recent UN report on climate change our politicians are still failing to give a lead, or take the hard decisions that are urgently needed.

Children, teachers and parents at our local schools are taking matters into their own hands to reduce the effect of air pollution surrounding their schools in Sheffield.

Hunters Bar Infant School are working with University of Sheffield's BREATHE project and plan to create a green barrier around their playground, using a mix of plant types – trees, shrubs, climbers and herbaceous perennials to try to cover all the mechanisms for pollution mitigation. PhD researcher Maria del Carmen Redondo Bermúdez is designing the barrier. She said: 'Different plants have different capacities to reduce air pollution, depending on the characteristics of their leaves and bark. By using a mix of plant types we will try to cover all the mechanisms for pollution mitigation. Planted together they will form a barrier against the wind that brings contaminants to the playground. Once the screen has been installed, researchers will assess the wider wellbeing benefits its presence has had on the school's pupils.

Hunter's Bar Infant's head teacher Catherine Carr said: 'Increasingly we find air quality around schools making headlines, particularly in London, as school communities are becoming more vocal about its effects' Our school community have been raising money for this green barrier for a few years and we partnered with the University of Sheffield in September 2018 because we wanted to be part of finding a solution that other schools could benefit from.' The fundraising and corporate donor engagement continues under the #GoGoGreen banner and Hunter's Bar Infant School plan to break ground in the summer of 2019 and plant that autumn. At the same time, the school are working with children and parents to reduce the number of vehicles around the school playground through initiatives such as Park and Stride, where car users are encouraged to park more safely 5 or 10 minutes walk from the school, and then do the last part on foot. The school are preparing maps, to help time-pressed parents in this endeavour.

At **Carterknowle Junior School**, parents and teachers have already raised the money to plant a screen of Ivy and Photinea to grow up and over the railings around two sides of their playground using plants that have been shown to have the



capacity to absorb and deflect the most harmful pollutants generated by traffic. Carterknowle isn't in a heavily polluted area, but busy roads generating harmful emissions do surround it. Head Teacher, Helen Haynes and Gaynor Tyrrell the School Business Manager are thrilled at progress and the support they have received from the PTA. They are the first in the city to have completed this measure. Technically the screen is red (from the Photinea) as well as green, which will make it even more attractive and of significant benefit to both the health and wellbeing of pupils. The school has also been selected by the University for installation of a weather station as part of the above project and the University will fund the installation an air pollution monitor at the same time.

Carterknowle's **Stars Group** has recently been formed to improve Road Safety and Sustainable Travel for the children of Holt House School and Carterknowle. Rohit Chakrabrty (University if Sheffield) and others are carrying out a study to monitor the air quality that children are exposed to on the school run, offering

parents and carers hand-held monitors to help measure and map air quality on journeys to and from school.

The quality of the air we all breathe is, at long last, becoming a hot topic. Air becomes polluted from gases and fine particles emitted from a wide range of processes. Open fires and heavy industry are an obvious source and older readers will remember 'smog' from their childhood, but the pollution that's surrounding us now – and killing us – is more difficult to see. Much of it comes from vehicle engines that emit poisonous Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂), but the really dangerous stuff that you can't see with the naked eye is fine particulate matter (PM₁₀). This is also produced by the combustion engine and other industrial processes. It gets drawn into the lungs when you breathe and is so fine that it is then absorbed into the blood stream. This can have disastrous consequences for children, the elderly and those with asthma and other common ailments. Thank goodness our schools and universities are providing practical solutions.

Howard Fry

Grandparenting in Nether Edge

With families being fragmented by distance, and working parents being under the pressure of long journeys to work, long working hours, and increasing childcare costs we asked ourselves: how do they do it?

The answer for some, we discovered, was grandparents! There is clearly an army of them out there, largely unrecognized, doing more than their bit to ensure continuity and stability for their grandchildren and taking away some of the stress from the working lives of their own offspring. Here we have a contribution from a parent setting out the advantages to her child of being cared for by grandparents and from three grandparents setting out their diverse perspectives.

My Weekly Commute

by Sally

It's Monday afternoon and I'm on the train to Bristol. For the next two days I'll be looking after my grandsons, Oren 5 years and Zack 15 months. I do this journey every week. I started when Oren was a year old and, apart from a year off after Zack was born, I've been doing it ever since. It's tiring but I enjoy it!

I wanted to help out when Oren was born and a regular commitment was the most useful and would help financially. Also, from a personal point of view, I was keen to be part of Oren's normal life and I knew that with everyone out all week and 200 miles away, family get-togethers would be rare events.

So that's how it started and I'm very happy that Oren and I have a close relationship. When Zack came along of course I had to do the same for him.

