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NOTE THE REVISED DATE FOR OUR AGM

NENG'S AGM will be held on Tuesday 13th June at the Nether Edge Bowling Club. Find out more inside. PLEASE ATTEND TO ENSURE OUR FUTURE. And the first drink is on us.



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

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

This month's EDGE has been compiled by David Pierce .

The July EDGE will be produced by David Pierce. Any comments about this EDGE to be addressed to davidpierce@blueyonder.co.uk before 10th July.

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NETHER EDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To join or renew membership of the Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group please complete the slip below and return it, with your cheque or standing order form, to:

Victoria Imeson, 81 Nether Edge Road, S7 1RW Tel: 07930 417455 nengtreasurer@gmail.com

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As a local resident/ supporter of NENG, I also wish to become a full member of NENG, a company limited by guarantee, which entitles me to have full voting rights at the AGM, receive regular copies of EDGE and fully participate in its activities. In the unlikely event that the Company be wound up, I promise to pay the sum of £1 towards its debts if asked to do so, and understand this liability will continue for 1 year after I cease to be a member of the company.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PLEASE NOTE: Should you prefer not to become a full member of NENG you have the option of becoming a subscriber only by deleting the section in italics above. This entitles you to receive copies of EDGE but no entitlement to vote. The annual subscription is still £8 per person (£5 unwaged/concessions).

The committee has decided that in future only one EDGE will be delivered to each household and only one subscription is required per household.

Please send signed forms to our Treasurer, Victoria Imeson.





In every organisation there comes a time when individuals who have contributed to it have to move on. Motives differ and often they have no choice but frequently it is because they recognise that if they go then it is in the interests of the organisation as well as their own. Fresh ideas and extra energy can be brought into the organisation by their successor. Indeed if there were no such renewal then the organisation is likely to atrophy (a good word) and perhaps die. And this is true for NENG. The new committee members who joined us last year have helped but we need more people now to replace those who have done their share of work and will soon be resigning from the committee.

Are you interested? Are you reluctant to join us because you are fearful in one way or another? It need not be a lot of work. Would you like to know more about what you might contribute and how much (or little) time is needed? If you'd like more information and ideas about what is involved then call me for a personal chat before our AGM if possible.

David Pierce
Chairman NENG

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EDGE'S YEAR

Our colourful front cover reflects the variety of style and content offered to readers throughout the past year. We aim to please all of our readers and to reflect the diversity of the views and people within our neighbourhood. In this EDGE there is much to read about NENG's activities during the year. Also, to remind ourselves of how varied your EDGE always is, here is a review of the year's EDGEs

In July we featured the mystery of the holes in a wall at the end of Montgomery Road. We are not aware that anyone has solved it yet. Then there was good news to report about the Abbeydale Picture House. The revival of its fortunes that we reported was short-lived but it is now thriving under its new management, CADS. We were delighted to devote space to John Craig who wrote vividly about his colourful life in the theatre and his love of poetry and to Nick Waite for his article about the former Institute for the Deaf and Dumb. Also we heralded the struggles that lay ahead as residents began a campaign to Save Our Trees including the now famous Chelsea Elm. We returned to our concern about trees in September and reported upon the legal developments in the High Court. There were contributions about another topic which would be continued during the year, litter. As it was summer there was much to read about gardening including a diverting article by Bill Atherton which described visits to his garden by an Afghan refugee and by far too many slugs.

October's issue contained a wide variety of items ranging from burning benches to stolen banners and articles about Ruth Ellis and two local Second World War soldiers. We reported on the sighting of a green parakeet, little knowing that they would return with a vengeance later in the year. Unsurprisingly, as the November EDGE was edited by the History Group it focused on history. One item concerned research to establish which house in Nether Edge Road was the oldest. Another told us about the Shirley House Estate

which occupied the ground where Cherry Tree Drive now sits and there were lots of photos of the successful Festival. Unusually, this issue contained a whole page of letters.

Our Christmas issue had a festive theme, due not least to its image of a snow-covered Woodstock Road. The centre spread of EDGE is often used to exploit the use of colour in its pages but on this occasion it was left as a black and white sketch and we hoped that children and others would be encouraged to colour it in during the holiday. In February the wonderful photograph of a smiling Ingo Gudjonsson dominated EDGE. The editors had set out to celebrate the diversity of people living in Nether Edge and six other residents were also profiled on its inside pages. Nether Edge school was profiled and attention was again drawn to the increasing threat to our local trees.

The theme of the March issue was litter. The problem has featured in EDGE's pages repeatedly over the years and here it was highlighted in a variety of ways including an outstanding centre colour spread. Traffic and local planning issues along with the second contribution by Ken Phillip about photography also featured.

Ingo's photo in February had attracted a lot of attention and the fox on the front page of April's edition was also particularly eye-catching. Inside there were a number of new features including a recipe from Emily, a gardening piece from Emma, a book club report from Richard and a recommended walk from Ben Flaneur. Alongside these were articles about the 'class struggle', local wildlife and poetry.

May's issue ended the year with another assorted collection of contributions about war memorials, avian invasions, stepping stones and working in the woods. An ominous back page reminded us once again about the threat to our trees and asked if spring this year would bring a new beginning.

THE NETHER EDGE YARNSTORMERS ARE BACK!

