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A non-threatened Flowering Cherry in (where else?) Cherry Tree Road

This Month's Editor: Howard Trott

As I write this editorial on a chilly evening in late April I look out as flurries of lumpy wet snow land on the cars outside before quickly turning to rain and disappearing as suddenly as they came. Let's hope this has been just a final farewell to Winter and we can get out into our gardens and enjoy more of the Spring sunshine. We have lots to report this month. Ben Flaneur has been out and about again, we in FoBEW have been busy in Brincliffe Edge Wood, John Cripps has written an excellent piece about the WW1 Memorial at St. Andrew's Psalter Lane. Maggie Little gives us an update on preparations for the Nether Edge Festival. There's lots happening at the Bowling Club, at Regather and the Old Junior School, the Lantern Theatre and several other venues in the area. Oh yes, and we do mention the nationally famous trees of Nether Edge. So not quite all sunshine. HT



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



St Andrews Psalter Lane Church War Memorials



The picture shows the two tablets that commemorate the soldiers of Sharrow Parish who were killed during the First World War. They were all local to this area and we have details such as where they lived, as well as their occupation, weight, height and chest size. Of the 104 men about a quarter of them were part of the famous Sheffield Pals York and Lancaster Regiment, who were killed on the first day of he Battle of the Somme on 1st July 1916.

The tablets bearing the names and ranks of those commemorated were mounted on an interior wall of the old St Andrews Church, before it was demolished in 2000 because the building became structurally unsound. They were kept in storage until remembrance day in 2014 when they were put on temporary display inside St Andrews Psalter Lane Church, where they remain should you be interested in seeing them.

The plan now is to mount them on an interior wall in the hall-way of Shirley House on Psalter Lane, next to the Church. This means that they will be available with step free access for viewing when the building is open during the working day. As they are very heavy this will require a wooden frame to be constructed to support the weight directly on the floor. We have applied for funding to carry out this work, but this will not pay the total cost and we would be grateful for donations to help us complete the task. Please contact me if you would like to see the tablets or wish to make a small or large donation, perhaps in its self in memory of a relative or friend, to assist us to display this memorial in a fitting manner.

You may be interested to know that this Parish memorial is additional to the Memorial Plaque mounted on the western exterior wall of St Andrews Psalter Lane Church where it can be viewed at any time. This commemorates 'All from this Parish who have died, especially in war: The World Wars of 1914-16 and 1939-45 and other conflicts'.

John Cripps



Letters to the Editor

For contact details see page 2



Trees and Turbines

Dear Editor

Those "tree huggers" who seek to prevent any but diseased trees being cut down are perhaps the converse of others who have a visceral unreasoning hatred of wind turbines. Their hatred is purely on aesthetic grounds – they "don't like them" - regardless of the fact that they are a vital source of carbon free electricity in the struggle to reduce global warming, and that they now produce power more cheaply than coal fired sources. But of course they shouldn't be erected in areas of outstanding natural beauty or otherwise unsuitable locations. And despite urban myths, they are not rampant bird killers; pet cats kill a great many times more.

We all love trees and their proximity has proven health benefits, including psychological ones. Mature forest trees are beautiful – but less so when they are in unsuitable cramped sites, a bit like keeping caged wild animals. Large trees are lovely in forests, parks and open spaces including pedestrianised areas when those are large enough; urban tree planting has to be of varieties of a size appropriate to the space available, and taking account of their growth to maturity. In pedestrianised areas they also provide summer shade and can, in numbers sufficient to create a canopy, close off the area from polluted air above. But trees main health benefit for us is their role in transpiration, taking in CO₂ and emitting oxygen. Their leaves do reduce some fine particulates (PM10s and PM2.5s) and nitrogen dioxide, but not greatly so. A study by Dr David Nowak, senior scientist at the US Forest Service, has shown that trees only reduce urban air pollution by up to 1%. Indeed if roadside trees are planted close enough to form a canopy they can have a "tunnel effect", preventing wind from dispersing pollutants and causing their concentration to increase. And recent guidance from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Nice) warned that their leaves and branches slow air currents, causing pollutants to settle, and they may also act as sinks collecting particulates and chemicals.

So it's not black and white, either/or. As with most questions the answer is nuanced and as often as not, "it all depends".