Oren is at school so I'm involved with the school run which is always a mad rush, as everyone knows. Then Zack and I spend the day together at a more relaxed pace. I take him to a baby and toddler morning at the local church hall where I meet young mums and dads and also a fair smattering of grandparents, some of whom travel every week like me. This is reflective of a general trend around the country. There is a great, unpaid army of grandparents helping families to continue working in order to pay huge mortgages.

By the time I'm on the 6.30 train back to Sheffield on Wednesday evening it's fair to say I'm completely exhausted!

A Mum and Grandma perspective

On having our little boy, we knew we wanted him to have a strong relationship with our parents. So on my returning to work we asked if they would be willing to take it in turns to look after him one day a week - amazingly neither hesitated in saying yes. The alternating weeks arrangement has worked well in giving flexibility if our parents have plans / holidays and it also adds more variety to the activities my little boy gets to do.

For us there's an obvious benefit of smaller nursery fees but it is more subtle than that...it means our son has a bigger immediate family. We are fortunate that my Mum also lives in Nether Edge, and we see my in-laws more regularly with an overnight stay once a fortnight. Bath time with the Grandparents is a very splashy affair!

At 3, our little boy can be a handful and exhausting, but he loves the adventure of seeing the animals at Graves Park or coffee and a cake with Granny; and the Peace Gardens and a Moor Market lunch with Grandma & Grandad. They often remark on the similarities with us as children - and we think enjoy the opportunity to reminisce, without the full-time responsibility and sleep deprivation... It is also amazing how the Fisher price toys we played with as children - even after decades in the attics - are still as much fun for us and our little boy now as they always were!

Alison.

As my commitment to looking after my grandson is only once a fortnight in Sheffield and once a month for his 'southern cousin', it is something to look forward to and enjoy. I have seen friends over commit to looking after Grandchildren, which has made them ill, which doesn't benefit anyone. Our arrangement has worked really well for us and hasn't meant missing out on taking holidays or other social events, (it's amazing how busy you can be after retiring!). Sharing with the other set of Grandparents means that all situations can be covered without letting anyone down. We can recommend it.

Being working parents is busy and exhausting, Grandparents are the ones with time. Setting aside a day for my grandchildren has been a bonus that I enjoy. It's almost a third childhood. Playing snap, dominos, reading countless books, resurrecting the toy farm and up-cycling toys that have seen better days, are all part of the fun. We have had time to go and see a matinee performance of the Gruffalo, a train ride into Derbyshire to have a picnic, which he still remembers with affection. A trip on the No 3 bus is an adventure too, in fact anything that runs on wheels is, with the tractor at Graves Park being a particular favourite.

Grandparenting in Nether Edge

New technology has proved useful too. When asked, 'how do worms move and what do they do?' and 'how do birds make their nests, Granny?', internet videos give the answer, better than I can, just by pressing a button.

This system has worked for nearly three years, but as the children get older, and with the possibility of younger siblings coming along, the dynamics will change. It has been a very worthwhile experience for me and will hopefully be a happy lasting memory for my grandchildren.

Elizabeth.

Down-sizing

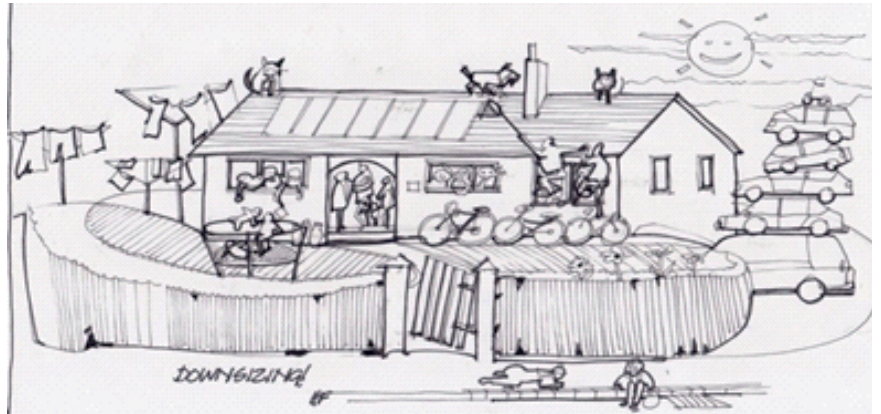
Before we moved in, we bought the Smalls round to look at the new house. From a three storey Victorian stone building in Broomhill we were now going to a modern bungalow here in Nether Edge. The girls raced round it marvelling at the novelty of a wrap-around garden.

We spent a year knocking the house about which was tricky with Smalls in the place for half the week. After all, there was no interruption with Grandparent duties. Maxie soon learned to walk in the middle of corridors and away from the walls. 'Look out, 'Ma. There's sharps!'