Remember the knitted leaves, birds and animals celebrating trees in our streets, parks and woodland at last year's Nether Edge Festival? Why not join in this year? The theme: 'Trees Are Our Friends: We Love 'Em and Need 'Em'. Decorate trees in your own garden and let us know. Join in group activities.

Find out more about how to take part at: Nether Edge Festival website, Facebook @netheredgefestival, Twitter @NEedgefestival



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is with some hesitation and trepidation that I dare to write to you about your excellent publication. I live neither within Nether Edge nor on its edge so I am hardly qualified to comment on the articles and comments published in your wide-ranging magazine. You may well ask, how did I obtain a copy of the Edge? Following national media practice, in order to spare any embarrassment or retribution that may occur, I cannot reveal my source. So, it is necessary for me to remain a strictly anonymous outsider.

In the latest edition of Edge, I note with some concern that Nether Edge has been worried by the trams bringing "into the neighbourhood a class of people who did not come there at present and who would very much interfere with its privacy and would probably cause considerable damage to shrubs, trees, gardens and houses there and considerably diminish the value of the houses". No wonder the trams were withdrawn! As possibly such a class of person, you can understand my reluctance to contact you. However, to maintain Nether Edge's reputation as "Sheffield's centre of creativity" (p14 in latest Edge edition), I did feel it important to bring to the attention of SPRAT (p10) the slightly less challenging 21 across clue (4 letters) of "Idle". The answer turned out to be idle which is very much the feeling I had. It got me thinking, though, that this may be one of the futures for crosswords where the answer is hidden in the clue. However, we may be there already? I searched in vain for 13 down with 7 letters, only to discover that it was really 12 down with 8 letters. As for having two 18 downs, one with 5 letters and the other with 4 letters, this sent me (after all, I'm only from one the lower echelons of Sheffield) into a bit of a tizz. So, in the end, I concluded that the Edge crossword is indeed a challenge and, of course, I look forward to the next one in the June edition of Edge, if indeed I can get a clandestine copy?

Yours in all humility, An anonymous outsider

Editor: Sprat has replied as follows:

Dear Anonymous Outsider,

Thank you for pointing out the shortcomings of my last crossword. I think I compiled it by the pool, whilst on holiday, and as I am not a teetotaler, that may have something to do with it. I hope you will attempt the latest one. It's nice to know that for all their faults, someone has a go at them. You should not feel an outsider. I like to think that treefellers aside, Nether Edge is a welcoming place. I must however, condemn your habit of concealing your identity behind a silly alias.

Yours sincerely Sprat

Nether Edge online

Every week www.netheredge.org.uk gets thousands of 'hits' as people visit to check out our area, see what's on, book their stall at our popular farmers' market or find out more about what's happening locally. In the decade or so since the NENG first went online, the breadth and variety of activities that we're involved with has grown dramatically; there's even an annual Nether Edge Festival now, a suite of history walks around the area and very active subgroups protecting and curating our precious natural resources.

At the same time, the popularity of the Internet, the range of devices that we use to access it and our expectations of what information we can find on it has mushroomed. That's why it's time for NENG to take a look at our website and test out whether it's doing a useful job for us and for our community. There are lots of checks we can run to improve how the site functions and lots more links we can make to really get the best from our social media presence. However, none of this matters if the website isn't doing what Nether Edge needs.

This is why we need your views. We've developed a very short survey to help us. Please visit www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9CDPKVC to share your comments with us and help us decide how our website can serve Nether Edge in future. We'll report back this Autumn.

In the meantime we know that the website looks its best when we have exciting or interesting pictures on the front page. Have you taken any photos of Nether Edge that you'd be happy to share and be credited for? If you have, then send a small (thumbnail ideally) JPEG version to nengwebsite.editor@gmail.com



RYLE ROAD TREE IN RUNNING TO BE VOTED SHEFFIELD'S GREAT TREE OF THE YEAR

With judges including well-known celebrities Richard Hawley, Jarvis Cocker, Patrick Barkham and other local personalities including Nick Clegg the search for Sheffield's Great Trees was launched in January. With nine of the twelve judges having already voted and voting now drawing to its close the excitement is mounting. The result will be announced on 24th May but EDGE understands that at the time of going to press one of our local trees is in the lead. The wonderfully bizarre Ryle Road lime tree, a curiosity in the heart of Nether Edge is favourite to win. Let's keep our fingers crossed for it.



Did you know?

There are 55 million cups of coffee drunk daily in the UK. 2.3 billion of them were purchased in coffee shops last year. And not all of them in Nether Edge.

Did you know?

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Did you know?

Ben Flaneur sometimes drinks tea at the end of his walks



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUPPLEMENT

NETHER EDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on Tuesday 13th June 2017 at Nether Edge Bowling Club

Nether Edge Road at 7pm

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE

A G E N D A

7.00 pm Arrivals & Welcome

7.30 pm Business including

Minutes of the last meeting

Chairman's Report

Treasurer's Report

***Election of officers and committee members**

Group Reports

9 pm Finish and informal gathering at the bar

***Nominations for officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) should be sent to Ruth Bernard, NENG Secretary at nengsec16@gmail.com. All nominations must include the names of a proposer and seconder and be accompanied by the nominee's declaration of their willingness to serve.**

Please do come to our AGM. It will be a relaxed and friendly affair, subject to the minimum of formality. We want to hear your opinions and sufficient attendance is essential to give NENG the authority to continue our work.



