

## Editorial - the Judgement of History ?

When does 'History' begin? 50 years ago? 5 years ago? 5 months ago? Imagine an individual sitting down sometime in the near future to write a history of Nether Edge and reviewing some of the events and issues we are living through at the moment :

The trees and roads debates  
Protection of the local environment  
School provision



What materials will they use to make a judgement?  
What judgements will they come to ?

It would be easy to assume that the passage of time provides a clarity of analysis that is difficult to achieve 'in the moment', that however confusing the present, the past is definitive.

In this edition, produced by the History Group you will have chance to contemplate both perspectives.  
*Enjoy.*

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

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# The Pleasures of (local) History John Austin

Recently a young acquaintance expressed her delight at being able to give up history at school. I was dumbfounded. How can someone so much dislike what gives me so much pleasure ?

And how widespread is this view.

The numbers might suggest a large proportion. Around 15 people attend the bi-monthly Nether Edge History Group Open meetings. Not a great % of the estimated 20,000 people who live in NE.

On the other hand a turnout of over 70 people at the recent Festival talks, and the continuing and steady sale of local publications suggests a wider base of interest.

So, what is it that attracts those who do show an interest ?

For me there are 3 aspects.

Firstly the research. The joy of sifting through census returns, newspaper archives, directories, the house deeds, and the excitement of finding that nugget of information that adds, however slightly, to the knowledge you have.

Secondly the intellectual challenge of taking all those scattered facts and making sense of them, assembling them into some sort of cohesive whole. Look at any work of history closely enough and you will find the equivalence of a pointillist painting where the overall picture is actually made up of numerous tiny dots of information.

Thirdly the communication of it, however formal or informal. The joy of handing over, presenting your findings to others so they can enhance their understanding and in so doing test and develop yours.

And the best bit certainly as regards local History : anyone can do it. You do not need to be trained, or qualified, or vetted. It is there, waiting for you. In your house deeds, in your conversations with neighbours, in the maps and newspapers and catalogues that are freely available.

Over the page are 3 different examples of what members of the History group have been doing. One house related, one family related, one area related. I do not think I am doing them a disservice when I say that none of those involved are 'professional historians'. Just ordinary people with a bit of enthusiasm using the support network that the History Group offers.

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# The Oldest House on Nether Edge Road ?

## .... Myths, anecdotes and facts *Susan Gudjonsson*

One Saturday in August I was invited to a very pleasant Pimms Party on Nether Edge Road. A gathering of neighbours and a chance to chat. It wasn't long before I was hearing about "the oldest house on Nether Edge Road", reputedly built in 1789. It wasn't the first time I'd heard that said about No. 76, so I decided to dig deeper and investigate the claim.



The obvious place to start was the 1855 Ordnance Survey map in the Local Studies Library on Surrey Street. I checked it out – and drew a blank. According to the Ordnance Survey, the site of No 76 was in a field, part of the old Nether Edge Farm, with no suggestion of any kind of building.

Keeping an open mind, I checked the newspapers of the day (a fascinating and seductive source of information) and found that in August 1851, Nether Edge Farm and the land attached to it (38 acres in all), were put up for auction. There was no suggestion of a structure of any kind where 76 now stands. By May 1853, the Sheffield Reform Freehold Land Society, had purchased the whole estate and divided it into plots of land of approximately 700 square yards each. These "allotments" were offered for sale, but the only structure that was mentioned was the old farmhouse.

It wasn't looking too promising for a house dating back to 1789. So what about something more official than newspaper reports? I turned to the Census returns. Nether Edge Road didn't actually exist until 1855 and in the 1861 Census there is just a list of 12 households, with no house numbers. More detective work was needed to try and match names to houses. And then came a stroke of luck. The present owner of No 76 passed on an old file that had literally been left on his doorstep with information and photos dating back several decades. Included in the file was a list of mortgage transactions when the Nether Edge Estate was first put up for sale. The original owner was a Mr E Richardson and he purchased the land in March 1855.

This information was crucial, because I was able to cross-reference data from three different sources - the Census, newspapers and Trade Directories (a veritable mine of information) to trace the early history of the house. Clearly it wasn't built in 1789, but nonetheless it was one of the first houses to be built on Nether Edge Road, somewhere between 1856 and 1861. Other houses from that early period include 58 and 69 (demolished 1980) and there are several more yet to be verified.