We played in one room, then another, moving away from unsafe areas with wires hanging from ceilings and out from walls. Son 3 was the electrician and Son 2 was our plasterer cum everything else, so it was a real family affair having lunch in the only safe place, the tiny box-room, all sitting on the floor. We went out to the park a lot.



It didn't take long before the children had settled in and showed ownership. The box-room became 'our bedroom' crammed with toys and the IKEA bunk that had been installed by 'Pa and I almost under keyhole surgery conditions. By now the numbers had swollen, and it was five Smalls sleeping over on Christmas Eve.

We all love living here. Chelsea Park is a great favourite, but by far the biggest treat for the smallest Small is a trip to the village for Café No.9's spicy dhal. We do a similar Thai spiced carrot and lentil soup at home and that is now known as 'Café No. 9' soup. Whatever will we do with ourselves when they get bigger?



Family Voice Classes

@Common Ground, Machon Bank/Empire/Woodstock Roads. Nether Edge. S7 1GR.

classes for women  community events  family support

English Conversation Class – this class won an Award for its friendliness! All women welcome - who are trying to improve their confidence in speaking English.

Where? Nether Edge Primary School. S7 1RB.

What day? Every Thursday (term time)

What time? 9am – 10.30am

Women's Fitness Class – for beginners.

Where? Common Ground. S7 1GR.

What day? Thursdays (term time) starts April 25th – July

What time? 1.15pm – 2.30pm

Wellbeing & Art Project – for women who have English as a second language.

Where? Common Ground. S7 1GR.

What day? Wednesdays starts 24th April – 22nd May

What time? 9.30am – 11am

Sewing and English – for women who want to practise speaking English and like sewing too!

Where? Common Ground. S7 1GR.

What day? Every Tuesday (term time) starts 16th April

What time? 11am – 1pm



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Innovative Housing in Nether Edge - Shirle Hill and On the Brink co-housing

Nether Edge hosts a wide range of housing, but relative newcomers are the co-housing projects at Shirle Hill and On the Brink which have been established over the past five years. Both projects include people from a range of ages and backgrounds. They have developed Victorian properties and refurbished them to a high standard to make flats with some new build houses and communal spaces. The houses have been built to high environmental specifications and both communities aim to live as sustainably as possible.



Co-housing projects are mutually supportive communities, where shared spaces, facilities and communal areas are collectively looked after and managed with decisions and costs taken jointly. They aim to challenge the isolation that many people in more traditional forms of housing can experience and allow opportunities to pool energy and make creative things happen. Generally, as in Shirle Hill and On the Brink, residents have their own private living accommodation but share some facilities, such as a laundry, gardening tools,

workshop space and more. Residents come together regularly for communal meals, planning meetings and shared tasks such as decorating or gardening as well as social time and celebrations.

Living and working more closely together is something that we have become less used to and co-housing brings its own challenges in being able to share decisions, facilities and responsibilities, but also has many rewards in everyday social contact and mutual support. The development of the physical aspects of the projects such as the refurbishing of old houses and the building of new ones also bring their own appreciable demands in managing architects, council committees, contractors and finances and both projects have faced significant hurdles that they have had to overcome to become viable communities.

This is a different approach to housing, which government, planners and mortgage lenders have yet to fully come on board to recognise and support the potential it offers. Both schemes have been helped by small grants from Homes England but nevertheless the cost of high quality construction and refurbishment has made it difficult for either project to achieve their aspirations for the affordable lower prices they hoped for.

Shirle Hill: from hospital to Co-housing

Shirle Hill Co-housing came into being in August 2013 when a small group took the bold decision to buy the former Shirle Hill Hospital and establish a community. Some members sold their houses immediately to fund the purchase and moved into the main house, living in less than ideal conditions for several years while refurbishment and construction work went on around them. Coincidentally the founding members all knew each other via various social connections and could be confident that they held similar values and outlook on life.



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Steph Howlett said "Since then we have created five flats and communal facilities in the old house and built five new houses in the grounds, a process that had its own challenges. In particular the building programme over-ran considerably and we are very grateful to our long-suffering neighbours who tolerated the noise, dust and disruption for much longer than anticipated. We are now completing the infrastructure of the project, working together to construct green roofs on some of the houses and porches, and building our own bike-shed and workshop. All the units are now occupied and we have a lively community of 15 adults and two young children, as well as the numerous family members and friends who are frequent visitors. We eat together



on a regular basis, share the work of the project and offer mutual support in numerous ways. There is always someone willing to offer a lift to the station, pick up some shopping, look after a child for an hour or so, or lend a hand with a task and that is a real joy of co-housing."

"We are lucky to have a rather grand shared living room, and we make use of that to offer space for choir rehearsals, fund-raising and social events for the various community groups we are involved in. Now that all the construction work has finished we are also looking forward to becoming more integrated into the Nether Edge community and joining in local events."

