

EDGE

NETHER EDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWSLETTER www.netheredge.org.uk
Company Limited by Guarantee No. 07414080
Individual views expressed are not necessarily those of the Group

October 2019

Registered Charity No. 1139239



THE CHELSEA ELM

As well as the beautiful Chelsea Elm, we hope you have seen the fantastic floral display at the traffic lights opposite Oxfam, lovingly tended by Gina and David Pierce on behalf of NENG

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 edition of EDGE was edited by Pat Rogers and Ken Lambert. The next edition of EDGE will be edited by the History Group. If you have any letters or prospective articles, please contact Chris Venables (chrisvenables@blueyonder.co.uk 07950 432487)

NENG Committee Members (* indicates Trustee / Director)(^{EB} indicates Editorial Board)

*Ken Lambert, Chair, Company Secretary; (Membership Secretary), 32 Thornsett Rd S71NB 07518 118789

kenlambert227@gmail.com

*Mazhar Hussein, Vice Chair; 28 Rundle Road S71NX, mazhar.ch@hotmail.com

*Howard Fry, Secretary, (Market), 20 Chelsea Road S119BR 07798 801670 nengsecretary@gmail.com

Mike Buckley, Treasurer, 29 Adelaide Road, S7 1SQ nengtreasurer@gmail.com.

*Richard Taylor, Festival Co-Chair; richardtaylor635@hotmail.com

*David Pierce^{EB}, (Market) 96 Montgomery Road S71LR. 0114 2819414 davidpierce96@icloud.com

*Nicky Erlen^{EB}, 52 Chelsea Road S119BR nickyerlen@gmail.com

Helen Willows, (Planning) 94 Montgomery Rd S71LR 0114 2552095 helandpete2@hotmail.com

John Austin. (History). 39 Meadowbank Avenue S71PB john.austin@btinternet.com

Ruth Bernard^{EB} 52 Meadowbank Avenue S71PB ruth.bernard52@btinternet.com

Kevin Hickey^{EB} 32 Edgebrook Road S71SG k.hickey10@icloud.com

Pat Rogers, Minutes Secretary, patirog@gmail.com

Ian Wilshaw 205 Bannerdale Road S119FB ianwilshaw@hotmail.com

Rosalind Watchorn, roswatchorn@hotmail.com

Kate West, familyvoicesheffield@gmail.com

Laura Fitzgerald, nengwebsite.editor@gmail.com. Although no longer a committee member, Laura has kindly agreed to continue as Website Manager pending a replacement being identified. *[Any volunteers please contact the Chair.](#)*

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:

Ken Lambert, Membership Secretary 32 Thornsett Road ken.lambert227@gmail.com

I wish to JOIN the Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group & receive the magazine EDGE by EMAIL*/HAND DELIVERED* (*Delete as appropriate)

Name _____

Address _____ Postcode _____

Tel. _____ Email _____

Your contact details will only be used in connection with your NENG membership.

Annual Subscriptions due **from 1st April** are £8 per household or organisation (£5 unwaged/concessions)

I enclose a completed Standing Order form (downloadable from www.netheredge.org.uk) or a cheque to the value of £_____ made out to 'NENG'

To pay by bank transfer, use sort code 30-97-51 A/c No 36208368 NENG and confirm by e-mail to Ken Lambert.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

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.

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).



EDITORIAL

This is the first time that Pat and Ken have edited EDGE, so please be kind in any feedback. Also, if anybody would like to try their hand/luck at editing EDGE, please contact the Editorial Board, who are always looking for new “blood” (not to mention sweat and tears).

We thought the cover photo of the beautiful Chelsea Elm on a warm sunny day represents everything that is good about Nether Edge – the unique environment and the people who work to preserve and improve it.

For this edition the general theme is groups and clubs that operate within or near Nether Edge. The articles show the diverse range of activities that bring the people of Nether Edge together; some calm and peaceful like doing craft work; others potentially noisy such as folk music; others again energetic such as bike riding (always challenging in Sheffield). We think that we have only scratched the surface of the groups and clubs out there, so if you would like to publicise your group or club, do send a note to the EDGE Editorial Board at nengeditorialboard@gmail.com

Aims of the Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group (NENG) 2019-2020

At the last meeting of the NENG management committee held on 23 July, it was agreed that the aims and objectives for 2019-2020 should be published in EDGE with a report back on progress at the Annual General Meeting.

NENG will continue to support the History Group, the Farmers Market, the Festival, Open Gardens, Friends of Brincliffe Edge Woods and the “pocket park” at Sharrow Head. All these have developed and thrived over the years. The success of these all rely on the time and energy of a dedicated band of volunteers, not forgetting also those who tramp the streets delivering copies of EDGE ten times a year.

Bearing in mind that any new activities need to have resources to carry them out, mostly in the form of volunteer time, the committee agreed the following new aims for 2019-2020:-

1. run a pilot scheme in a few streets where there are only a few EDGE subscribers/NENG members to see how we might best engage with the residents living there, with a view to running a scheme more widely after evaluation of the pilot results;
2. establish Friends of Chelsea Park as an active sub-group of NENG; and
3. raise awareness of NENG

Ken Lambert



SHEFFIELD AERO CLUB
Netherthorpe Aerodrome, Thorpe Salvin, Worksop, S80 3JQ

INTRODUCTORY FLIGHT
SUMMER SPECIAL OFFER
FLIGHTS FROM £50

FLIGHT OVER THE PEAK DISTRICT
BIRTHDAY SURPRISE OR SPECIAL OCCASION
CHATSWORTH HOUSE
LADYBOWER & DAMBUSTERS RUN

CALL 01909 475233

Craftaway



Craftaway is a friendly informal group of people who like to get together to make things. We are not experts but we enjoy being creative, chatting to others and sharing our work. We are also happy to pass on any skills we have, such as knitting, sewing or crocheting. We meet every Thursday between 1 and 3pm, though people are welcome to drop in at any time between those times. We meet in the café at Sharrow Old School in Vincent Road, by the junction of Sharrow Lane. There is limited free parking in the school playground or free parking on Vincent Road or South View Road. There is also covered bike parking in the school playground. The café provides cheap tasty food so we usually start by having lunch there before we begin our craft activities. Often that means that some of us arrive at 12.30 in order to have time to eat and craft.