Reflecting upon NENG's activities during the past year it struck me that the most significant event was not something that NENG had initiated and yet it was the most significant development in Nether Edge since the neighbourhood group was founded in 1973. I refer of course to the plans to destroy so many of our mature and healthy trees. The position that NENG adopted was clear from the start. Caring for our environment was and is a prime aim of ours. We made our position clear and expressed our support for the Save Nether Edge Trees campaign. A few have been critical of our stance but we believe that our support, even though it might have been much stronger, has helped the campaign and contributed to its success thus far.

NENG's active engagement with the community can be seen in other ways of course, most notably through the big events of the Farmers' Market and the Festival. I sometimes find it hard to believe that the market has been so successful in so many ways since it began nine years ago. The festival is little more than a toddler by comparison but it's healthy and lively and promising to make its mark in the years ahead. The other most visible aspect of NENG is EDGE and there is much to read about it elsewhere in this issue. There are other not so obvious examples of how our members contact and contribute to the community. Our annual Open Garden day has been very successful for many years. Oddly there are fewer gardens to see this year (on June 11th) but it's always a lovey way to spend the afternoon. The pocket park at the top of Cemetery Road is smaller than most of those gardens but especially at this time of the year it is a real joy to see. The dedication of a small group of volunteers is worthy of great praise. Dedication of a different kind is demonstrated by local litter pickers, not only those who go out together every month but all those unsung individuals who don't pass by but stop to pick up litter on their way to work or elsewhere.

Turning to look at NENG's internal affairs there has been a lot of activity aimed at improving the way we do things. Our new treasurer has spent a lot of time overhauling our financial processes and introducing stricter controls to meet higher standards. At last year's AGM we were pleased to welcome a number of new members to the committee although we could do with more. For some of those new members we ran a workshop about editing the EDGE. Understandably newcomers can be nervous about volunteering for the job but as a result of the workshop we have enjoyed more help and a new arrangement with our printers has been of assistance too. Planters have been placed on the railings at the crossroads and we are exploring ways of improving Chelsea Park playground and adding more colour to the shopping area. Also, we have reached an agreement with the Nether Edge Bowling Club about using part of their cellar to store a range of paperwork and other materials for our various groups. You can read more about our work in the following pages. Finally, because you would not be able to read about any of NENG's work in EDGE if it were not for our distributors I would like to record our gratitude for all they do throughout the year. We'll invite them to afternoon tea in the autumn.

David Pierce

TREASURERS REPORT

This is my first Treasurers Report, having taken over as treasurer after last year's AGM.

I can report that the accounts are in a good position with an annual turnover of £21,700 and a Year End balance sheet of £17,500. Over the last year I and NENG as a whole have reviewed their accounting and governance policies and have introduced procedures to ensure that the accounts and other areas in the organisation are being run in a more business-like manner. This has also enabled me to streamline several routines and provide more back up and assistance to the sub groups.

The Festival and Market are going from strength to strength and subscriptions remaining stable at 900+.

This in mind, in the coming year we will be looking to appoint an accountant to carry out independent scrutiny of the accounts both in line with current accounting requirements and for our own benefit.

We have again raised a significant amount of money for charity in excess of £8,000 going to local groups.

I am looking forward to the coming year and the continued growth of the organisation.

Victoria Imeson

FoBEW, the latest incarnation of a group looking after Brincliffe Edge Wood, is about to enter its fifth year. Curiously the catalyst for the formation of the group was a dog, Noah, who sadly died on 15th April and his local owners have written:-

"Noah spent most of his life roaming through Brincliffe Edge Wood, firstly as a young dog chasing squirrels and romping through the undergrowth on the steep slopes and finally as an old man (nearly 16 years) slowly plodding along the flatter paths at the top of the Wood. It was during one of these walks (which we did 3 times a day) that I became aware that the Wood would benefit from a bit of loving care to extend the variety and distribution of woodland plants and generally improve access and tidiness."

The "loving care" has come from nearly 100 Supporters and Volunteers who have toiled or kept us going with their kind comments and enthusiasm for this valued green space.

The problem for many has been the choice of a Wednesday morning as a time for work sessions and so this year we are trialling three weekend work days to extend the range of opportunities for planting, trimming and, of course, litter picking. The first two weekends (Saturday March 11th and Sunday May 14th) were not a great success failing to draw in a wider constituency of Volunteers although those working with the Sheffield City Council Ranger finished an impressive number of tasks which we can tick off our Action Plan.

We have also tapped into the opportunities offered by organisations such as the Yorkshire Building Society who offer employees the chance to spend 31 half days each year helping with projects such as ours and we look forward to both continuing and extending these links.

Generally speaking the comments that we receive from Wood users are positive and complimentary but this does not prevent the selfish and inconsiderate actions of a few. Earlier in the Spring we had a bad case of fly tipping but our excellent relationship with the Council saw this quickly cleared up and we are discussing with the Council how we can minimize this antisocial behaviour.

FoBEW is a member of Sheffield Green Spaces Forum, originally a loose federation of groups such as ours which has been in existence since 2013. On Saturday May 6th three FoBEW members, Richard Pethen, Howard Trott and Ken Phillip were invited to a formal launch and celebration of the work of these Green Space groups at Sheffield Town Hall. The excellent presentations covered everything from safety issues, insurance and the health benefits of open spaces, to the launch of The Outdoor City initiative which emphasises the importance of green spaces and which is of special interest to FoBEW members.