Brincliffe House: A year of Co-Housing in Nether Edge

In early May last year, seventeen members of 'On the Brink' Cohousing Community moved in to Brincliffe House. The house is now converted into 11 lovely flats and a new coach house. Kate Housden said "We are a newly formed group with an age range from 5 to 70ish, we have spent the time getting to know each other and trying to be true to the ideals of the cohousing movement. I'm not sure having fun is central to these ideals but we seem to dance together quite a lot and have held a number of House Concerts, including one in support of the birthday of the NHS which was part of the 2018 Nether Edge Festival."

"In the garden we have been creating growing areas and established bird boxes, bat boxes, a bug hotel and hope soon to live alongside bees and chickens. We have also been given approval for building four new living units, helped by a small Government grant under the Community Led Homes programme. Three will be in an extension to the original house and one will be a lodge house near our Brincliffe Crescent entrance. We hope that there won't be too much noise and inconvenience for our neighbours while the work is carried out."

"People who have invested, have helped them on our way in our supporter loans schemes. If you want to find out more about how the scheme works and our community or want to attend one of our House Concerts visit our brand new website': <http://www.onthebrink.community> And hey! If you want to make enquiries about living at On the Brink contact us via email for more details of flats that might be available: otbcohousing@gmail.com



Dawn Till Dusk Festival - Saturday 29th June

We are Brentwood, your local tennis club, on Brentwood Road at the top of Union Road and we are having a very special festival on Saturday June 29. The 'Dawn till Dusk' festival will be a non stop day of tennis. Starting with breakfast tennis at dawn for the hardcore tennis nuts, throughout the day there will be exciting multi-sport sessions, and classes to join in with, yoga, 5 a side football and cardio workout being just a few. Come and test your skills or learn something new.

There will be special sporting guests (some famous), live music, breakfast, traditional afternoon tea and a sundown evening bbq. The grand finale will be an inter-club tennis match with professional tennis players and coaches showing everyone else how it's done!

Why are we holding this event?

Just over a year ago, Ben Howarth, our club coach was diagnosed with cancer. This was a huge shock for such a fit young man. After treatment, we are delighted that Ben is back with us again, his health restored. Throughout Ben's treatment he received tremendous support from Cavendish Cancer Care. A Sheffield charity, they support local people who are living with cancer and their loved ones. All the Cavendish Cancer Care services are provided free of charge. They rely on donations. This is Brentwood's way of saying thank you to Cavendish Cancer Care by raising money so that they can help more people and families like Ben's who are going through similar challenges.

For all the info about the day please visit the events section on www.brentwoodtennisclub.co.uk



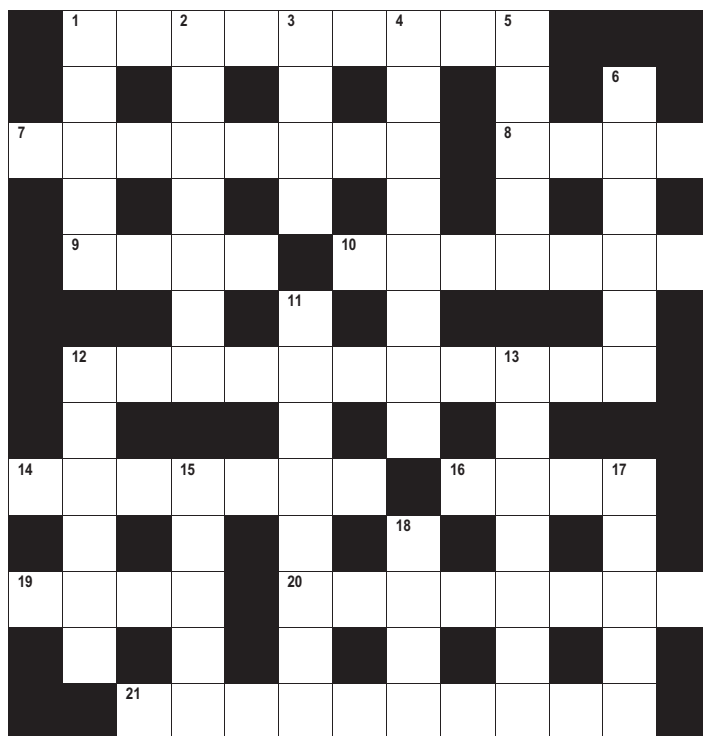
SPRAT'S ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH CROSSWORD

Across

1. Catapult (9)
7. Hopefulness (8)
8. Noble gas (4)
9. Mythical ape-like Himalayan creature (4)
10. Leave hurriedly (7)
12. Very small (11)
14. Rocket launcher (7)
16. Officially known as the Shaftesbury Memorial Fountain (4)
19. A body of Zulu warriors (4)
20. Glue (8)
21. Scottish phrase for pale and sickly-looking (5-5) (Honest – I looked it up!)