So why have I been told by a variety of people that No 76 is the oldest house on Nether Edge Road? Well, it can happen that myths have a grain of truth. This house is definitely one of the oldest on the road, but I think that the answer can be found in that folder of old documents and photos. On several of the photos the date 1789 is shown prominently above the front door.



# Family Myths

By Margaret Blenkinsopp

I have in my possession eight embroidered postcards from the First World War. As a child I remember them framed in my parents' bedroom. Now they hang in my dining room. They have no writing on them, but their messages include "Forget me not", "A kiss from France" and "Hands across the sea". Two have flags: the Union Jack, the French flag and the Stars and Stripes.



These postcards are called WW1 silks and were sold for a few francs in cafes, bars and shops during the war. The Red Cross also sold them in the trenches, barrack rooms and hospitals. Some of the postcards have a pocket and this housed a message card. By 1914 most of the cards were made on "hand embroidering" machines which were housed in downstairs rooms and whole families were involved in making these cards.

Here is the mystery. I was always led to believe my grandfather sent my cards to my grandmother

Yet when I did some research I found my grandfather's attestation papers showed he enlisted in the 1/6<sup>th</sup> (cyclist) battalion of the Norfolk Regiment in 1915 based at Norwich. The Regiment then moved to coastal defence work where it remained until 1918. I haven't been able to find out much about what my grandfather did but the pill boxes they used still survive. I know also that the Regiment was called to the scene of the first bombs dropped in Britain at Sheringham in 1915.

But if my grandfather never left the country he could not have sent the cards. So who did and to whom? And why did my parents have them on display? If only I'd asked my parents [especially my dad] what they knew about the postcards.

( Editor's note : anyone else out there in Nether Edge with examples of these cards ? )

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## The Origins of Cherry Tree Drive *By members of The History Group*

Walk along Cherry Tree Road towards the Church and you will see to your right a discrete community of modern bungalows and houses. But what was there before these were built?

Originally this plot was part of a large estate owned and built by a branch of the Tyzack family who were prolific and successful industrialists with a significant presence in the area.

In this case the estate, built by William Alexander in 1885, and called Shirley House, comprised a substantial house in 5 acres of landscaping, including gardens, and tennis courts. It stretched between Psalter lane, Cherry Tree Road and Kenwood Bank and was typical of the grand houses that occupied this area at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The house, now the church hall and offices of St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church, still exists, the estate does not.

The heyday of the house and estate was brief. By 1891 it was occupied by only 7 people : William's widow, 3 sons and 3 servants. In the 1920's it was sold by the executors to a group of Methodists who moved there from South St. in the town centre (now The Moor).

In the 1960's the land to the rear of the Church was in turn sold to developers who built Cherry Tree Drive, but with covenants in place that laid down rigorous conditions not only relating to the size and construction of the dwellings but also prohibited practices such as gambling or liquor production. Again something typical of development in Nether Edge as a whole.

An intriguing story with more to come as research continues.





## Community Concerns: Letters to the Editor

*As flagged up below, it seems likely that the sort of changes facing communities generally will create challenges to Nether Edge as much as anywhere.*

Psalter Lane residents, Desmond & Diana Charles (87), Julie Pearn (91) and Colin Martin (101) write regarding their **Traffic Concerns**.

'All of our roads have experienced major increases in use over the past decades. They now face volumes of traffic many times that which they and their associated residential areas were designed for.

Over the past few months we and other residents have been particularly concerned with the massive increase in the number of large haulage vehicles using Psalter Lane, travelling back and forth between Derbyshire and the M1, sometimes up to ten per hour. Their speed and noise is on occasions beyond belief and undoubtedly illegal at times. The dust that is scattered by them often covers traffic and more importantly pollutes the air having serious health consequences both directly and financially. 70% of the total NO<sub>2</sub> (Nitrogen Dioxide) pollution (usual measure of non particulate pollution) and 40% of the total solid particle pollution is caused by heavy goods vehicles. Buildings vibrate and could be subject to long term damage. This can begin at 6am and can continue well into the evening.