In our "Mission Statement" we include a phrase which covers our interest in the history of the Wood and which links, neatly, to the NENG History Group's strong and popular work unearthing the past of our neighbourhood. Howard Trott and Ian Prior have completed the first draft of a history section devoted to Brincliffe Edge Wood which will be combined with other Nether Edge history chapters to form a book to be published later in 2017.

Ken Phillip

PLANNING

NENG have not been very active on the planning front in the last year, reflecting the lack of major development schemes proposed in our area. The committee have reaffirmed that NENG will only comment on planning applications that have an impact on the character and appearance of the area. As such, we have not commented on the few applications that have been brought to our attention in the last year by local residents, as they were all assessed to have limited impact on the conservation area.

Looking forward, the Council is still expected to go out to consultation on its Local Plan this year, setting out the sites for development, and the policies to be used to guide decisions on planning application, for the next 10-15 years. While the lack of obvious development sites means that we won't expect much change in Nether Edge, we will be examining the Plan when it is published.

Helen Willows



NETHER EDGE HISTORY GROUP.

Annual Report to NENG AGM 2016 – 2017.

The History Group continues to thrive and develop. We now have over 40 people on our circulation list with around 20 attending each bi-monthly open meeting held in the Union Pub.

This year as in past years, the group organised several walks and ran an afternoon of talks during the Festival which attracted around 70 people. At Christmas the group launched an Introductory Singalong to The Sheffield Carol Tradition which filled the Union to capacity.

Our increase in membership and activities this past year led us to adopt a tighter structure to the Group with identified projects each led by an individual member of the Committee. These include : The Collection and Recording of Deeds; Archive Development; Walks Programme; Publications; Festival Events; Edge Contributions and Schools Liaison. Although it is at an early stage this restructuring seems to have achieved enhanced co-ordination and greater impact.

Targets for the coming year include a reprise of all the activities of last year...walks, talks and singalong. In addition we are working ambitiously to produce a book of articles on Nether Edge history in time for Christmas.

Anyone out there who would like to be part of any of this, in whatever capacity, whatever level of commitment, whatever level of experience, and whether you want to work on NE topics or simply research your own house, please make contact. Everyone is welcome.

John Austin

REPORT ON THE 2016 NETHER EDGE FESTIVAL

The Nether Edge Festival 2016 ran from 16th to 25th September. The aim of the festival was to celebrate the talents and activities of the people in Nether Edge, of all age groups and from all our different communities. The programme included over 50 activities including music, talks, parties, a ceilidh, exhibitions, food, literature and sport events, the regular Farmers' market, altogether too much to mention. It's hard to estimate how many hundreds of people attended over the ten days.

There were some innovations from our first festival in 2015. The Community Art and Craft Fair at St Andrews Psalter Lane Church acted as a showcase for all the regular community and creative activities that happen in Nether Edge. We were introduced to the concept of yarnstorming – a group of people decorated trees and buildings with knitted leaves to celebrate our lovely green environment. There was a successful festival dinner at Baldwins Omega. The Merlin Theatre celebrated its re-opening with a concert. We used social media to greater effect than in our first year.

Afterwards the committee evaluated all aspects of the festival. With one or two minor exceptions we found events had been well received and there were even some unsolicited compliments. However, there were also some problems, specifically about the distribution of our attractive brochure and other aspects of publicity which led to poor support for some of the events. Committee members feel we have learned from these and we are changing the arrangements for the coming September.

We look forward to our next festival which will be 15th to 24th September.

Maggie Little

NETHER EDGE FESTIVAL IS COMING

With lots of good things for young and old

It's full steam ahead with the planning for this year's Nether Edge Festival. Here are a few highlights from the programme we are arranging:

* The ceilidh on Saturday 16th September will be a boisterous family event and run from 7pm to 10pm. Families and children are welcome. Come and learn the dances, it's all great fun. We have live music and a caller to teach you the steps.

* History Talks about the area are to be held at the Kenwood Hotel during the evening of Sunday 17th September. This will follow on from Nether Edge's famous Farmers' Market that same afternoon.

* Young Artists, exhibiting art by our children and young people will be held this year at St Andrews Psalter Lane Church.

And we are looking for volunteers! We are planning to deliver our brochure to every household in Nether Edge. If you willing to help deliver in your area please come and see us at the next Farmers' Market in June or contact Maggie Little at maggielit@sky.com



A GRAND 'DAY' OUT *If the weather's good!* NETHER EDGE OPEN GARDENS – Sunday 11th June 2017

All venues will be identified by balloons

Natalie Glass - 134 Psalter Lane 2:00pm – 5:00pm

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

Peter Machan -55 Kingfield Rd 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Level access to rear patio area.

A true plantsman's garden, steeply terraced for a mystery tour of all types of plants. Pond. Spectacular collection of hostas. Greenhouse. And new features this year! Plants for sale.

Donations in aid of Village Aid.

David and Gina Pierce.

96 Montgomery Road 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

A couple of steps down to a level garden from the rear patio. All the garden is visible from the patio.

A very well designed garden with a neat lawn, and herbaceous borders featuring an interesting collection of clipped conifers and a lovely pond. Small produce area and greenhouse.

Donations in aid of St Luke's

Marion Rout 78 Kingfield Road. 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Flat 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.

Donations in aid of Medecins Sans Frontiers.

Barbara and John Shuker

Audrey Cottage, 83 Union Road 2.00pm -5.00pm

Level access to patio, gravel driveways and lawns with plant borders on three sides of this very attractive house dating from the mid nineteenth century. Please note that, because of ongoing building work, there is no access to the stream area at the end of the garden.