Down

1. Indian soldier (5)
2. Very stupid (7)
3. The Earth, when regarded as one single organism (4)
4. Species of whale, famous for singing (8)
5. Pick-me-up (5)
6. Brandy (6)
11. Mixed alcoholic drink (8)
12. Nasty smell (6)
13. Sunshade (7)
15. Sheeplike (5)
17. Hotel or cabbage (5)
18. Lateen-rigged Arabian boat (4)



Answers to crossword p14

Book Club Review: *The Trial* by Franz Kafka

Our book club occasionally revisits books that have featured in our past lives. Last month saw us delve far back to our student days when it was "trendy" to read the Penguin grey classics, some of our members having retained their copies to this day. Whilst "must reads" which included the novels of Hermann Hesse, Andre Gide, and Albert Camus as well as those of Kafka they were rarely an easy read.

The Trial is a shortish novel and as I waded through the slightly decaying pages the plot came back to me. The time and era in which the story is set is never specified but we assume it is in the early part of the 20th century in a repressed Eastern Europe. Joseph K, the protagonist, a reputable banker is one day confronted by two gentlemen who interrogate him and accuse him of a non-specific misdemeanour. He is never told the nature of the allegation against him. The process that ensues leads him to a strange world of people involved with the impenetrable legal system. We are led to believe that K never committed a crime but was persecuted for who he really was. As predicted things did not end well for K, He met his end being slaughtered "Like a dog".

Franz Kafka was born in Prague in 1883, the son of a rich Jewish Czech merchant. He was a very quiet man with deep religious morals. He was adamant that his novels should never be shared with the outside world, but his best friend finally persuaded him to release his works. He lived his latter life in Germany but died of tuberculosis in 1925 aged 42. All his books were published after his death.

This clearly is a deep novel and our club members had a lively debate about how things never really change and once accused you are guilty unless you can prove otherwise. We all enjoyed the experience and were grateful for an insight into the world of a very talented but persecuted individual.

The book club have now planned out the novels for the year including a guest speaker for the festival in September plus trips to "Off the Shelf" in October.

Look out for the next review..... *Richard Taylor*

EDGE BIRD QUIZ

1. Which common British bird has a red bill with a yellow tip?
2. Which member of the Crow family has a conspicuous white rump when flying away?
3. Which bird's call is often rendered as 'Tack two coos, Taffy'?
4. What bird is the symbol of the RSPB?
5. Which bird's Linnean name is *Fringilla coelebs*, meaning 'Batchelor finch', because it forms all male flocks in the winter?
6. How can you tell the woodpecker on the Bulmer's cider bottle is a male?
7. Which bird is famous for breeding on St George's church tower near the University roundabout?
8. Which member of the Finch family has a conspicuous white rump when flying away?
9. In *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Nick Bottom sings of "The Ousel-cock, so black of hue, with orange-tawny bill". What bird is he describing?
10. Which bird has the Linnean name – 'Troglodytes Troglodytes' – the cave dweller?

The answers to this quiz page 14



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POLICE NEWS

In the Sharrow, Abbeydale and Nether Edge Wards there has been a spate of Motor Vehicle Related Offences between 13/2/19-13/13/19

This consists of 10 Theft from Motor Vehicles and 4 Theft of Motor vehicle offences.

Most vehicle crime can be easily prevented, here are some top tips to follow:

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

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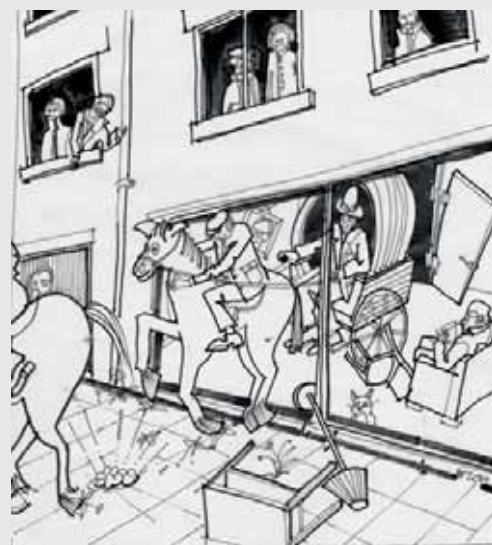
Thank you for your continued Support, PCSO 8022 Sarah Hague

Planning News: Slow progress at Baldwins?

There are still no signs of any development at Baldwin's and the most recent application (which would have the effect of avoiding the requirement to provide affordable housing on larger housing developments) remains undecided.