Every year we have some input into Nether Edge festival. This year has been a fishy theme, thanks to Nether Edge Yarnstormers who created the mermaid installation at Café#9. We have also got involved with making fiddle mitts for people with dementia, knitting leaves for a local Wishing Tree project and decorating some of the trees of Nether Edge during the festival.

Although not strictly in Nether Edge, we feel part of the Nether Edge/Sharrow community and welcome opportunities to take part in local events. We welcome people from the local area and further afield. We want everyone to feel included, so age, gender, ethnicity and skill levels are not important. The café and toilets are on the ground floor so therefore easy to access for people with disabilities.

Please do give us a try. We really want to reach out to the local community and make people feel welcome and valued. If you want further information or just want to talk to me first, my phone number is 07986595894. We look forward to meeting you!

Fran Grace



Porter Valley Tour de Force

We are a friendly women's cycle club, with currently 20 members affiliated to Cycle UK. We set ourselves up in 2011, with invaluable help from Steve Marsden, then Sheffield Cyclists Touring Club (CTC) Cycle Champion, and Pam Walton from Pedal Ready, as a follow up from Cycle Confidence Training that Pedal Ready was providing in Endcliffe Park. Initially Porter Valley Bike 4 Fun, we changed our name following Le Grand Depart to Porter Valley Tour de Force, because we are! A lot of talking goes on, usually at the top of hills, and we can sort almost anything! Hence Tour de Force.

We meet every Tuesday at 10.15am (for 10.30 start) outside the cafe in Endcliffe Park. Several members come from Nether Edge. We usually ride up through the parks to Forge Dam, then decide which direction (and hills) we fancy that day. Sometimes it's the Mayfield Valley, Redmires, Lodge Moor, sometimes Whirlow Farm direction.

By 1pm to 1.30pm we're back at the cafe for lunch or home.

On the third Tuesday of each month we have a "Day Ride" which may start elsewhere and has been planned by one of our members. A good lunch stop is essential on these!

We have club meetings quarterly to plan Day Rides for the next months and the usual necessary club discussions. One of us will host these.

Occasionally we may decide we need some maintenance training. These were provided initially by Recycle, funded by CTC, and Pedal Ready. More recently Pam has also given us a couple of sessions of essential training on "How to deal with a Puncture".

We are a very friendly group of women, many of us hadn't cycled for many years before joining the club. We welcome new members, but do come and introduce yourself first outside the Endcliffe Park Cafe on any Tuesday (except 3rd) between 10.15 and 10.30.

Kate Rose



Save Nether Edge Trees (SNET) Group

Past - SNET was established in 2015, when the threat to Sheffield's street trees, from Amey and Sheffield Council, arrived in our own neighbourhood. At that point, it was just a small group of very dedicated individuals, who did their best to raise awareness in a very short space of time.

I became involved in early 2016, when the now famous 120 year old Chelsea Road elm tree was notified for felling. Interest in the campaign grew and grew that year. Two brave campaigners trying to protect the now sadly felled plane tree on Marden Road in November 2016 were the first arrests. These and the now infamous pre-dawn fellings and arrests on Rustlings Road two weeks later led to an explosion of outrage, and a surge in membership of the group.

From struggling to achieve 30 people at a Public Meeting in August of that year, we had gathered over 150 people in late November! We now have more than 500 members who receive the weekly update email I send, plus many more casual supporters. Our members have knocked on most doors in our area in relation to the campaign over the last 3 years, and whilst support does vary street by street, every street has over 50% support, and most are more than 80%.

The success of the group has been the genuine diversity of our supporters. Such is the range of skills and expertise. Some such as myself are good at administration, prioritisation, project management and communication. Others are time poor, but were willing to donate large sums of money, one person over £2000, to help fight the Council in court. Yet more were able to dedicate hours and hours of their time to standing on streets, answering emergency call outs in all weathers, protesting and preventing tree fellings. Some were even willing to risk their freedom, to challenge the law as it was presented to them, ultimately proving the Police and the Council wrong.

I'll never forget the freezing blizzards of "Beast from the East" in February 2018, on Thornsett Road, as 60 local residents from all backgrounds, including myself, used a range of perfectly legal tactics to outwit 30 Police, 20 Private Security Guards, and 15 Amey staff from 3 felling crews.

We would not have achieved our aims had it not been for this diversity. A true community, coming together, with a single common goal, to prevent the unnecessary felling of our local street trees.

Present - We have been hugely successful. Of the roughly 200 healthy street trees in our area that were formally threatened, more than 170 are still standing. We also know from the now published PFI contract obligations that around 700 of our 1400 local street trees would have been felled over the 25 year life of the contract, most of which would have been unnecessary.

The campaign is not over yet. Sheffield Council have still to formally sign off the simple Amey solutions that have recently been implemented to save most of the threatened trees. Plus there is still six months of work ahead of us, working with independent experts and the Council to draw up a long term street tree strategy for the city. This aims to further increase our street tree stock, including planting trees on roads which have never had street trees.