Michael Miller

VOLUNTEER COOK NEEDED

for weekly lunch club, meeting on Thursdays at The King's Centre, Union Road.

Our members are elderly people who live locally, and meet weekly for a meal and to socialise.

They appreciate simple home cooking.

For more information, please contact Helen Dutton: Tel. 0771 701 4639 email: duttonph@btinternet.com



STORAGE SPACE SOURCED

As NENG's activities have developed over the years the need for adequate and accessible storage space has grown. NENG's own records, the history group's archives and publications, the more substantial items used by the farmers' market and the festival are all being stored at a variety of locations. The homes of members, garden sheds and the bowling club's cellar are all being used and despite the generosity shown it is an unsatisfactory situation. Consequently NENG and NEBC have drawn up a formal agreement which tidies up some informal arrangements and provides for the use of safe and secure space in the Club's cellar. The new arrangement will be beneficial to both parties.





Book Group Nether Edge

New members welcome to a friendly book group held the second Tuesday of the month, on alternate months. Wide range of genres with a choice of reading either one or two books selected each meeting.

We meet in the bar area of the Nether Edge Social Club, 2 Moncrieffe Road, S7 1HR

Run by WI but non-members are welcome.

Our next Meeting: Tuesday 9 May at 8pm

Email <u>Sarah@home-Lan.co.uk</u> for further details

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 15th June at the Nether Edge Bowling Cub**.

A formal notice of the meeting and reports of the year's activities will appear in the June edition of EDGE.





Nether Edge Festival 2017 Friday 15th to Sunday 24th September

Latest Confirmations for your Diary:

Tuesday 19 September: A concert of violin and piano music to be held at Kenwood Hotel . **Ronnie Birks**, formerly of the **Lindsay String Quartet**, will be playing accompanied by his colleague **Peter Hill on the piano**. The programme will include pieces by Gershwin.

Saturday 16 September: Party Event at Common Ground during the day. Lots of interesting entertainment is planned for children and their families. This will also include the formal opening of the Festival.

Monday 18 September: A follow-up event to last year's multi-faith evening "**Sounds of the Spirit**" which attracted a large audience.

Wednesday 20 September: Festival Dinner at Baldwin's Omega, following the success of last year's event. The venue is closing next year so this will be your last opportunity to attend a festival dinner here!

Saturday 23 September: A Community, Art and Craft Fair at St Andrew's Psalter Lane. To book a table get in touch with Jean Allen on illen1812@gmail.com

And a plea for help – we need **qualified first aiders to be on duty** at **Party in the Park on Sunday 24 September.** If you have a first aid qualification and can give us a couple of hours that day we would much appreciate it. We are hoping to have several people on hand so that no one has to be on duty all afternoon.

More news next month.

Maggie Little

An Avian Invasion?



In recent years EDGE has reported upon occasional sightings of a ringnecked parakeet in and around Nether Edge. Now we can record that a pair of these delightful creatures has been feeding off the peanuts put out for less exotic birds in the garden of a house on Montgomery Road. They have been daily visitors for a week now and they spend ten or fifteen minutes at a time clinging to the bird feeder to nibble away at the nuts.

Coincidentally, at the same time, a national newspaper reported on research conducted by the journal *Biological Invasions* which suggested that there are 50,000 parakeets across southern England and that they are spreading at a rate of 30% a year. The writer also mentioned that a friend of his has two parakeets at the bottom of his garden, in Sheffield. If true, we now know that there are at least two pairs in the city. The attraction of these birds may soon wear off however. They drive away our native species, occupy cavities in trees that are normally used by our bigger birds and devour berries, buds and fruit to the detriment of less brutish birds. Victorian gentlemen introduced the American grey squirrels to our country and we are suffering the consequences. Beware of the beauty of the parakeets once the novelty of them has worn off.