However, the Public Rights of Way section have now determined that, based on the evidence submitted by local residents, a public right of way has been established through the site. This would comprise a 3.5 meter wide 'restricted byway' that would allow pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and even someone on a pony and trap (but not motorised vehicles) to travel between Chelsea Court and Psalter Lane.

The Council have to produce a legal Order to this effect, to which the developer/landowner has a right of appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. It appears that the landowner has already indicated his intention to object to and appeal against the order, so it will be some time (years?) before any Order might be legally confirmed and available for use.



Horse & Cart exercising their Right of Way through Baldwins H.F.

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE: Zuurvlees

This recipe was kindly submitted from a Nether Edge resident of Dutch heritage. It was originally made with horsemeat but, apart from sourcing issues, it was felt that this might be a step too far for the sensibilities of Nether Edge residents. We have been assured that it works very well with beef!

'Zuurvlees' (trans: sour meat) is a regional dish resembling a stew. The name derives from the meat being marinated in vinegar. The acidity of the vinegar is then compensated for by the addition of gingerbread and syrup. The dish is eaten in both Dutch and Belgian Limburg accompanied by mashed potatoes or chips. It is commonly found in restaurants and snack bars.

Ingredients

1 kilo beef or other meat or meat substitute	
2 large onions	3-4 cloves
1-2 tsp sugar	1 cup vinegar
1/2 – 1 cup water	Salt and pepper to taste
2-3 tblsp syrup (preferably apple)	
1 slice gingerbread	Butter



Preparation

Cut the meat into small cubes and marinate in the vinegar, if possible overnight. Seal in the butter. Roughly chop the onion and soften in the butter. Add the remaining ingredients, except for the syrup and gingerbread. Allow to simmer for two hours (if using beef). Add the syrup, and, if necessary, reduce the cooking liquor. Add the gingerbread before serving



From Nether Edge via the United Nations, the Universe at Your Fingertips

People have been looking at the sky and wondering what's going on out there for as long as they've been thinking about anything. Andy Pollock who lives in Nether Edge has been lucky enough to spend his working life doing astronomy. He and some others now have plans for everyone in the world - and that means everyone - to share in the data revolution sweeping the planet and be able to do astronomy on their phones. Anyone could explore the nearest or furthest reaches of the Universe.

All this needs is a plan and some work. Andy and his Italian friend Paolo went to Vienna in 2016 to pitch the idea to the United Nations that the big organisations that collect astronomical data like ESA, the European Space Agency where Andy used to work in Germany, Holland and Spain, and NASA, its American equivalent, and many others should throw open their stocks of data. This would allow clever people to make apps for phones and tablets to bring astronomy to everyone. This project is called "Open Universe" and you can look it up on the internet.

The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs is taking part in what might seem a complicated project but it's really very simple. All the wonderful stuff collected about the Universe was paid for with taxes and so tax-payers and everyone else should be able to see it. The phone in your hand is a powerful computer that lets kids, women, men and everyone participate in Citizen Science. We know that the Universe is coming up to its 14th billion birthday and it contains many beautiful and remarkable things including us. When Open Universe comes to your phone in a few years with any luck you'll be able to become a Universal Explorer.

*Andy Pollock is a Statistical Plasma Astrophysicist and
Honorary Professor at the University of Sheffield Department of Physics and Astronomy*



LETTERS

Dear Editor, Marion Gerson's article, 'Pavements are for People,' makes a strong point that one often hears from people around Nether Edge, that retaining the trees on Sheldon Rd is causing the retention of very bad footway surfaces including some big humps in the tarmac. But now that Amey have stopped chopping down trees and are applying themselves to fixing the footways instead we are discovering that these humps and cracks are not what they seem. I enclose two photographs of the footway around a tree in Edgedale Rd, before and after Amey's masons carried out straightforward remedial works as part of the programme agreed with STAG. (Sheffield Tree Action Groups).

You will see that a very severe hump in the footway, which was causing real difficulties for elderly residents, has vanished. The problem is not that roots were growing up into the tarmac but that SCC had failed in the past to leave a suitable sized 'tree pit' around the trunk. As the tree grew in girth, or moved, even slightly, it put sideways pressure on the tarmac causing cracking and humping. SCC's response in the past was to lay more tarmac on top of the cracks and the problem continued, in some cases we have seen ten layers of tarmac piled up to form a very big hump. Now that the tarmac is being removed before the new surface is laid, and the tree pit enlarged to avoid that sideways pressure, the footway is flat and there is no problem for pedestrians.

Over the years SCC have repeatedly claimed that these trees were 'discriminatory' but in fact it was SCC's tarmac maintenance that was the problem.