Future - We are also beginning to consider the longer term. We have clearly activated the energy and enthusiasm of hundreds of local people with an interest in nature and the environment. We have also become a true community of like-minded individuals, wanting to conserve and increase the special wildlife in the unique suburban environment of Nether Edge. So we will soon be consulting existing members about how the group might evolve in 2020 and beyond. Perhaps with a wider interest than just street trees? But still action focused, and willing to create a fuss if unnecessary bureaucracy gets in our way.

Let's see what the future holds. But in the present, let us thank all those amazing individuals in our very special local community, who have done so very much to protect our living urban heritage.

Paul Selby



Scrabble at Nether Edge Bowling Club

We meet every Thursday evening around 6.30pm and finish around 9.30pm. We try to play four games per session and play in pairs to international Scrabble rules. We are quite a small group and would welcome anyone who wants to improve their game, no matter what level they are starting from.

If you already play, especially on line on an official Scrabble site, you will be well aware that Scrabble is an international game, using international English and that 2 and 3 letter words such as Qi, Za, Zo and recently added Ze, are key to how well you can score. So, knowing the meaning of words is not what Scrabble is about, it's about being able to do anagrams, recognising when your rack includes letters useful for adding to words, like ING, RE and TION and knowing what words will and will not take an S. Some of our members are good at learning all these things, others at learning new words and remembering them. For myself, I can rarely do any of these things and mostly rely on my knowledge of spelling British English, guesswork or from repeatedly seeing a word played. So sometimes I win and, on about the same number of occasions, I lose. What I enjoy is the delight, and frustration, of the randomness which pulling seven tiles from a bag can bring. There is always a 50% element of chance in any game of Scrabble.

Like all clubs, we have some players who are very good, and indeed one of our ex members came second in the World Championships a few years ago. He visited us recently and beat us all by scoring over 500 points for all his games! Despite the slaughter, we all enjoyed the challenge and maybe learnt a few new words in the process. We are just simply decent club players who can occasionally shine but at other times struggle to get anywhere near a decent score of 300+ per game.

Whilst most of our members are mature but glad the grey cells are still working very well, we do have some younger members and welcome anyone of any age. Please don't be put off by what you think is your current lack of skill, we all started there and are very happy to share what we have learnt.

To find out more contact Helen Ward on 2587258.



St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Knit and Natter Group

The Knit and Natter Group meets every Monday morning between 10.00-12.00 in Room 1 at Shirley House, Psalter Lane. (Next to St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church.)

About 25 people attend the group with 10-15 being there most weeks. The group is primarily a fellowship group and is open to all. Tea, coffee and cake feature of course. A voluntary contribution can be made towards costs.

People knit, crochet, embroider, quilt, sew or just natter. We are happy to teach people new skills but are more than happy for people to just come and join in the social side of the group. There is no compulsion to be creative. People work on their own projects or knit for various charities we support. In the last year we have knitted or crocheted baby items for Baby Basics, a charity that supports new mums who struggle financially, made hats and mittens for Premature Baby Units and blankets and Worri Dolls for Haven House who support families affected by domestic violence.

Please pop in and meet us and have a coffee and cake.

Contact: Alison 2665638 alisonregg25@hotmail.com



**SHEFFIELD
FRUIT TREES**

We are Sheffield Fruit Trees. We grow chemical-free fruit trees suitable for a Northern climate, specialising in Sheffield varieties that you'll find nowhere else.

We believe in community collaboration. We offer workshops on grafting, pruning and tree care and offer support setting-up orchards to community groups.

For an edible future rooted in Sheffield.

sheffieldfruittrees@gmx.com @sheffieldfruittrees  

Scout Group

The 72nd Sheffield St Andrew's (Sharrow) Scout Group was re-constituted in 1948 and has been providing Scouting in Nether Edge ever since. We run three Sections for children and young people: Beavers 6 to 8 years, Cubs 8 to 10 1/2 and Scouts 10 to 14 years. We welcome boys and girls and have both in all three sections. We are a uniformed organisation and are proud of who we are and happy to project ourselves into the community as Scouts.

We are a not-for-profit organisation following the ethos and ideals of Scouting set out in 1907 by Lord Baden Powell and developed over the years into a worldwide organisation. We are a non-selective inclusive organisation offering young people and adults the opportunity to be involved in working together, learning a wide variety of outdoor skills, appreciating nature, team work and helping others. We teach and learn crafts, bush-craft skills, first aid; we camp and encourage an active healthy lifestyle that helps young people grow in a safe confident environment. Young people as well as adult volunteers benefit from their involvement in Scouting. We hear from employers and parents that Scouting helps young people grow and develop with a calmer, more practical and pragmatic approach to life. From old scouts we hear they remember activities and skills they have learnt all their lives.

We meet every Thursday during normal school-terms at St Andrew's Hall on St Andrew's Road between Clifford Road and Williamson Road. The times of our meetings are as follows: Beavers - 5.15 to 6.15pm, Cubs - 6.15 to 7.30pm and Scouts 7.30 to 9.30pm.

Our team of adult volunteers, supported by young leaders (14 to 18 year olds), plan and deliver inclusive balanced programmes for the young people. There is a blend of indoor and outdoor activities; some activities are physical, others more cerebral. We have charge-around-games and activities as well as quiet thinking activities. We work towards activity and challenge badges to reward and mark progress through the Scouting journey. Most of all we are about having fun.

We restart our Scouting year on 12th September and look forward to our annual community bonfire at Chelsea Park. This event, wholly organised, planned, funded and executed by the Scout Group for the benefit of the Nether Edge community has been running for many years. We acknowledge the support from Sheffield City Council for allowing us to use Chelsea Park for the weekend of the event, as well as NENG for their support. We recognise and appreciate the goodwill and patience of the neighbours to the park. We organise and run this event for three reasons:

It pulls together the whole Scout Group and the parents. Beavers, cubs and scouts have important roles before the day, on the day and importantly the following day to tidy up and put the park back to rights. It pulls everyone together as a big team.