Psalter Lane is unusual among British inner city suburban roads with its iconic trees and fine period houses. It should be a priority to retain the special characteristics of this road as far as is possible for the benefit of those that live, work and go to school in the area.

Along a relatively short stretch of road are two schools, two places of worship, one of which is a listed building, and a Residential Home for Senior citizens. The increase in heavy goods traffic imposes an added risk to the safety of those using these facilities.

As a result of these and other concerns we intend to:

- Contact the Haulage firms concerned to see if they are able to alter, vary or stagger their journeys.
- Carry out a Lorry count.
- Obtain photographic and video evidence of hazardous situations involving the Lorries.
- Contact The Sheffield Air Quality team to inform them of the likely deterioration in air quality along Psalter Lane and establish pollution levels at critical times.
- Organise a petition and contact neighbours including the Schools, places of worship and the Senior citizen residential home, Southcroft.
- Seek a meeting with The Transport Planning Dept. to ascertain the criteria for restriction signs e.g. 20 mph limit signs and other speed restriction methods.

*We would welcome any assistance, comments and suggestions from readers.*

Peter English writes on the issue of **Graffiti** :

"Many of the green BT and Virgin junction boxes are covered in Graffiti tags. The area around Union Road, Lyndhurst Road and Barker Road are particularly bad. The Council generally do a good job of cleaning up street furniture they own ( e.g. litter bins, street signs ) once a problem has been reported to them, but they are not responsible for other organisations' equipment. Can anyone help with information on how to contact the owners of the green junction boxes?"

*Meanwhile of course, consultation continues on the proposed **Bannerdale School**, which almost certainly will have knock on effects in Nether Edge, traffic wise and school placement wise, and the attempt to gain Community Asset status for the **Cherry Tree pub**, on Carter Knowle Ave.*

### Rescue Homes in Nether Edge : an Appeal *from Carl Coates 255.2921 or email carlandgwyneth@aol.com*

How many people out there know that between 1915 and 1975 The Salvation Army ran a 'Rescue Home' for young girls in Nether Edge ? Originally opened in 1899 at Wincobank Hall in the East of Sheffield, the operation was transferred to 29 Kenwood Park Road and later extended into no. 31. The homes were known respectively as Newstead and Longden. In 1969 the term

and concept of 'Rescue Homes' were abolished by the Children and Young Peoples Act and the homes were redesignated as 'Community Homes'.

In 1985 both Community Homes were closed by The Salvation Army ending a presence in Nether Edge of 70 years. Any information about them would be greatly appreciated and help our research into an aspect of Nether Edge history that is little known.





# Festival Reflections

*-Maggie Little, chair of the festival steering group*

How can I sum up ten days of fun and frantic activity? The second Nether Edge Festival contained over 50 events and whatever your age or interest there was an activity, a meal, a concert, a meeting or an exhibition for you to enjoy. The festival celebrated the talents and activities of Nether Edge people, both young and old, and from all parts of our community. Of course we had some visiting musicians and speakers but the greater part of it was conceived, planned and delivered by people living in Nether Edge – with local people using their own resources as we enjoyed ourselves together. Thank you to everyone who participated!

For people who enjoy food and drink there was the festival curry, dinner at Baldwin's Omega or Homemade by Thelma's, a ladies' afternoon tea with an Asian flavour, a beer walk and beer tasting. For sport lovers there was cricket, bowls, croquet and boxercise. Lovers of music had a choice of concerts at Café 9, the Merlin or the Bowling Club and book lovers could go to a book club, a words and music evening or a writing workshop. The festival ceilidh was fun for all. Woodcarving workshops, the Art on the Edge project and Street Art Day at Sheffield Antiques Quarter demonstrated our creative skills. Sounds of the Spirit, organised by the Interfaith Centre at Shirley House attracted a big audience, as did the meeting of Family Voice, a new group supporting parents with educational issues and the talks organised by our local history and wildlife groups. Children were featured in their own art exhibition and they enjoyed the finger-knitting workshop, the Fun Drum event and of course the Party in the Park. There were special events at the Lantern Theatre and the Magic Lantern Film Club and people of all ages enjoyed knitting and nattering, the CAMEO lunch and open days at both Southcroft and St Oswald's.