Donations in aid of St Wilfrid's.

Richard Knowle

24A Montgomery Road 2.00pm. – 5.00pm.

Pretty woodland garden with a special focus on tree ferns and grasses. Level access to a good viewing point through the side gate.

Donations for St Luke's Hospice

Brian and Helen Palmer 30 Wostenholm Rd

2:00pm – 5:00pm

Level access to front garden and one very small step through to back garden.

Delightful cottage-style front and rear gardens with a vast range of perennials from the natural and wild to the exotic including ferns, grasses and euphorbias and a pond with marginal plants. Many interesting specimens in pots. Light refreshments and plants for sale.

Donations in aid of St Wilfrid's Drop-in Centre



Carbon Conversations (In time for tomorrow?)

Would you like to tread more gently on the planet?

Are you concerned about climate change, but can't work out quite what you can do to improve the situation?

Carbon Conversations is a short, informal series of meetings whose aim is to help people to reduce their "carbon footprints". The meetings were created because most of us accept what the scientists are telling us – that human activities are seriously damaging our climate – but most of us feel uncertain about what we personally can do about it.

Carbon Conversations takes place over 6 two-hour meetings, and we are planning to start a group in Nether Edge in July. The meetings are usually held 2-3 weeks apart. We have organised the first date in July; and the group will arrange the remaining dates then.

The cost of the course will be £20 per person, which merely covers the cost of the materials (including a handbook entitled "In time for tomorrow?") and tea and coffee.

The first meeting will be on **Wednesday, 12th July, in Shirley House, Psalter Lane. Start time: 6.30pm.** At this meeting, the group will arrange dates and times for the other 5 sessions.

Please register in advance, as numbers are limited (to allow for quality discussions in small groups) by emailing: office@standrewspsalterlane.org.uk or phoning: 267-8289.

SPRAT'S NINETY FIRST CROSSWORD

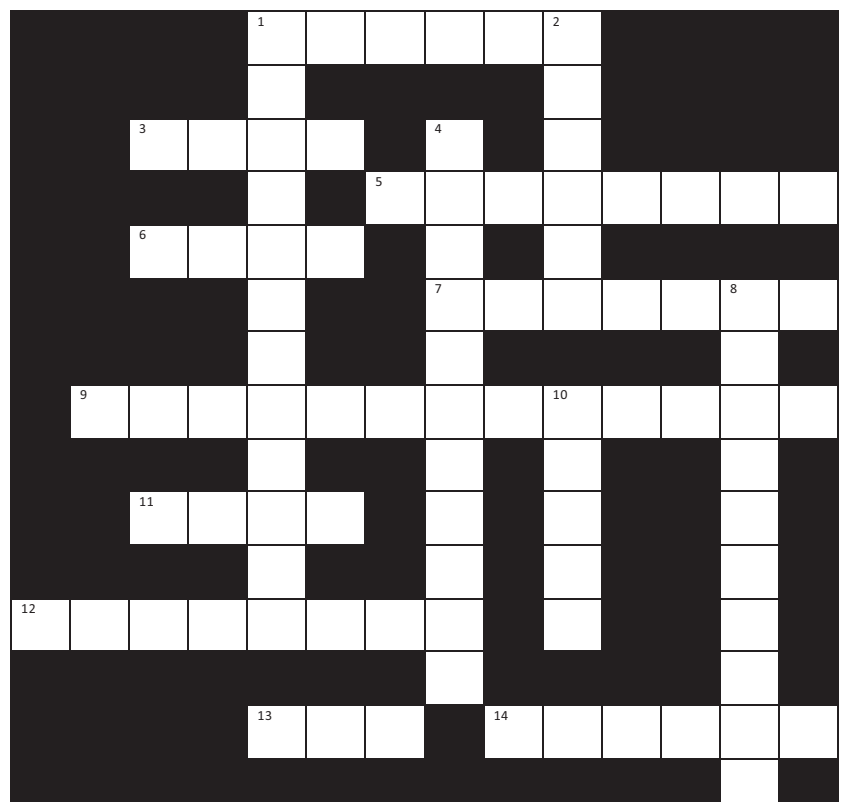
On Fridays, a group of us meet up for a curry and a quiz. This has taught us that we're not very good on US State Capitals. This crossword is designed to help. I hope you'll have a go first, before resorting to the Atlas.

Across

- 1 Its State Capital is Carson City
- 3 Its State Capital is Des Moines
- 5 It is the State Capital of Connecticut
- 6 Its State Capital is Salt Lake City
- 7 It is the State Capital of Nebraska
- 9 Its State Capital is Boston
- 11 Its State Capital is Columbus
- 12 It is the State Capital of Wyoming
- 13,14 Its State Capital is Santa Fe

Down

- 1 Its State Capital is Concord
- 2 It is the State Capital of Texas
- 4 It is the State Capital of Florida
- 8 It is the State Capital of Arkansas (6,4)
- 10 It is the State Capital of Oregon



SOMEWHERE ELSE - OFF TO WORK WE GO

by Ben Flaneur



This month we begin to explore the wonderful Mayfield Valley which lies invitingly a mile or so from Nether Edge. It is easily walkable from the heart of Nether Edge and the first part of it is identical to last month's walk 'to the stepping stones'. For those less ambitious than others we describe just the second part of the walk and begin at Rustlings Road between Endcliffe and Bingham Parks. On entering Bingham Park we immediately turn left to climb the steps towards the bowling green. At the top of the steps walk between the two greens and then take a left up a few more steps to the open field above. Here we turn right towards the woodland with the bowling green on our right before entering the wood through an obvious gap in the treeline. Here we begin a beautiful woodland walk with the main park driveway below us on the right. Ignore any minor paths you see and continue until the path begins to descend with a well-trodden area to your left. We walk up this slope (which can be muddy in winter). Do not continue to the house ahead but look for a gap in the hedge which enables you to cross Highcliffe Road and resume our walk through the woods on the opposite side of the road.