It is a great community event. It is a public park and so we do not want to and cannot charge entry; we welcome everyone to share in a responsible way this family event. We lay on food, a great bonfire and spectacular fireworks - we're told that rival Don Valley!

It is the Scout Group's big fundraiser. The profit we make allows us to make donations to local causes but mainly funds our activities. It allows us to buy and maintain camping and outdoor equipment, it subsidises activities for the young people (such as indoor climbing or swimming), helps pay our rent for the Hall and keeps subs down for all members.

This year the Bonfire is on Saturday 2nd November.

I have mentioned that Scouting offers children and young people great opportunities... it also allows adults to experience and grow from their involvement in Scouting. We are looking for new Adult Volunteers to get involved with us. It doesn't matter if you do or do not have any previous scouting experience or even experience working with young people; what is important is a wish to do something and get involved. We provide a structured training programme and support. We have adults from all sorts of life and work backgrounds, with many different skills and experiences that crossover into scouting. You will be surprised what skills you already have that are great and valuable to us.



Contact Tim Major - Group Scout Leader on 07914450882 if you would like to get involved .

Nether Edge Folk Club

This folk music club meets every Wednesday 8.30 till 11.00 at Nether Edge Bowling Club. There is live music from local enthusiasts in the Folk/ Pop/ Rock/ Jazz/ Country fields. Any kind of performance, including Spoken Word is welcomed and nurtured.

Beginners are welcomed and encouraged. There is no admission charge but people attending contribute to a collection which is used to subsidise the appearance of professional guest artists every 4 or 5 weeks.

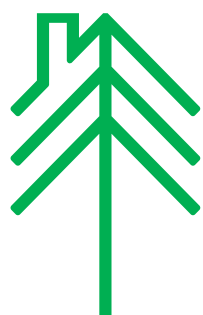
Recent guests have been The Hut People, The Bombadils (from Nova Scotia), Yan Tan Tether (from Otley) and on Oct 2, 2019 the guests will be Yorkshire folk band Roisin Ban.



Tickets for all guest appearances are available though the club website www.netheredgefolk.club or are available on club nights. The club often puts on an outdoor show in the summer at the time of the Nether Edge Market and several local bands who are connected with the club, played in the Bowling Club at the autumn market in September.

The club has a longish history and started out as a folk club back in 1976 at Minnie's pub in Stannington and via about 7 other venues, mainly in Sheffield 6, it was finally invited to take up residence at the Bowling Club in 2009.

Come along any Wednesday - you'll be very welcome.



Sheffield Sustainable Kitchens

Award-Winning

Quite simply, thoughtful design, quality materials, made to measure and built to last.

Let us help you create your perfect kitchen.

ssk.uk.com 0114 250 9078



Obituary Maurice William Wilkinson

23rd. January 1921 - 13th. August 2019

Maurice died peacefully at Kingfield Holt Care Home on August 13th. His funeral at Sheffield Cathedral was very well attended and reflected his very full and varied life. He was an active member of St. Andrew's Church here in Nether Edge until it was demolished. He wound up the clock in the church tower for many years. He had previously paid for its refurbishment and restoration. On the last day of service before the church was demolished, Maurice opened and drank champagne in the clock tower in fond farewell! The clock is now in the Dorchester Collection of Clocks, in Dorset. After this time he continued his worship at the cathedral.

Maurice served in the R.A.F during the war, however he never flew saying "If God had wanted me to fly, He would have given me wings".

Maurice ran a hotel for travelling salesmen and theatricals, initially with his parents and then alone. He was also the chef for some of the time and could boast of being able to make 28 different puddings on 28 consecutive days. The hotel was lit

by gas and was regularly serviced by a London firm of gas specialists; representatives of which were present at his funeral. Maurice was also a professional dancer and he sang and danced in the chorus of musicals, both in the West End and on tour around the country. Maurice was a committed Christian and when he could no longer attend services, communion would be taken to him by a member of the Cathedral clergy. We heard that a whole afternoon would have to be set aside for this as Maurice was likely to want to spend most of the time discussing the monarchy!

Maurice was a man with many interests and talents and made friends through these various connections. He was visited by many of these friends right up to the end of his days at Kingfield Holt and will be missed by even more.

Louise Lecutier



Hi ,

A big thank you from all at Twelvetrees

I would just like to say a big thank you from all at Twelvetrees for the lovely donation of £100 from your farmers market, and just to let you know that we have used it towards making our gardens look lovely by buying plants and bulbs which our residents have enjoyed planting and looking after. Our residents and families have expressed how nice the gardens are and have enjoyed sitting out. I have enclosed some pictures for you to see what we have done.

Many Thanks
Carole Miller.
Activities co-ordinator.



ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST CROSSWORD

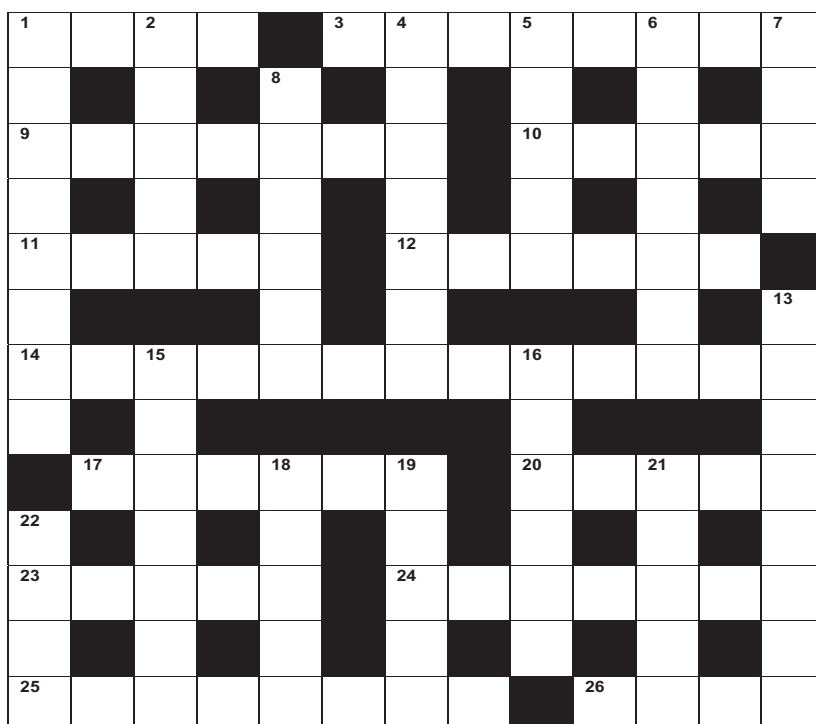
Across

1. Between John and Romans (4)
3. Non-native resident (8)
9. Higher ground (7)
10. Seaside golf course (5)
11. Australian wild dog (5)
12. Great comfort (6)
14. British butterfly (5,4,4)
17. Light-hearted romp (6)
20. Mother-of-pearl (5)
23. Greenfly (5)
24. Two-wheeled vehicle (7)
25. Diana Ross's group (8)
26. Guinea pig (4)

Down

1. Bridge carrying a water course (8)
2. Claw (5)
4. Type of pasta (13)
5. Sepals of a flower (5)
6. Crossbred dog (7)
7. Coarse file (4)
8. Free (6)
13. Burial ground (8)
15. The Hindenberg? (7)
16. Madness (6)
18. Cup-shaped spoon (5)
21. Flat-bottomed fishing vessel (5)
22. Sweet planet (4)

Answers to crossword p14



Become involved with EDGE – your local newspaper

If you would like to send a letter about the contents of Edge, or anything to do with the Nether Edge neighbourhood, please send it to nengeditorialboard@gmail.com. If you have an idea for an article, please let us know by contacting us at the same address.

Advertising in EDGE

If you would like to advertise in Edge, please contact us at the same email address. Charges are as follows:

EIGHTH PAGE : £20.00 QUARTER PAGE : 40.00
HALF PAGE : £80.00 FULL PAGE : £160
Reduction for advertising in 3 copies of Edge




Bannerdale Osteopaths
Sheffield's Leading Osteopath & Laser Healing Specialist.

“After being told the earliest appointment with an N H S physio would be 10 weeks away I followed the recommendation of family and friends and made an appointment with Steven. He listened to my problem then set to work. After only 2 sessions it began to feel better. ”

Jude, Happy Patient, 2019



Bannerdale Osteopaths, 5 Machon Bank Road
Nether Edge, Sheffield, S7 1PE

0114 419 0173 | www.bannerdaleosteopaths.com

The Tuesday Café at St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

The Tuesday Café is especially for people living with memory loss or dementia and their carers. It opened in March 2018. The café is open in the church foyer on Tuesday mornings between 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon. We try to remain open every Tuesday of the year (though we did have to close on Christmas Day which fell on a Tuesday in 2018!)

We offer hot drinks, biscuits and delicious home-made cakes made by church members. Most of the people who come enjoy the opportunity to get out, make new friends and have a chat. Two of our volunteers are qualified to offer hand massage, which has proved very popular, and other activities have included music and singing, puzzles designed to help keep the brain active, card making and art. There is no charge, but some people like to leave a donation.

We are also an information centre for "Playlists for Life", which helps people keep in touch with their memories through compiling a personal playlist of their particular favourite pieces of music.

All of our volunteers have received "Dementia Friends" training and one volunteer has professional training and many years experience of working with people living with dementia.

If you know anyone who might be interested, do please tell them about the café and encourage them to come along. Further information is available by telephoning the church office on 0114 2678289 and leaving a message for Judith Roberts.

EDGE Annual Subscriptions

Although the majority of annual subscriptions are due in April, for a variety of reasons, such as people being out when the EDGE distributor calls, not all subscriptions have yet been received. Subscriptions just about cover the cost of 10 copies of EDGE a year, so to avoid dipping into NENG reserves, paying your subscription now would be much appreciated. This can be done by cheque sent to Ken Lambert (contact details on page 2) or by bank transfer (account details on page 2) confirmed by email to Ken. If you are not sure if you have paid, please contact Ken.

Brentwood Tennis Club

Brentwood Tennis Club prides itself on being a friendly, family club providing opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to play, develop and enjoy tennis. The club is based on Brentwood Road, a turning near the top of Union Road.

The club very much wants to be part of the community and their coach goes into local schools, and various groups visit the club. In June the club raised over £12,000 for Cavendish Cancer Care - an amazing achievement for a small club.

For those new to the game the club offers Tennis Xpress, or for those who have played tennis before but would like a refresher there is Rusty Racquets. These are both evening sessions but the Senior Rusty Racquets meet on a Wednesday morning.

In addition, on Wednesday evenings, the club offers Cardio Tennis, which is for people of all fitness levels and tennis abilities. Newcomers and those who play at a high level enjoy a great workout to music, make new friends and enjoy tennis, all at the same time. There's also breakfast tennis on a Friday morning and of course, the juniors of all ages play on a Saturday and have an autumn tennis camp.

If you're interested in finding out more about what's available, please visit

www.brentwoodtennisclub.co.uk or www.benhowarthtenniscoaching.co.uk



Not Just Jam and Jerusalem

WINE (WI Nether Edge or Nether Edge Women's Institute) was established eight years ago and now has forty five members who meet at Nether Edge Social Club, on Moncrieffe Road, on the first Tuesday of every month.