SOMEWHERE ELSE By Ben Flaneur OVER THE STEPPING STONES

This month's walk takes you to the fringe of the Mayfield Valley and the classic walk from Nether Edge which we will describe later in this series. Today however, we start this short walk once again at the Nether Edge crosssroads and make our way along Moncrieffe Road. We cross the junction and continue up Rundle Road to the unused entrance to the Kenwood Hotel. Take the second exit at the roundabout on to Kenwood Road and continue to the junction with Psalter lane and Cemetery Road. The **Pocket Park (1)**, maintained as it is by Nether Edge residents, is beautiful as it bursts into its spring colour. Go straight ahead past the Salvation Army building to continue down Sharrow Vale Road towards Hunters' Bar. On the way be sure to look over the wall on your right for a fine view of **Wilson's Snuff Mill (2)** which dates from the 1760's, with the famous Frog Walk alongside it. Apparently it did not acquire its name because of all the frogs that could be found there. The real reason was that there used to be an old walk and Frog Walk became known as the 'new walk'. Being in Yorkshire the old walk was referred to as 'T'owd Walk' and so the new walk had to be Frog Walk. There's also a **quaint cottage (3)** on your right.

We cross the busy junction at Hunters' Bar choosing to go clockwise or anti-clockwise round the roundabout as you please and enter Endcliffe Park. Only 15 minutes' walk or so from our starting point this park is a real treasure with many small delights to discover. We take the path to the right where you can pause on the small bridge to catch a sight of the fish below. Ahead of us the very popular park café comes into view but just before the bouncy castle we turn right, past the **toad (4)** towards the river. With some trepidation even on a dry day such as this one we carefully cross the stepping stones and when we reach the opposite bank we go left and then quickly right up a short flight of steps. We find ourselves in front of a **memorial stone (5)**. Today it is surrounded by spring flowers and at the foot of the stone is a selection of wreaths which have lain there for some weeks. It commemorates the **10 crew members of an American Flying Fortress (6)** which crashed here in February 1944. It was returning, heavily damaged, from a bombing raid over Denmark and a memorial service is still held there every year.

We continue along the park with the river now on our left to pass a small waterfall on our right. Then we are alongside a large mill pond where you can frequently see a heron fishing and occasionally you may be lucky enough to spot a kingfisher. Shortly, on our left, there are some areas of grass between the path and the road. If you look carefully at these areas you can just discern the ridges which are the remains of ancient agricultural activity there. We cross the river again, pass another pond and exit the park into Rustlings Road. Cross the road and continue along the valley to pass an old shelter on your right and then leave the main path to cross a small bridge over the river. Walk back along the other side of the river with a mill pond above on your left and then exit the park to the left of the house ahead of you to enter Westwood Road. Turn right to see the **Oakbrook Coffee House (7)** at the junction with Oakbrook Road. A really lovely place with delicious **cake and coffee (8)** await you there.



















Friends of Brincliffe Edge Wood (FoBEW)



Spring in the Wood - Some good and some bad news.

The March work day was the first of our attempts to attract those volunteers who cannot make the regular Wednesday morning sessions. Saturday March 11th saw a very good response in the morning while the afternoon session only attracted one volunteer, despite our attempts to balance the two 2.5 hour work schedules. We were also ready to engage children in appropriate activities but there were no takers on that day. We will try to correct these imbalances for the other two 2017 weekend work days which will be on Sunday May 14th and Saturday September 23rd.

On a more positive note we did manage to plant 15 hornbeam whips which were kindly donated by a volunteer member, the other donations being snowdrops and red campion which were all introduced to give a good display in the Wood.

Sad to say, the worst instance so far of fly tipping in the wood was discovered on the morning of April 5th. Overnight, a central heating boiler, two radiators, a fridge, a TV and a small cooker had been dumped just inside the entrance near Union Road. The Woods group and its volunteers work hard to maintain an attractive and inviting green space and we resent these selfish



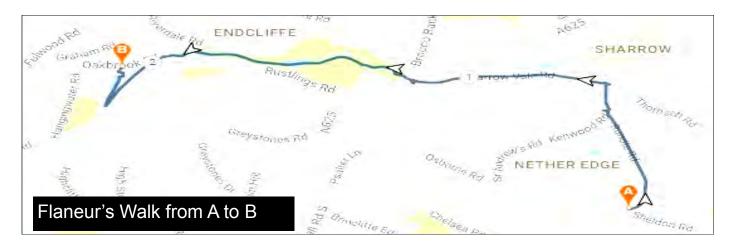
acts of fly tipping – any information that would put a stop to this activity would be welcomed.



April 12th also saw a good turnout for the regular Wednesday morning work session. Volunteers planted more primroses, cowslips and English bluebells plus an elegant spindle tree to the left of the Round Walk steps opposite Chelsea Park. Some large holly bushes which were starting to intrude onto the main steps and paths were thinned out to give better sight lines. Much litter picking and weeding took place.