After a while the path bends to the right and we cross another path which is signposted as a public bridleway. In a few yards the path bends to the left and we can see an open area ahead of us which we enter through an opening. This large field sometimes has horses in it and the path crosses it diagonally to the right. It becomes easily discernible through the grass with a white house over to your right. We head towards a stile just beyond a large tree which we climb over and turn left to make our way up the gentle hill along Whiteley Wood Road. Ahead of us we can see some large farm buildings on the left of the road and as we approach we can see that just before them there is a small Methodist chapel. This was built in 1789 in memory of the famous Thomas Boulsover, the inventor of Sheffield plate, by his two daughters. A solid looking building and obviously of some historical significance it is now in need of some maintenance.

The road now bends to the right and ahead of us we can see the white gate of Manor Cottages. With Ivy Cottage

Lane on our right the main road bends sharply left and after a short climb we find the entrance to Whiteley Woods Activity Centre. Here we turn right but do not enter through the main gates, instead take the path to the left which leads into Common Lane Open Space. In springtime this is a lovely meadow and although you can take the main path ahead of you it may be better to head across the field to the left of a large tree towards another tree at the far side. Here we re-join the path coming along the perimeter of the field. As we continue along this stony path towards its end we can enjoy the splendid views of Mayfield Valley on our right. It takes only a minute or two before we cross Common Lane to make our way along the path with a fence on our left and trees on our right. Soon the fence and the path turn sharply to the left. Before you follow it go through the gap in the trees on your right to find a bench. Sit awhile to enjoy a well-earned rest and admire that glorious view. Then follow the path, ignoring another which crosses yours, around the perimeter of the field before emerging on to Ringinglow Road. Turn left and in a few minutes you will arrive at our destination. It lies a few yards beyond Common Lane on your left and the site of the old fire station opposite. There is a sign for the café and you turn left alongside some new houses to find Bents Green School at the end of this short road, Folkwood Grove. Don't be deterred by the high steel fencing or the barbed wire above it for inside you will discover the very aptly named Hidden Gem Café. It is run by WORK Ltd which offers hands on work projects to develop life skills for learning disabled adults. You can enjoy your coffee and cake inside or in the delightful garden courtyard.

After your refreshment the return route is a little different. Turn right on to Ringinglow Road and then right again into Common Lane. Continue downhill until you reach the entrance to the Activity Centre. Then do not go round the bend ahead but go straight on down Ivy Cottage Lane. You could go right down to Forge Dam (and another coffee?) but alternatively take the first main path on the right at the bottom of the lane which will lead you down the valley back to your starting point.

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A HIDDEN SURPRISE IN THE HEART OF NETHER EDGE

By Ruth Bernard

Foundry Coffee is a small and successful business based in the heart of Nether Edge. You might not know about it because it is tucked away behind Birdhouse Tea Company and Cafe No 9. It was founded five years ago by Lee Newell who left the NHS to pursue his interest in coffee. He decided to base his business in Nether Edge because he lived here as a student, he knows it well and likes the character of Nether Edge - friendly, cosmopolitan and green.

Foundry Coffee Roasters use ethically sourced coffee beans from all over the world. Lee knows who grew the beans and he only buys from importers who treat their farmers fairly. The beans are roasted to order three times a week, as the coffee is at its best 5-7 days after roasting. The business is mostly conducted online and they now have several hundred regular customers in both the UK and Europe, gained mostly through word of mouth and a reputation for quality. He also sells through a few local retailers, such as Porter Brook Deli and Bird House Tea Company next door.

There are 5 employees and Lee's wife also works in the business. He uses beans that are very high quality and therefore slightly more expensive. In 2014, a respected online coffee blogger rated Foundry Coffee's espresso as the second best in the world! Although Lee, careful of his work - life balance, says he is not looking to expand too much, he has just opened a cafe at 44 Bank Street, near the Cathedral in the city centre. There he sells Foundry Coffee, as well as tea from Birdhouse Tea. Find out more at foundrycoffeeroasters.com. Nether Edge is full of surprises.