We choose not to sing the WI anthem "Jerusalem" to open our meeting, which is probably a great relief to the club members enjoying a quiet drink in the bar below. Once the administration is out of the way, we enjoy the main event of the evening, listening to an interesting speaker or participating in some new experience or activity. This year these have included a fascinating and very popular forensics demonstration, having a go at making a sun-catcher in stained glass and participating in a Tai Chi workshop. The evening is usually rounded off with a raffle, refreshments and a catch-up with other members.

We also have a number of smaller groups, who meet throughout the month, including a Book Group, a Craft Group and, more recently, a Walking Group and a Walking Netball Group, and we are always open to suggestions from our members for activities we can share.

We run adhoc events, to raise funds, support local charities or organisations or just to have fun! Members and guests have spent a lovely afternoon in the company of Barnsley author, Milly Johnson, who regaled us with stories of her life and writing; we have visited Saltaire and also the Hat Museum in Stockport and a very creative day was spent producing fabric landscape collages. We are currently organising an afternoon with Jonathon Mosley, who will be demonstrating his renowned and fabulous floral artistry at Ecclesall Parish Hall on Saturday 5 October. See local posters and our Facebook page or email us (see below) for details and how to buy tickets for this event.

WINE is proud to be part of the Nether Edge Community and we will be running our popular cake stall (with WI Ecclesall Road) at the Nether Edge Festival again this year. Each year we support a local charity, chosen by members, and this year we are supporting LIGHT, who work to support the emotional well-being and mental health of mums and their families in Sheffield and beyond, during pregnancy, birth and afterwards

WINE membership is currently at capacity, but members come and go, so we have a waiting list and anyone interested in joining is welcome to come along to a meeting as a visitor, for a small fee.

To arrange a visit or if you have any other enquiry please email us at winetheredge@gmail.com

Wildlife in Nether Edge

This charming (although the cats don't think so) creature is a regular visitor to our garden on Thornsett Road. Just part of the varied wildlife that can be found in Nether Edge. As well as the more common birds, during winter and spring the (squirrel proof) bird feeder had regular visits by bullfinches and nuthatches.

I am sure that many of you reading this have lovely photos of wildlife that you have taken in Nether Edge, and it would be great if you could share these with readers of EDGE. So do send in your prize photos and any accompanying story (no cheating mind, they must have been taken in Nether Edge) to the editorial board at

nengeditorialboard@gmail.com

and we will look to publish a selection in future editions.

Ken Lambert



Family Voice is a Nether Edge based, not-for-profit social enterprise.

Our aim is for families to be happy & healthy, women to feel valued and their children to achieve their full potential at school.

We are looking for a female volunteer to help us in our English Conversation Class on Thursday mornings (term time only).

Teaching / training experience helpful but not essential. Patience, kindness and empathy a must!

All volunteers will be well supported and trained.

Please contact Kate on 07951510366 / familyvoicesheffield@gmail.com if you would like more information about this role.



Thought for the Month - Unity Brings Blessing

“Behold! How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” (Psalm 133v1)

So begins the 133rd Psalm. I’m sure that all of us have reflected at one time or other on the benefits of unity, whether it be the unity of purpose brought by leadership in the workplace, or by teamwork in sport, or simply in the harmony seen in a healthy marriage.

This psalm is thought to have been penned for King David as he finally succeeded in uniting the tribes of Israel as one nation. All of us desire unity but so often it is so elusive. Our country is currently divided over Brexit and as a result we feel a sense of national discomfort. We often feel powerless to bring about unity on such a large scale, but more locally we have the opportunity to make a difference.

In our own homes and families we have the power to hold out an attractive vision of what communal life can be. In a way that seems increasingly counter-cultural, I am striving to keep my family and faith-community centred on giving thanks to God around a regular rhythm of meal times each day, a rest day each week and festival time each season.

In our communities too we have a fabulous opportunity to seek peace and promote unity. I was really encouraged recently when members of the Mum’s United group in Sharrow responded to a spate of anti-social behaviour and drug-related crime with a ‘Walk for Peace’. This had the immediate effect of uniting the community around a common cause that everybody shared a heart for. Leaders from faith groups and non-faith groups alike, politicians and members of the public all came together to walk in solidarity and pray and speak against forces which seek to undermine our community.

The Sharrow and Nether Edge Festivals have also been a great highlight this year as they give us the opportunity to be together, to have fun together and show off our skills and wares. They are really important events in expressing our communal life, as we not only work together but also celebrate together. They are indeed good and pleasant places to be and where there is unity, blessings will flow!

Rev. Giles Holloway, King’s Centre

The Sharrow Experiment – an update

To my mind, nothing makes a district look more rundown and neglected than litter, fly-posting and graffiti. Please don’t confuse graffiti with Street Art. There was some wonderful art work on a gable end on Broadfield Road, with birds, insects and flowers. Sadly, some of the rendering has fallen away, but even before that it had been defaced by these graffiti numpties, with their meaningless squiggles and squirms. Don’t tell me they’re iconoclasts. They wouldn’t understand the word, let alone be able to spell it! Their efforts show all the artistic merit of a dog peeing on a lamp post!

There are thirteen businesses at the end of Wostenholm Road, and all have suffered from graffiti – some of it there for months, if not years. It struck me that the problem with graffiti is not that it appears, but that it remains. If it were removed straight away, then the area would retain its smart appearance. I approached the Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group with my idea, and they agreed to back me, not just with materials, but with actual practical help. I then approached the shopkeepers. It’s fair to say I got a mixed response. Some said, “It’ll only come back”, others said, “I’ve mean meaning to do something, but I haven’t got round to it”. One, I’m convinced, even thought I was running a protection racket! “Fifty quid a week, mate, and we’ll see your shop gets looked after. Otherwise . . .”. Once we’d convinced them that they didn’t have to do anything, and it wasn’t going to cost them, they all agreed to join in, albeit with reservations.