Best wishes
Chris Rust





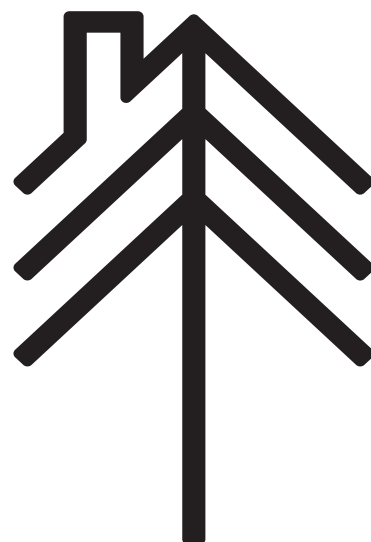
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Crossword answers



Bird Quiz answers:

1. Moorhen, 2 Jay, 3 Woodpigeon, 4 Avocet, 5 Chaffinch, 6 Its moustache has a red stripe (females are all black), 7 Peregrine Falcon, 8 Bullfinch, 9 Blackbird, 10 Wren (as featured on the May edition cover)



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

Every Wednesday KNIT & NATTER- from 1pm-3pm at the Common Ground Community Centre, Machon Bank. S7 1GR

Sat 1st June 10.00am-12.00. Friends of Porter Valley (FoPV) Walk. Flowering Plants of the central Porter Valley. Ken Balklow will lead this walk to look at the flora of the central section of the Porter Valley. Start at Wire Mill Car Park.

Sun 2nd June 1.00-4.00pm. Sue Bolger's annual plant sale at 37 Montgomery Road, all proceeds to Emmaus, a charity which supports the homeless.

Sun 2nd June 1pm-2.30pm and 2pm-3.30pm. Meet at the Gatehouse for a History Walk. Ever wanted to learn more about Sheffield's history? Why not start with a fascinating glimpse into Sheffield's Victorian past on our guided tour of this Grade II listed historic cemetery. The Samuel Worth Chapel will be open throughout the walks and until 4pm for an exhibition and café. Suggested minimum donation of £4 per person. Free tickets must be pre-booked online via Eventbrite and your donation will be collected at the start of the tour.

Thur 6th June 7.00pm. A Different Thread, an Americana, folk country, blues and rock'n roll band perform at Café#9. WeGotTickets.

Thur 6th June 7.30-9.30pm. The Joy of Sketching -An illustrated Talk by Lynne Chapman (a Nether Edge resident who was featured in the October in Edge) in the Carpenter Room, Sheffield Central Library.S1 2LH. Free Eventbrite.

Sat 7th June 1pm-4pm. Ponsford Gin & Jazz Event in support of St Luke's Hospice. £10 Eventbrite. Ponsford,577-609 London Road.S2 4HS

Sun 9th June 2pm-3.30pm. Sudden Death Tour. Learn about the sudden, tragic and often sad stories behind many burials at the General Cemetery. The tour starts from the Gatehouse, Cemetery Avenue, will end at the Samuel Worth Chapel where light refreshments can be purchased. Cash only. Suggest £5 donation, booking essential via Eventbrite. Our book Danger and Despair compliments this tour and can be purchased along with other interesting history books.

Sun 9th June 10.00-1pm. Car Boot and Plant Sale High Storrs School. £1 entry. Pitches £10 from

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/highstorrs-school>

Wed 12th June 20.30-23.00. The Hut People performing at the Nether Edge Folk Club, Bowling Club, Nether Edge Road. Tickets £8.nefctickets.wordpress.com

Thur 13th June 7.30pm. Harry Harris a prolific, energetic and captivating songwriter performs at Café# 9. Tickets £11 Tel 0114 258 1383.

Fri 14th, Sat 15th, Wed 19th, Thur 20th, Fri 21st and Sat 22nd June 7.30pm. Alice in Wonderland (adapted by Brainerd Duffield) from the story by Lewis Carroll presented by the Dilys Guite Players at the Lantern Theatre. Tickets £11 box office 0114 255 1776.

Sat 15th June. Festival of Singing. 3pm afternoon Masterclass and 7pm evening concert. St Andrews Psalter Lane Church. Tickets for concert £3.30, with Masterclass £16.50. WeGotTickets. Prices vary due to booking fees from different ticket agencies and types.

Sat 15th June 7.00pm-11.30pm. Burly Q: The Ghosts of Cinema Past. Cabaret starring UK's most celebrated headlining performers from the worlds of burlesque, drag and comedy. Abbeydale Picture House.Tickets £22 and each one sold will include a small restoration levy to support the ongoing project to restore the venue to its former glory.

<https://www.burlyq.co.uk/booking.html>.

Sun 16th June 12.00-4pm. Nether Edge Farmers Market. Nether Edge Road and Glen Road. More than 80 craft and food stalls plus music and entertainment.

Thur 20th June 6.30pm and 9.30pm. Nicole Farnon and The Made Ups. Performing at Nether edge bowling Club. Tickets £10. Contact Michelle 07742627839 or NEDGEBC@YAHOO.CO.UK.