NETHER EDGE FESTIVAL YARNSTORMING POEM CELEBRATING OUR TREES by Jill Angood

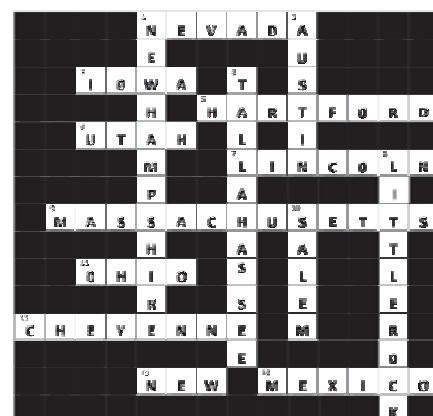
*Let's celebrate our street trees
Filters of exhausted air
leaves dulled grey by dust
roots choked by coke and beer cans
bark -scarred but valiant
Let's celebrate our street trees
as they raise the green flag for spring's getaway
sport a blaze of blowzy reds and yellows
to warn us of winter
play host to the dark flying things of night
and the hidden congress of fungi and algae
which lies at the heart of life for all
tempting us to climb up and upwards
into the flickering leaf-light
Let's celebrate our street trees
sturdy Canutes against the tides
of tarmac and traffic
their leaves gently rustling
water into our dreams
Yes, let's celebrate our street trees!*

A SPECIAL EVENT AT BRENTWOOD, SUNDAY 25TH JUNE

Brentwood Tennis Club will open its doors to members of the public for a very special event on Sunday afternoon, 25th June, to celebrate the heroes of World War 1 and the the Club's contribution to the war effort. Many of their young men enlisted with the Sheffield City Battalion or the Royal Field Artillery and went off to fight, while the women responded by inviting wounded soldiers from the local Army Base Hospital to come to the club for a game of tennis and afternoon tea.

All EDGE readers and their friends are very welcome to come along to the clubhouse to help the club celebrate. There will be tennis played in period costume, a display about the war effort, refreshments available and the opportunity to give the modern game a try.

**Contact Susan Gudjonsson for details
on 07973 607852**



Sprat's Crossword answers

What's On events in and around Nether Edge in June

Every Wednesday 12noon-1.45pm: Psalter Lane Lunch Club and Cameo activities at the Salvation Army, 12 Psalter Lane, S11 8YN. Tel 266 8127. £3.50.

Every Wednesday, 8.30-11.00pm. Nether Edge Folk club, Singers night, Nether Edge Bowling Club. www.netheredgefolk.club.

Thurs 1st June Tots on the Farm session for little ones and toddlers up to 5 year olds, stories and activities on the farm. 2 sessions during the day from 10.am-11.30am and again from 1.00pm-2.30pm. You can book on line or call 2360096, limited places. **Fri 2nd June 7.00pm.** Wine Tasting at Regather £15. <https://regather.net/event/organic-wine-tasting/>

Sat 3rd June 7.30pm. Regather Comedy Club £7. <https://regather.net/whats-on>

Sun 4th June 2.00pm. Guided walk. Discover the history of the Sheffield General Cemetery and residents. Meet at the Gatehouse, Cemetery Ave, S11 8NT. Free but £3 min donation suggested. www.gencem.org

Sun 4th June 1.00pm-4.00pm. Sue's Perennial Plant Sale. 37 Montgomery Rd in aid of pancreatic cancer. **Wed 7th June 7.30pm.** Sufi Singers. Live Qwalli Performance £7.50. <https://regather.net/whats-on>

Wed 7th June 8.30pm. Dan Walsh nominated for this year's BBC Folk Awards, fine banjo player, singer, songwriter and guitarist. Nether Edge Bowling Club, tickets £7 in advance.

Fri 9th June doors open 7.30pm. Muskoka Drive-R&B, funk and soul band doing covers and originals. Tickets £5 phone Michelle 07742627839 or email nedgebc@yahoo.co.uk Nether Edge Bowling Club

Mon 12th June 12.00noon-2.30pm. Monthly lunchtime Social Nosh and Natter at the Union Hotel. .Contact Chris Vemables. Tel 2550805 for further details.

Tue 13th June 7.00pm. Annual General Meeting for NENG . (Please note change of date) To take place at the Nether Edge Bowling Club on Nether Edge Rd..

Thurs 15th -18th June. Heartbreak Outdoor Theatre presents Taming of the Shrew, Botanical Gardens. <https://tickets.heartbreakproductions.co.uk/theatre/whats-on>.

Fri 16th June 9.00am-11.00am .Moths for Breakfast, hawk moth special. Come and see the results of the night's moth trappings (9.00am) along with winged inspired crafts (10.00am). Meet at the Gatehouse, Cemetery Ave. www.gencem.org.

Fri 16th June doors open 7.30pm. Fairy cakes-songs you know done differently-free entry. Nether Edge Bowling Club.

Sat 17th June 1.00pm-3.00pm. Jumble Sale in aid of Nether Edge charity, Baby Basics at Trinity United Reformed church, 737 Ecclesall Rd opposite Endcliffe park. Donations of jumble to Trinity church morning of 17th June or to the King's Centre Union Rd Nether Edge on Friday 16th June 9.30am-5.00pm. No electrical or furniture.

Sun 17th June 12.00noon-4.00pm. Farmers Market with lots of food and craft stalls, live music and fun activities. Proceeds to support local charities. Held on Nether Edge Rd

Fri 23rd June 7.30pm. General Knowledge Quiz at the Nether Edge Bowling Club. After the success of the previous charity quiz nights, John Barthram is running a general knowledge quiz night in aid of local charity. £2 per person entry.

Sat 24th June 11.00am-2.00pm. Summer Fair at Clifford CoE School and St Andrews church .At St Andrews church Psalter Lane. Coffee and homemade cakes, kid's games, raffle, tombola, book and craft stalls.

Fri 30th June 7.30pm. Heretics' Folk Club presents ...Miranda Lee Richards, Zealous Doxy and Bobby Lee. £TBC . <https://regather.net/event/heretics-folk-club-presents-miranda-lee-richards-zealous-doxy-bobby-lee>.