A new event, the Community Art and Craft Fair including the exhibition of old photos and maps of Nether Edge attracted a lot of interest and participation. The Fair was envisaged as a showcase for all the regular community and creative activities that happen in Nether Edge.

Even if you couldn't get to the events you must have noticed the yarnstorming – we decorated trees and buildings with knitted leaves to celebrate our trees. Throughout the week there were free opportunities to try yoga, massage and laser cutting and Kenwood Hotel offered a special festival tea and cake deal.



The regular Farmers' Market and the Party in the Park attracted many hundreds of people. We must have done something right because both days were blessed with warm sunshine which brought out the crowds. When we were planning the outdoor Party we could not have expected the lovely weather – in fact we were aware that holding an outdoor activity so late in the year might be a big risk! But all was well, the sun shone, the people came and a good time was had by very many.

These things don't happen by magic. As well as all the many people who organised individual events there were those who helped behind the scenes selling tickets, arranging venues, moving screens, running children's games etc. and I would particularly like to thank the steering group who worked so hard to make all this possible:

Chris Venables, David Pierce, Deni Ennals, Gareth Jones, Howard Fry, Jean Allen, John Haigh, Leanne Mallinder, Lyn Carruthers, Mark Doel, Mazhar Hussein, Nikki Bond, Richard Taylor, Steve Ojari.

Do you think we can manage it all over again next year?

## ***Festival Raffle - note from Gina Pierce:***

All the fabulous prizes from the Festival raffle have been claimed except for two. The lucky winners are Joan Parsons and Sheila McNally. We have been unable to contact either of them but they can claim their prizes by calling me on 0114 281 9414.



# Nether Edge Festival Photos



Art On The Edge



Children's Art



Community Art and Craft Fair



Asian Tea



# Friday 16th - Sunday 25th September 2016 -



Sounds of the Spirit



Fingerknitting



Woodworking



Boxercise



Baldwins Dinner



Ceilidh



## Friends of Brincliffe Edge Wood preparing for Spring 2017 - Ken Phillip



It has been back-to-work with a vengeance in the wood this Autumn. The Work Morning in September was a great success and the small group who could make it at that busy time did a terrific amount of work with the clearing of pathways, steps and removal of some "dens" near the privet archway. Later in the month a group of enthusiasts planted 100 wild daffodils, 100 wood, 100 English bluebells and 25 wild tulips in the course of a morning.

We had a presence at the Nether Edge Festival in the form of poems returned to the Wood (ie attached to the trees) after a creative writing workshop back in May. Also as part of the Festival, Adam gave a talk on the history of the Wood at the History Group talks' event in Kenwood Hall.

The October Work Morning was a very productive session. We concentrated on Needham's Field at the bottom of the eastern end of the Wood where some of the bramble in the meadow area needed to be controlled and the dried stems of the prolific cow parsley removed. There are geraniums and field scabious planted here so care was needed not to disturb these. Nick the Ranger brought along two Sheffield Council Volunteers and they pitched in after putting in a new post at the bottom of the Round Walk steps. What an excellent day. A big thank you to all who turned up and help beat Needham's Field into submission! The feel good factor was beautifully summed up by the wonderful sight of a man on the top path carrying home a pumpkin on his head. Priceless!

**Our final Volunteer Work Morning of 2016 is on Wednesday 9 November. See What's On for details.**



## Brincliffe's Annual Show - Bill Atherton

The Annual Brincliffe & Archer Lane Allotment society show was held on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Just early enough to have produce in our gardens but too late for the October edition of *EDGE*.



It has been a tricky year, with warm weather a rarity. The lateness of the season meant that there was uncertainty as to what might be available to show. But there were beautiful flowers and a very good level of competition in the tomato section.

The sunny start to Saturday morning was used enthusiastically by many gardeners. (Those who had heard the forecast!) The system of checking in your own produce prior to displaying is essential for the smooth running of a one-day event. Help was available if needed and it was great to have some new competitors and have them do well.