Thus it was that one Sunday morning in April, a group of us, including a Green councillor, and several NENG committee members set about removing the graffiti. It’s fair to say that we didn’t really know what we were doing, and we soon found out that some methods work better than others. However, we made a start, and over the past five months, we’ve persevered, and the area is now more or less graffiti free.

So, what has the experiment shown? Contrary to the pessimistic view, if you remove the graffiti, it doesn’t come back again the next day. Over the five months, we’ve only had one tag re-appear, and that was gone again the same day. It isn’t difficult to get rid of it. Now we’re set up, we can remove most of it there and then, and in the meantime, the place looks smarter. Our ultimate aim is that other areas will hear about our success and do something similar themselves. “Monkey see – Monkey do”. If you want to hear of my experiences, please feel free to contact me via the Neighbourhood Group.

You might think after all this that I want the culprits caught and punished. I don’t. I just want them to STOP! After all, it’s a very senseless and unrewarding hobby, and what’s more, it costs them money. Spray paint doesn’t come free! Wouldn’t they get more enjoyment from a pizza or a bag of chips!

Jack Massey



Global Heating and Nether Edge

The globe had its hottest June on record this year. It must have been very hot somewhere else, as it was cold here! The plane trees are still not liking it. I have been picking up new leaves as they have fallen off all summer. The leaf cover is much less dense than normal. The sycamore canopy struggles too. There are three sycamore trees outside our house. The canopy of one is almost normal, the second had spots of blue sky visible through the canopy of its crown and the third has half of the upper branches dead. Bits of bark are falling off the larger branches and small twigs are breaking off. Several things have changed. The water supply pipes have been repaired so they don't leak any more, as have the sewage pipes. Winter was very dry. Come April there was May blossom. Yes, that was four weeks early! But May arrived and was cold with only occasional rain. Our place in the rain shadow of the Pennines making itself obvious. We must reduce the amount of CO2 we produce. In March we had an air-source heat pump fitted to our house. This provides the central heating and hot water for the house. To be eligible for the grant the house must be properly insulated or it is not worth it. But as I have arranged to have my electricity provided from renewable energy my CO2 footprint has shrunk considerably. What else can we do? Well, water the saplings that have been planted. There is no funding for council workers to do that. We need to lobby our councillors to provide planned maintenance for the trees (not just jump when a complaint is received) asking for some of them to be pollarded or otherwise pruned. The trees need care just like everything else. Lobby our MP to get environmentally sound policies introduced. You are pushing against an open door. He is on side in this debate but the more requests he gets from his constituents the more power he has to effect change. If you have money to invest put it into renewable energy schemes. These reduce the amount of CO2 needed for energy generation. Any change made is started by some one, is that someone you?

Bill Atherton

A Message from South Yorkshire Police

Have you heard of the Herbert Protocol?

South Yorkshire Police use this protocol to help us locate missing people with dementia.

If you have friends or family who have dementia, please share this with their carers as it really can help.

The Herbert protocol is an information gathering tool. Essentially it is a form that you can download in your own time, complete in detail (without the stress that your relative is missing) and keep up to date. Then, should your relative go missing, you should ring 999, tell the operator that your relative has dementia, is missing and that you have a completed Herbert protocol form. The information will be used by officers to coordinate the search for your relative or friend.

Copies of the form can be downloaded at ;

<https://www.southyorks.police.uk/.../tell-u.../herbert-protocol/>

If you need us to post you a form as you do not have printing facilities then please email us at:

sheffieldsouthwestnhp@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Reporting a Crime:-

999 – Emergency

101 – Non Emergency

Report Online-

(SYP Website – follow the link to Report a Crime)

Crime Stoppers – 0800 555 111

SYP Alerts

The system is a free alerts system that sends you messages specific to where you live about local events, crime prevention advice and is a chance to have your say.

www.sypalerts.co.uk.

Follow your local team on

Sheffieldsouthwestnhp@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

@SheffSW_NHP

PCSO Sarah Hague

Crossword Answers

1	A	C	T	S		3	O	F	F	5	C	O	M	E	R
	Q		A		8	U		U			A		O		A
9	U	P	L	A	N	D	S			10	L	I	N	K	S
	A		O		L			I			Y		G		P
11	D	I	N	G	O			12	L	U	X	U	R	Y	
	U					C		L					E		13
14	C	H	A	L	K	H	I	L		16	L	B	L	U	E
	T		I							U					M
		17	F	R	O	L	I	C		20	N	A	C	R	E
22	M		S		A			O		A		O			T
23	A	P	H	I	D			24	B	I	C	Y	C	L	E
	R		I		L			L		Y			O		R
25	S	U	P	R	E	M	E	S			26	C	A	V	Y

What's on in and around Nether Edge 1st October- 3rd November 2019

Every Wednesday 8.30pm onwards, Nether Edge Folk Club meet at Nether Edge Bowling Club. S7 1RU.

Every Monday Heeley City Farm (excluding Bank Holidays) Walks for Wellbeing meet at 10.30am at Heeley Green Post Office on Gleadless Road. For more information 0114 303 9981 option 6 for Dawn or option 2 for Peter. Email: dawn.young@heeleyfarm.org or peter.syec@heeleyfarm.org.uk.

Thur 3rd Oct 7.30-9.00pm. Big Conversation open meeting with Paul Blomfield MP for Sheffield Central at the Nether Edge Bowling Club.