The Special Olympics National Summer games

'The Special Olympics National Summer games is coming to Sheffield between 7-11 August. A charity night is being held at the Prithiraj Indian restaurant on Ecclesall Rd on 19th June. Tickets are £30 including raffle entry (worth £5) available from kirsty.sutton@xactium.com. Raffle prizes would be most gratefully received to help this very worthwhile event. Or you can make a donation here: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Xactium>. Thankyou!

ESCAFELD CHORALE SUMMER CONCERT SATURDAY 1st JULY 7.30PM AT ST ANDREWS PSALTER LANE

Escafeld Chorale will be singing our first concert in July under the direction of our newly appointed Musical Director, Nigel Russell. Nigel comes to us with a wealth of experience in music, especially singing, though music is not the way he earns his living.....he has a PhD in Coal Science and heads the professional development team for learning and teaching at The University of Sheffield!

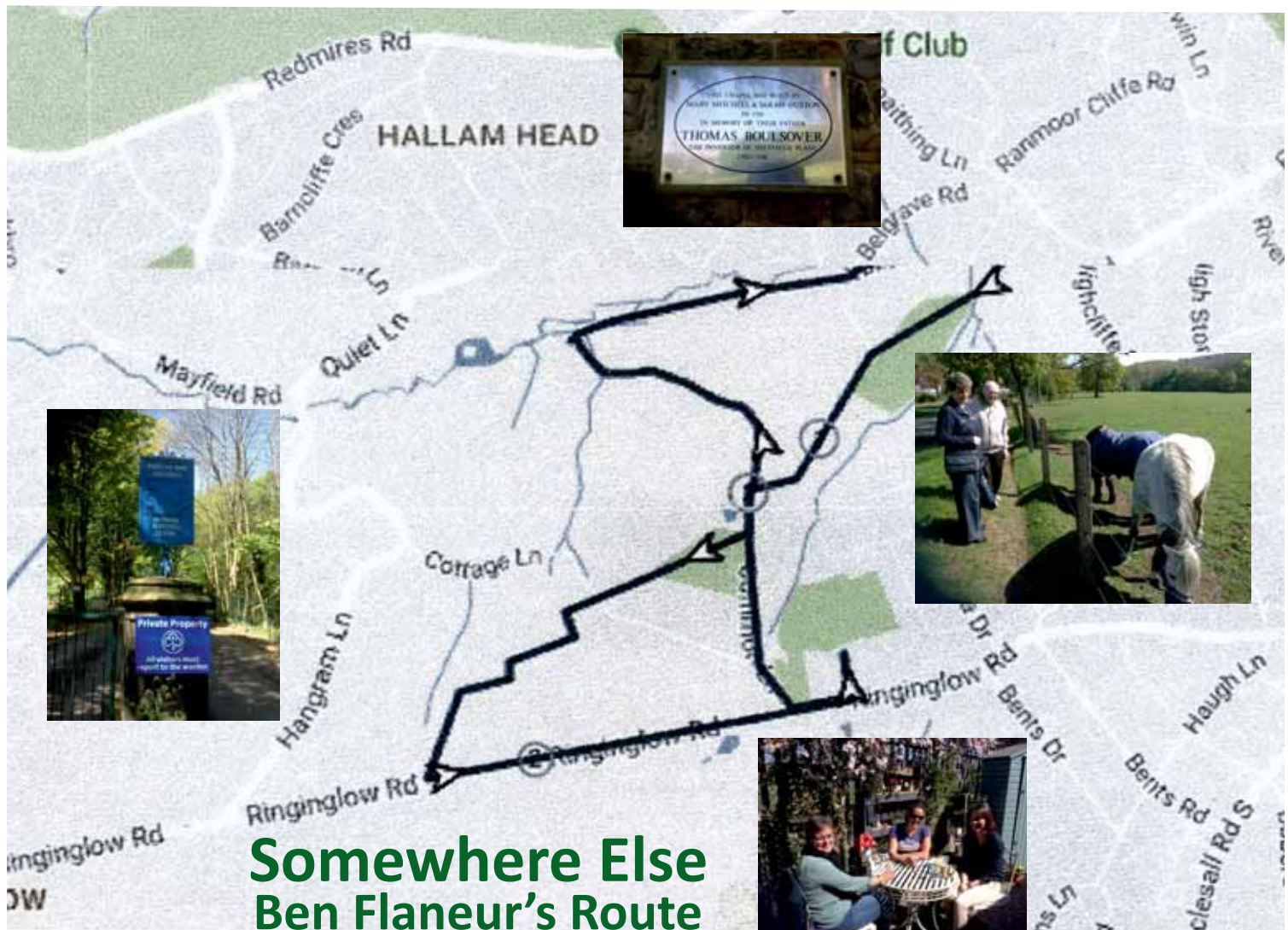
Our programme is entitled Music makers and dreamers of dreams, a concert of music by Elgar and Vaughan Williams. It will be the last opportunity to hear the beautiful soprano voice of Keren Hadas, as she finishes her year with us as our Associate soloist. We are accompanied as usual by George Parsons on the piano.

Come and enjoy this summer evening of music..... and enjoy a glass of wine or orange juice in the interval.

Tickets available on the door £10 £8 concessions, £4 students, accompanied under-16s free) or in advance.

Tel Ann Kingdom 2369548 or email through choir website escafeldchorale.org.uk





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