The varieties of things grown has changed and increased over the last 10 years. We do not see many chrysanthemums, people have not got the time. There are more interesting things to eat, like garlic and physalis. Our independent RHS qualified judge, who comes every year confirmed that the quality of our exhibits is as good as any other local show. We are not trying to rival Harrogate.

The 'domestic classes' were well represented. with the usual good turn out of victoria sponges. Strawberries were not easy this year and the most unusual 'alcoholic drink', sea buckthorn schnapps, was beaten into second place by a sloe gin.

Whilst the judging and other administration was proceeding a BBQ was set up under a gazebo just outside the door. Thanks to the two "volunteers" Dan & Geraldine who ran that for us, it was greatly appreciated. After the presentation of the prizes, the unclaimed produce was auctioned off. This raised over £60, twice as much as last year, which will go to a local food bank.

So why do we do it? We enjoy it! The whole event is the society's way of putting something back in to the local area. It is our major expenditure in the year and we hope to provide a forum for social interaction and mutual support. It is not Utopia but is literally a grass roots attempt at convincing the rest of the world that gardening is fun and good for you. The competition is treated with a dose of good humour and a "good time was had by all!"



## Commemorative Trees for Joan Flett and Peter Frost –Chris Venables

In mid-November commemorative trees will be planted in Chelsea Park in honour of 2 individuals who played a major part in NENG :

**Joan Flett**, Chairman of NENG (1976 & 2001-3), made a significant impact to the neighbourhood .

As a founding member of the Local History Section, formed in 1982, she was instrumental in co-writing a number of familiar local history books:

- Old Sharrow and Nether Edge in Photographs,
- The Story of the Workhouse and the Hospital at Nether Edge, followed by
- They Lived in Sharrow and Nether Edge, and
- Cherry Tree Hill and the Newbould Legacy.

In 2008, to celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NENG, a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Old Sharrow and Nether Edge in Photographs was produced with a preface by Joan.

All these books are still available from Steve's Nether Edge News shop and were of great help when the History Group was re-formed in 2012 and produced the set of Nether Edge History Walks currently on sale. John Baxendale describes Joan as *"one of the leading lights in the previous Nether Edge History Group... We owe a great deal to her work and her inspiration."*

Joan was also active in the Traditional Heritage Museum - the "Secret Museum" on Ecclesall Rd., established by Prof. John Widdowson and opened to the public in 1985. As well as material about domestic life and leisure, it featured workshops and *"basket makers, clog-makers, pawnbrokers, high-class grocers and a posh parlour with a small harmonium used in Ecclesall Parish Church until the 1970s."* On open days Joan was always there welcoming visitors and showing them the "shops" which had been re-created by Harry Pearson, Malcolm Weston and others. Sadly none of them are around now and due to structural issues the museum closed in 2011. The collections have been transferred to other agencies and their building (*below*) is up for sale.



Joan also ran the Luncheon Club at Shirley House for 30 years organising the food, entertainment and attendees. Sue Bolger remembers, *"I became a volunteer driver after moving to Sheffield, brought my youngest on the trips, and made a lot of friends. The luncheon club folded when the cooks became older and more tired than the dwindling attendees.. some were well over 80 yrs. Joan was much admired and sometimes frightened of...she ran a tight ship!"*



*NENG's 25th anniversary luncheon : 1998 with Joan Flett and Peter Frost in the centre front on the steps of the Nether Edge Bowling Club.*

**Peter Frost**, Chairman of NENG (1996 - 2001), oversaw the re-lighting of the gas lamps on Union Rd /Brincliffe Edge Rd and at Sharrowvale Rd /Cemetery Rd. In the 1990's, Peter and Joan spent many hours poring over Gleasons' planning applications as they sought to save the 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century parts of the Nether Edge Workhouse/ Hospital when the site was redeveloped. They both retired from NENG's committee in 2004 and died in 2014 and 2016 respectively.

It seems fitting that Peter's widow, Pam, and Joan's daughters, Jane & Lindsay, have decided to plant 2 new trees in Chelsea Park in memory of them both, close to the old carved owl which Shirley Meek oversaw and the bench which Joan spent some time organising in remembrance of Shirley and Geoffrey Meek. The planting is being organised by Angus Hunter who has said, *"I remember sharing the General Cemetery Gatehouse office with her on many a cold morning as she did her records. I would be happy to help plant a tree in her memory"*.