Our next work day will be on Sunday May 14^{th} . This falls within the Sheffield Environment Weeks so we are keen to entice some new volunteers and make a splash. We will be replacing a small amount of the edging board that serves to limit erosion on the main paths. We also hope that we can attract some children on the day with activities such as improving the Bug Hotel and tree, plant and bird recognition. No doubt we shall continue to improve the area with some litter picking. An email to Volunteers will go out closer to the event and we will encourage people to nominate a morning (9.30am - 12.00) or an afternoon (12.30 - 3.00pm) for that day.

Ken Phillip phillipk@vip.solis.co.uk





Nether Edge History Group

Nether Edge Memories

Since 2015 the Nether Edge History Group has been gathering the memories of Nether Edge residents in oral and written form. You may remember the books many people wrote in at the 2015 and 2016 Festivals, in shops and cafes, at the Farmers Markets, at Nosh & Natter, and numerous informal contacts. If you would like to add to the flow of memories, we would love to hear from you. Contact Liz Jolley, elizjolley@tiscali.co.uk. You might also be interested in our Facebook page, where you can add your own contribution:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/netheredgehistory/

An Appeal regarding AMY JOHNSON (Aviator).

At the Farmers' Market on Sunday, 19th March 2017, someone came to the Local History stand with information about a letter he had found concerning Amy Johnson. In 1925 she gained an Economics degree at the University of Sheffield and lived in our area at that time. In 1930 she became world famous as the first female pilot to fly solo from England to Australia.



Amy Johnson CBE 1903-1941

We would love to know more about this item!

Please could the letter holder get in touch?

Different Times.....

The following piece appeared in the Sheffield Daily Telegraph of 26 June 1902:

'One cannot think of Sharrow without thinking of George Wostenholm, who has left his memorial in the avenue of limes and elms and flowering trees all about and beyond the pleasant roads which extend from the edge of Abbeydale right away to the cliffs beyond St Andrew's Church. There could be no pleasanter monument to any man than those delightful borders of green between the dwellings. There the trees have found fertile soil, people have carefully guarded them, and the City Fathers themselves send the man with the pruning-knife at the proper time to do what is needed...Even yet Nether Edge and Sharrow contain much of their primitive beauty and freshness...and the abundance of trees redeems in the summer time much of the ugliness which the making of many houses so quickly imparts to the most desirable of suburbs.'

Thanks to John Baxendale of NEHG for bringing it to our attention. [Ed].



A Slice of Italy comes to Nether Edge

By Donna Santos



40 Wostenholm Rd Nether Edge S7 1LJ
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Serving traditional Italian dishes with a contemporary twist, Casa Mia uses local and Italian sourced products. We have a full bar and an extensive wine selection. Whether you just fancy a pizza, a bowl of pasta, or the full works, you will be guaranteed freshly cooked food and a warm welcome.

The old Priory Lodge Hotel was built in 1923 as a vicarage for the local padré was transformed in 1979 to a hotel, it has changed hands many times over the years, with many structural modifications some of which have not been sympathetic to the once beautiful building.

In 2014 a young property developer bought the Priory and together with his team, are lovingly bringing the hotel back to life, uncovering many of the original features and using some old re-claimed timbers and artefacts from the old St John's Church in Sharrow, some dating back to the beginning of the 19th Century.

The Priory will soon boast a traditional and contemporary Italian Restaurant with bar area and 15 beautiful letting rooms all with en-suite. The restaurant will be run by husband and wife team, Donna and Francisco Santos.

Donna was born in the Ecclesall area of Sheffield and spent much of her childhood in Nether Edge where her Grandma - Nonna Marie lived. Marie was born in Florence and came to live in Sheffield in 1922 and spent many happy years in Nether Edge.

Donna says 'I can remember spending many hours in nonna Marie's kitchen watching her make fresh pasta, sauces and cakes, waiting patiently to sample 'a slice of Italy' as Nonna called it. My passion was born'.



Donna started out working in Medio Restaurant in 1980 as a barrista and waitress, went on to open Papa Ciccio's in 1990 then managed Nonnas on Ecclesall Road for 12 years. Francisco's job then took them to Spain for 8 years. They have now returned to Sheffield for a new venture, bringing that 'slice of Italy' back to Nether Edge.