Thur 3rd Oct 7.00pm. Luke Daniels, a Celtic button accordion virtuoso performs at Café#9. S7 1RU Tickets £13.75. Tel 0114 258 1383. www.cafe9sheffield.co.uk.

Fri 4th Oct 7.30-10.30pm. Studio Electrophonique perform at the Lantern Theatre.S7 1NF. Tickets from Ticketsource. box office Wed & Fri 12.00-6.00pm Tel 0114 255 1776.

Fri 4th Oct 8.30pm. Polly Bolton and Magpies perform at the Nether Edge Bowling Club. www.netheredgefolk.club

Sat 5th Oct 8.00pm. The Antics, a Sheffield based award winning comedy troupe performing at the Lantern Theatre. Box office Wed & Fri 12.00-6.00pm:tel 0114 255 1776. Ticketsource.

Sun 6th Oct 7.00pm. Jonas & Jane play at Café#9. S7 1RU. Tickets £11. Tel 0114 258 1383. www.cafe9sheffield.co.uk.

Thur 10th Oct 7.00pm. Paul Handyside, a folk and roots singer songwriter performs at Café#9. S7 1RU. Tickets £11. Tel 0114 258 1383. www.cafe9sheffield.co.uk.

Sat 12th Oct 7.00pm. Sailing Stones, a Dublin-born singer songwriter performs at Café#9. S7 1RU Tickets £11. Tel 0114 258 1383. www.cafe9sheffield.co.uk.

Thurs 17th Oct 7.00pm. The Lydian Singers, a small choir made up of experienced local singers whose repertoire extends from the golden age of the English Madrigal to American musical ,perform in The Samuel Worth Chapel, Sheffield General Cemetery.S11 8NT. Tickets available via Eventbrite www.gencem.org/events.

Sat 19th Oct 3.00pm and Sun 20th Oct 11.30pm. Haunted Screenings have dared to return to The Samuel Worth Chapel, General Cemetery – Nostalgic film Club. Tickets available via Eventbrite www.gencem.org/events.

Saturday 19th Oct from 7.00 pm at St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church. **One Very Special Evening** with baritone Maxwell Thorpe and Special Guest Lindsay Dracass. Tickets £15 from <https://www.skiddle.com/whats-on/Sheffield/ST-ANDREWS-CHURCH/One-Evening-with-Maxwell-Thorpe/13633253/ewis>

Fri 25th Oct 8.30pm. Banter, performing at the Nether Edge Bowling Club. www.netheredgefolkclub.

Mon 28th Oct 7.00pm. Noel McKay/ Brennen Leigh, a Nashville Based song writing team perform at Café#9. S7 1RU.Tickets £13.75. Tel 0114 258 1383. www.cafe9sheffield.co.uk.

Wed 30th Oct. An Evening of Gothic & Ghosts with Northern Yarns in The Samuel Worth Chapel, General Cemetery. An evening of Gothic and Ghost stories on Halloween eve, join us if you dare, unsuitable for under 16's. Eventbrite, link for ticket booking coming soon.

Thurs 31st Oct 7. 00pm.Leadmill Cinematic Presents -The Omen at The Samuel Worth Chapel, General Cemetery. Full bar offering //Themed drinks//Pick and Mix//Snacks. Tickets extremely limited from leadmill.co.uk. www.gencem.org/events.

Thurs 31st Oct 11.00pm. Leadmill Cinematic Presents -Get Out at The Samuel Worth Chapel, General Cemetery. Full bar offering //Themed drinks//Pick and Mix//Snacks. Tickets extremely limited from leadmill.co.uk. www.gencem.org/events.

Thurs 31st Oct 10.00am-12.00pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm. Fun-packed, creative outdoor sessions in Ecclesall Woods. Join Growtheatre for Halloween in the woods...thrilling adventure, ghoulish games and creepy craft. Woodland Discovery Centre in Ecclesall Woods, Abbey Lane, Sheffield S7 2QZ.suitable for families with children of all ages, £5 per child. Booking essential. <http://www.growtheatre.org.uk>. For more details, contact Rachel Newman 07745 465 391 or rachel@growtheatre.org.uk.

Sat 2nd Nov Chelsea Park Bonfire and Fireworks display. Food served 5pm.Bonfire lit at 6pm.Fireworks 6.45pm. A free community event organised by 72nd (St Andrew's) Scout troop. Donations invited and welcomed in support of the Scouts and the execution of this very popular community event. Contact tmajor@hotmail.co.uk





Archer Lane Allotment Society 80th Anniversary Show

The job of turning the “Hut” where we sell things, into the “Pavilion” where we have the show, goes on for some time at a low key. Then there is a final push on the Wednesday evening when the regularly used kit is stashed away and the show set up. So it was all shining and decked with bunting for the bright morning that was 31st August.

It was a good turn out. More flowers than last year, stiff competition in amongst the dahlias, the flower classes, beans, potatoes and beetroot. Our RHS judge was surprised to see sweet peas at this time of year. He commented on the good quality of the exhibits. It was good to have new people joining in the competition. Mr Brew produced masses of high quality veg from his garden at home and won “Most Points in Show” by a tidy margin. He had over 90 and I came second with 71. (3 for a1st, 2 for 2nd & 1 for 3rd.) It was the year for the Millman family to shine.

Mr Millman got a silver medal for his apples, Mrs Millman got most points in the domestic class and their daughter won the most points in the novice section. So they all have silver trophies to polish this year! The entrants’ raffle gro-bag was won by Alice Rossi.

We all appreciated the BBQ run by Mac’s son Dan and the produce not reclaimed by the exhibitors was auctioned off at the end of proceedings. We all went home tired but happy after a successful day.

Bill Atherton.