# TREES - THE CONTINUING CONTROVERSY

*We are aware that some Neng members think too much EDGE space has been given over to the trees issue. However it clearly remains high on the local agenda, as lists of trees to be felled are published and as Council / Amey crews start more substantive work in the area.*

*NENG's position has been reported in EDGE a number of times but we have always been open to contributions about the controversy. With that in mind we asked two local residents with strong feelings on each side of the debate to respond to the question: What does the recent High Court ruling mean for Nether Edge's trees? Viv Lockwood's response was included in October's EDGE. An alternative view is presented below.*

## **Helen McIlroy writes:**

Mr Dillner's case to the High Court hinged solely on whether the works constituted maintenance or construction. The ruling given was that maintenance works do not require an Environmental Impact Assessment, leaving our trees legally unprotected - being in a Conservation Area is irrelevant.

SCC/ Amey have just published felling lists for Nether Edge's lime avenues, excluding Psalter Lane and Montgomery Road: over 100 trees are condemned; Ladysmith Avenue will lose all but one of its limes.

Many studies around the world clearly demonstrate the huge health and environmental benefits of urban trees. Mature trees screen homes from noise and pollution; trees throughout this area offer protection to everyone from the pollution from Montgomery Road and Psalter Lane and from Abbeydale Road's heavy traffic.

Sheffield City Council's mantra that trees are felled as a 'last resort' is patently untrue; they have failed to reveal where their claimed engineering solutions have saved any trees. Surely it would be a PR coup if they could demonstrate any, so their silence in the face of repeated questioning throws doubt on their claims. They have consistently ignored Mr Dillner's invitation to publicly debate the issue, while the Arboricultural Association's recent conference heard a paper from a nationally recognised arborist - like many in the profession alarmed by what is happening here.

Even if they survive and become established the much vaunted 'replacement' trees with which SCC/Amey substitute mature trees are simply not adequate. Assertions that they are equally valuable in combatting pollution and flood risk are sheer nonsense, as is the argument that spending more to maintain trees drains Council resources from other areas, as the price of the PFI contract is fixed.

Amey is a profit-motivated company, whose work should receive more scrutiny than SCC is applying; in many cases mature healthy trees are being destroyed on spurious grounds to make Amey's work quicker, cheaper and more profitable than working around and maintaining them properly. Nobody denies that trees need maintenance and some may need to be replaced, but the scale of the projected felling should make us fear for the quality and character of our neighbourhood.

## **Some Things Never Change**

Found in previous Edge magazines:

May 1973 : Asked to define Nether Edge, interviewees almost unanimously said " It's where the trees start "  
Edge 1997 : And once more the plight of our highway trees was news. They are beautiful, they are useful, but they cause subsidence, and they are getting old. The Group then started a determined campaign to get the Council to undertake a planned replacement scheme.