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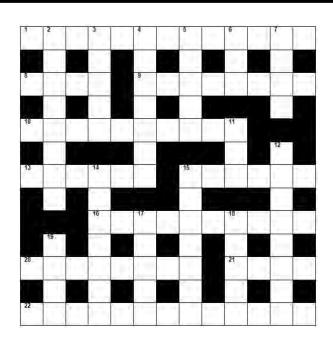
Sprat's 90th Crossword!

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- 1. Worn round the wrist, with many small trinkets and ornaments (5,8)
- 8. Proverbial bald bird (4)
- 9. Portable protection against rain (8)
- 10. Reserve in a cricket team (7,3)
- 13. It has six legs (6)
- 15. Medium sized long-legged African wildcat (6)
- 16. Rubber bullet (5,5)
- 20. (Of a man) Confident, stylish and charming (8)
- 21. Idle (4)

Down

- 2. Deceive or trick (8)
- 3. Honey badger (5)
- 4. Common garden bird (4,3)
- 5. Long player (5)
- 6. Mrs Adam (3)
- 7. They're proverbially slippery (4)
- 11. Often found in a sentence with 'neither' (3)
- 13. Strong glove, covering wrist (7)
- 14. Involve deeply (7)
- 15. Popular Spanish drink (7)
- 17. Obsequious person (5)
- 18. Drug prepared from poppies (5)



Solution on Page 14

April 12th 2017

A Day in the Life of a Nether Edge Garden

8.00 am: A heron flew up and away from close to my modest pond.

10.00 am: Two mallard ducks arrived from somewhere to stay on the pond for a few hours.

4.00 pm: The parakeets arrived again to enjoy feeding on the peanuts in the bird feeder.

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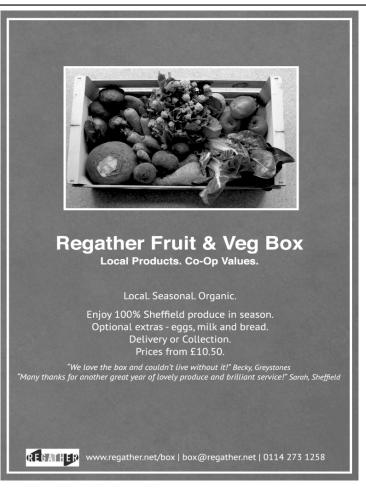


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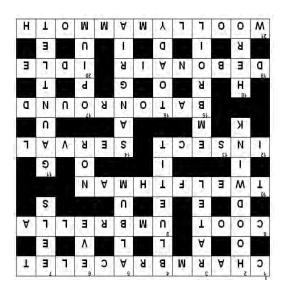
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Complaint Campaign

For many months, as Amey has worked on our roads we have welcomed the new surfaces but not the disruption and untidiness that has resulted. Temporary barriers have been left around for weeks on end, holes in pavements have been left exposed, footpaths have been obstructed. All over the city people have criticised and some have complained. Now, a group of concerned residents in Nether Edge has launched a campaign to encourage us to complain officially when we see unsatisfactory work practices by Amey. A leaflet showing examples of some bad practices and with much more detail about the campaign and how you can help will be distributed shortly. Its website is titled

Sheffield Residents Holding Amey to Account

which can be found at www.srha.site



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What's On in May in and around Nether Edge

There are many events happening in the Sheffield Environment Weeks. For details go to:

www.sheffieldenvironment.org/

Monday 1st May 12.00 150th Anniversary Bowling Competition against Hallam Prop. Nether Edge Bowling Club.

Mon 1st May Sheffield May Day Trek.2 routes 6 and 11 miles leaving St Luke's Moor from 9.30.am in aid of Christian Aid and CAFOD's response to refugee crisis. Register www.sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk or contact pfurby@christian-aid.org

Mon 1st May and Sun 14th, Sun 28th, Mon 29th May. The Abbeydale Miniature Railway. Trains run from 1.00-5.00pm. Tickets £1.50.sheffieldmodelengineers.com.



What's On in May (Continued)

Wednesday 3rd May-24th May 7.15-8.45pm Pattern Drafting and Cutting for Beginners. Sharrow Community Forum.tel 0796072659. Old Junior School, S71DB.