Sat 22nd June. Heeley Festival- contact Heather for info at heather@heeleyfarm.org.uk. Our annual Heeley Festival which includes stalls, entertainment, activities for all, live music, DJs and bar and of course all the Heeley City Farm animals.

Sat 22nd June 10.30am-12.00noon. Victorian Villains of Walkley Guided Walk led by Historian Hugh Waterhouse. Start at Walkley Medical Centre and end at St Mary's Church. Eventbrite.

Sun 23rd June. Nether Edge Open Gardens, details overleaf

Sat 29th June 7.30pm. Abbeydale Singers Summer concert at St John's Church Ranmoor. Tel 0114 268 5493 for more information.

Sat 29th June 1.30-5pm. £15. High Storrs Homecoming. Fully inclusive all year's former students and teacher's reunion. Book your place from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/high-storrs-school>

Sat 29th June Brentwood Tennis Club all day fundraising event for Cavendish Cancer Care



134 Psalter Lane 2:00pm – 6:00pm

Natalie Glass

Access (including for wheelchair) from Sandbeck Place (to rear of house). An all-year-round, Victorian ribbon garden packed with interest. In mid-summer, many roses, a collection of phloxes, fruit trees and bushes and a wide variety of cottage plants. 2 wildlife ponds. Refreshments and a few plants for sale. Donations in aid of RSPCA Sheffield.

18 Moncrieffe Rd 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Anne and Marc Brew

Access via steps - those with mobility difficulties, use back entrance from lane to gain decent vantage point of garden. A large number of different kinds of vegetables grown in a modestly sized town garden. Light refreshments. Donations to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

24A Montgomery Rd 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Richard Knowles

Level access to a good viewing point through the side gate. Pretty woodland garden with a special focus on tree ferns and grasses. Donations for Thornes girls' rugby team, S. Yorks.

11 Ryle Road 11.00 – 3.00pm

Richard Taylor

A real gem, tucked away in the heart of Nether Edge, a small, peaceful and secluded garden. Designed for meditation and entertaining round a firepit. Recently planted acers and irises. Some art work. Light refreshments. Donations to local foodbanks.

55 Kingfield Rd 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Peter and Mary Machan

Level access to front garden and large rear patio area. A plantsman's garden featuring a spectacular collection of hostas. Steeply terraced for a mystery tour of all types of plants, ponds and water features. Fun for children with a trail featuring fairy houses, wizards and sculpture and a Peak District Rock and Fossil garden. Greenhouse with cacti and succulents. Few plants for sale. Refreshments. Donations in aid of Village Aid.

78 Kingfield Road. 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Marion Rout

Level access to front garden and rear patio area before steps lead up to main garden area. Large garden approximately ¾ acre originally designed for R. J. Stokes of Stokes Paints fame with a mixture of hard and soft landscaping, herbaceous borders, tree specimens and pond. Some art work. Tea and cakes. Donations in aid of Alzheimer's Society

16 Chelsea Road 11.00 – 3.00 pm

Marian Tylecote

Only park on Chelsea Road and walk down drive of No. 18 to reach 16. Sorry, no dogs. A fascinating garden following sound ecological principles and including many plants attracting insects and birds. Insecticides and herbicides are rarely used. Only plants that can cope with the conditions are chosen with mixing of wild and cultivated plants in some places. Some fine roses should be flowering. Plants for sale. Donations to Woodland Trust

20 Chelsea Road 1.00 pm – 5.00pm

Kath and Howard Fry

Limited wheelchair access A recently re-planned garden around a 1980's bungalow that previously had too much lawn and not enough flowers. Now restructured to create distinct areas of varying character; ranging from a (vaguely) Italianate area with a wildlife pond, to informal planting cut into the old lawn, then down to an area of new raised beds for fruit, vegetables and cut flowers. Light refreshments and some plant sales. Donations to Bluebell Wood Hospice and Water Aid

41 Chelsea Road 1.00 – 5.00pm

Adam Pemberton

Steps for access to house from road and some fairly easy steps in back garden. A fairly large garden with a pretty lawn and ponds area near the house. The garden then is gently sloping and devoted mainly to fruit and veg interplanted with flowers. Greenhouse with a mature vine. Season permitting, there will be fruit and veg for sale. Fresh European eggs – Best before Brexit! Donations to St Luke's Hospice.

45 Chelsea Road 11.00 – 3.00pm

Chris and Tony Venables

Steps for access to house from road and gently sloping back garden. A large, mature terraced garden with some interesting and quirky garden features. Very varied mixed planting, 2 greenhouses - one with a mature vine - and lots of fruit and veg. A lovely rambling garden. Light refreshments. Donations to Alzheimer's Research UK