# Crossword

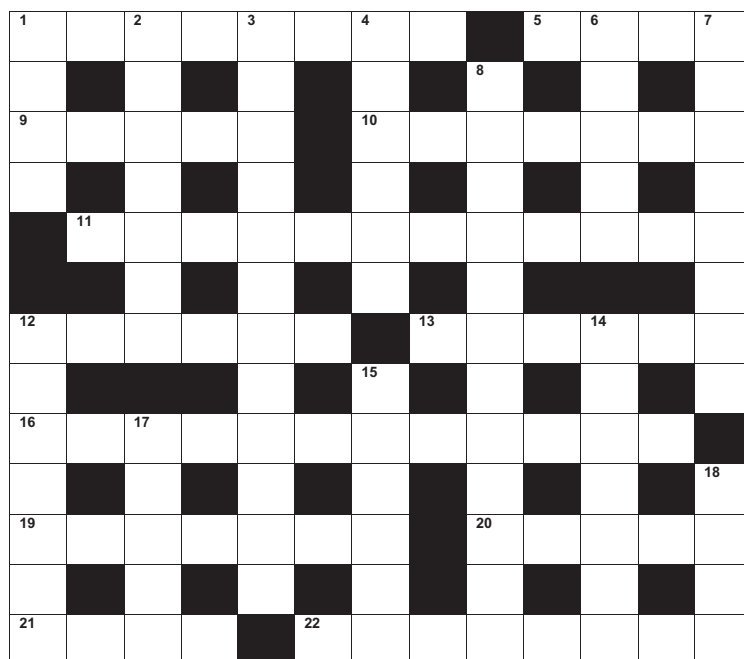
## SPRAT'S EIGHTY FIFTH CROSSWORD

### Across

1. Crested parrot (8)
5. King of Mercia – constructed an earthwork (4)
9. Brushwood or to rub vigorously (5)
10. Pithy saying (7)
11. Ornithology (12)
12. System of stars (6)
13. South American cat (6)
16. Without principles (12)
19. Overcome (7)
20. Below (5)
21. Energy and enthusiasm (4)
22. Highly favoured (4,4)

### Down

1. Small barrel (4)
2. Friendly fruit drink (7)
3. Able to use both hands equally well (12)
4. Dramatic works, which are sung (6)
6. Persian language (5)
7. Adjective, often applied to God (8)
8. Fish farming (12)
12. Painting technique, using opaque pigments, thickened with glue (7)
14. Place where clothes are washed (7)
15. Circling curve (6)
17. Father Christmas (5)
18. Having little or no rain (4)



Answers to crossword on page 14

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## Forthcoming Events

### Psalter Lane Lunch Club and CAMEO

at The Salvation Army, 12 Psalter Lane, S11 8YN. Tel. 0114 266 8127

We were very pleased to welcome a number of new people to our CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other) during the Nether Edge Festival Week.

Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesdays at 12.00noon for a wholesome lunch for just £3.50.

Following lunch you can stay for a variety of activities from 1-1.45pm

#### Coming up:

- 2nd November - Guy Fawkes,
- 9th November - Wartime sing-along,
- 16th November - The way we were (Mystery box)
- 23rd November - Chair-aerobics (Light exercise)
- 30th November - Making Christingles



### Music Festival 12<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> November

This year's Music Festival at St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church features world class performers with tickets as cheap as £5. Visit [www.samfest.uk](http://www.samfest.uk) for details. Opening on 12<sup>th</sup> November with a 'world music' weekend, the week closes with the Villiers Quartet just returning from their latest USA tour with the virtuoso Clarinetist Victoria Soames Samek (pictured). This is a festival where there is music that suits all tastes: come along and hear for yourself.

### AUTUMN CARNIVAL

Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> November 12noon – 6.30pm

Highfield Adventure Playground, Crowther Place, S7 1BJ

Celebrate the Autumn season with local music, food and family activities.

12 — 4pm: Free Family craft workshops- make amazing creations to light your way on the parade.

4 — 4:30pm: Parade around the park- with lanterns, lights & glow in the dark costumes! Bring what you have made in one of our workshops or what you have created at home to have a dance around Mount Pleasant Park and Vincent Road.

4:30 — 6:30pm: Food and Music- all located in the MUGA. Acts tbc, food from Jamaican, Asian and Mexican influences.

Free, all welcome.



#### Monthly Lunchtime Socials

#### Nosh & Natter

Friendly group open to all

Monday 14th November

At the Union Hotel

1 Union Rd, S11 9EF

Join us any time 12noon – 2.30pm

Enjoy chatting? Like meeting new people?

Bring a friend. Everyone welcome

Contact: Chris Venables tel. 255 0805



### "Movember" Returns To the Union



Sat 26th November  
7pm Onwards

Raffle, Auction,  
Fancy Dress in aid of  
Weston Park Hospital  
£26,000 given to date.  
Help Gareth reach £30,000  
Donations/Prizes welcome