Thursday 4th May 7.00pm Scrabble Open Event. Nether Edge Bowling Club. Booking not required.

Friday 5th May 7.30pm Quiz Night hosted by Derek Agar. Nether Edge Bowling Club. Booking not required. Friday 5th May 6.00pm. *On the Edge Beer Festival* at Sharrow Community Forum, Old Junior School, South View Road Sheffield S. Yorks S7 1DB Tel. 0114 250 8384

Friday 5th May 7.00-10.00pm A Taste of Cuba, expect some top Latin food and rum cocktails. Reschedled event, tickets bought for March event still valid. www.regather.net. tel 0114 2731258. 57-59 Club Garden Rd, Sheffield S11 8BU

Saturday 6th May 7.30 doors open *The True Grit Band* performing rock/pop and soul and funk hits of 50's, 60's and 70's. Nether Edge Bowling Club. £6, phone Michelle 07742627839 or email nedgebc@yahoo,co.uk Saturday 6th May 10.00am. *Morning Song*.RSPB led walk to see and hear the cemetery's bird life. Starts at the Anglican Chapel, Cemetery Road S11 8FW

Saturday 6th May 10.00-4.00pm. *Mary's Marvellous Vintage and Craft Fair* at St Mary's Church Bramall Lane. www.stmarys-church.co.uk

Sunday 7th May 7.30-10.30pm. *The Lamplight Club*. 3 leading guitarists, Daniel Bachman, Jake Fussell and Toby Hay perform for you. www.regather.net. Tel 0114 2731258.

Sunday 7th May 10.00-3.00.pm *Pedlar's Corner Car boot and Community Flea Market* at the Abbeydale Picture House.S71FS

Sunday 7th May starts at 2.00pm. Guided History Tour of General Cemetery 1st Sunday of each month. www.gencem.org.

Monday 8th May 7.30 pm 'My Pagan Faith Journey' – Lynn Rishworth. An Interfaith Centre event in Shirley House, 31 Psalter Lane.

Friday12th May *Jack T Harper* instead of previous listing performing at the Nether Edge Bowling Club. Details as for 6 May.

Saturday 13th May 7.00-10.00pm *Regather Brewery, Craft Beer and Cheese Night.* www.regather.net 2731258.

Saturday 13th- Sun 14th May 10.00-4.00pm. *Festival Forge In* at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet children's event. Adults £4 concessions £3,U16 free.

Sunday 14 May Friends of Brincliffe Wood Volunteer Work Day. Families Welcome. See p.16 for details. Sunday 14th May. Lantern Theatre. Doors open 6.30pm, starts 7.30pm. *Hopeless Romantica* by Mick Lane and Fiona Wass, presented by the Reform Theatre Company. Tickets £10 Box Office 0114 2551776

Friday 19th May *Tia McGraff* an American bluegrass, Celtic folk singer, supported by Julia McInally, performing at the Nether Edge Bowling Club. Tickets £10 very limited. Phone Michelle 07742627839 or email nedgebc@yahoo,co.uk

Saturday 20th May 7.30-11.00pm. *Regather Comedy Club-feat*. Peter Brush and supports. <u>www.regather.net</u> Tel. 0114 2731258.

Saturday 27th May 10.00-4.00pm. *Repair Cafe*, fix and use and don't throw away. Community Room Heeley City Farm.



OUR TREES AT SPRINGTIME

As we prepare to go to press we have enjoyed two glorious days of spring weather. As we enjoy the new colour and freshness all around us we can't fail to notice the brightness and healthiness of the vivid green leaves on our trees. Their beauty and promise is most striking if we raise our eyes to see the sunlight streaming through the new growth and the promise of new life once again. This year however Nether Edge may remember spring not for its promise of a new beginning but for the death and destruction imminently to be imposed upon us. Time has not yet run out for the Council and its contractors to avoid this devastation to our environment.

As a small indication of what is being planned EDGE is able to publish these pictures of one of our iconic avenues as it is at present and what it will look like if the plan to fell 20 of the trees goes ahead. Of that 20, 18 could be saved by making minor changes to the kerbstones. Spring - a new beginning?



Montgomery Road as it is today.



Montgomery Road if the felling goes ahead.