### Bonfire Night

**CHELSEA PARK**  
SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

ORGANISED & FUNDED BY  
**72ND ST. ANDREW'S SCOUTS**  
PROCEEDS TO THE SCOUT GROUP & OTHER LOCAL CHARITIES

**REFRESHMENTS 5:00PM**  
**BONFIRE 6:00PM**  
**FIREWORKS 6:45PM**

**FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY PLEASE DON'T  
BRING SPARKLERS OR FIREWORKS**

PLEASE BRING WOOD TO THE PARK ON THE DAY BEFORE 3PM  
OR CONTACT JED 07767307023 JED@TRIBEKA.CO.UK  
WE CAN'T GUARANTEE COLLECTION BUT WE'LL TRY OUR BEST  
DONATIONS FOR COLLECTION ARE APPRECIATED  
WE CAN'T ACCEPT CONIFER OR HEDGE TRIMMINGS

#### ANSWERS SPRAT'S EIGHTY FIFTH CROSSWORD

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## What's On events in and around Nether Edge in November

**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

**Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.6.00-8.00pm Nether Edge History Group Open Meeting** at the Union Pub. Lively and informal exploration of various topics of interest. All welcome.

**Wed. 2 Nov. 7.30-9.30pm Friends of Porter Valley AGM** with “Woodland Heritage and Ancient Trees” talk by Dr Ian Rotherham of Sheffield Hallam University, at Bents Green Methodist Church, Ringinglow Road. All welcome.

**Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 7.30pm “The House Behind The Lines”** at the Lantern Theatre. A new play by the Buglight Theatre that explores the hidden history of sex workers on the Western Front in WW1. Tel. 255 1776 [www.lanterntheatre.org.uk](http://www.lanterntheatre.org.uk)

**Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.30am – 12.30pm Walk to the Alpaca Farm at Porter Clough** led by the Friends of Porter Valley. A gentle walk up the valley starting and finishing at Forge Dam Cafe.

**Sat. 5 Nov 12noon – 6.30pm Autumn Carnival** at Highfield Playground, Crother Place, S7 1BJ. Family activities, food and music.

**Sat. 5 Nov. Chelsea Park Bonfire and Firework Display** with food from 5pm, Bonfire lit 6pm, Fireworks 6.45pm.

**Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2pm Historical Tour** of the Sheffield General Cemetery and its residents, starting from the Gatehouse at the end of Cemetery Ave, off Ecclesall Rd. Free but £3 donation appreciated.

**Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. 11-4pm.Mums In Need Open Day** with stalls, talks and refreshments. Block C, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 2-10 Car Brook Hall, S9 2DB. £1 entrance.

**Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> – Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.30pm. New Writing Festival** at Lantern Theatre staged by the Dilys Guite Players. Showcases new plays from both local and international writers ranging from comedy to hard hitting drama.

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> – Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.30pm The Thrill of Love** (the story of Ruth Ellis) by Amanda Whittington presented by 53 Theatre Group at Library Theatre Tickets £9/£8 concessions. Tel 236 8378 [www.53theatregroup.co.uk](http://www.53theatregroup.co.uk)

**Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. Annual Christmas Market Day and Music at the Salvation Army Citadel** - Breakfast from 8.30am - 2.30pm; Market trading 10am-2.30pm; Santa is visiting 11am-1pm; musicians throughout the day inc. Clifford School Choir, Constance Grant Dancers and High Storrs Jazz Band; plus a bouncy castle, lots of games and wonderful stalls.

**Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.30am Killed in Action. Remembrance Sunday tour of General Cemetery** starting from the Gatehouse at the end of Cemetery Ave, featuring a two minute silence in recognition of the millions who died.

**Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. – Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.30pm “Dare Devil Rides To Jarama”** a new play by Neil Gore at the Lantern Theatre. Spain 1936 with rise of Fascism, this celebrates the contribution and sacrifice of the volunteer International Brigades with stirring contemporaneous songs, live music and poetry. Tickets £12/ £10/ £5.

**Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2.30pm – 4pm NENG's volunteers' tea at Nether Edge Bowling Club**, Nether Edge Rd with light refreshments. All welcome. Contact Gina Pierce Tel 0114 2819414. e-mail: [ginapierce@virginmedia.com](mailto:ginapierce@virginmedia.com)

**Sat. 26 Nov 7pm onwards “Movember” night at the Union Pub** with Raffle, Auction and Fancy Dress in aid of Weston Park Hospital.

**ADVANCE NOTICE: Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Nether Edge Xmas Market 11am – 3pm with Santa's Grotto**



## Party in the Park photos: 25th Sept. 2016

