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

Please send signed forms to our Treasurer, Victoria Imeson.



# EDITORIAL It's over!

Although the Nether Edge Festival has finished, I hope that you will have made new friends and had the opportunity to meet up with many old ones. It was great to see the involvement of so many local businesses and to receive financial support from Rosalind Watchorn's Solicitors and Sheffield City Council's local Ward Pot. A&R Tradeprint and Evolution Print supported us by printing the flyers and brochures.

On the cover are photos taken at the festival's final event, a Party in the Park, which included for the first time a very popular dog show and rides on a pony and trap. Next month, as well as more stories uncovered by the Nether Edge History Group, we will include a collage of photos of many of the other festival events. Please send me any photos you would like to share. Anyone interested in getting involved with next year's festival, should contact Maggie Little email [maggielit@sky.com](mailto:maggielit@sky.com)

Elsewhere in the magazine, as well as local news, there are reports on Sheffield's very successful Heritage Open Days and the Sheffield Allotment Federation. Enjoy!

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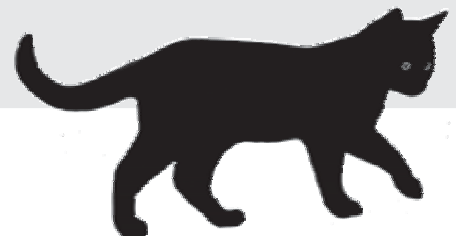
## Letters to the editor

Hi, I was wondering whether you would be interested in doing a piece in your magazine and also putting something on your website about a forthcoming delegation visit to Esteli, our twin town in Nicaragua since 1984.

The Sheffield Esteli Society is planning this two week trip for 15 - 20 interested people, to build on the already strong cultural/community/social development links that have been developed over the last 35 years. The two week trip is planned for summer 2018 and is a follow up to the very successful trip made in 2014 where our long standing friendship and cultural ties with this vibrant and progressive town in the north of the country were further deepened and strengthened.

It offers those participating the chance to see this beautiful country, learn about its history, culture and social development, stay with local families, participate in community events and develop links and collaborations with community and cooperative projects in a wide range of fields including health, education, photography, film making, music, crafts, art and mural painting. Each delegate on the trip will spend some time working with a particular project of their choice and be able to develop those links on their return should they wish to do so. I look forward to hearing from you and hopefully discussing this further. Kind regards Sarah

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## KEEP THE CAT INDOORS

Monday night 3rd of September, 10.30 p.m. I could hear a fox barking in the garden at Southcroft Flats on Psalter Lane. Thinking it was in trouble I looked through my patio window to see that it was just a fox barking at a cat. Opening the door to shoo the fox away, the cat ran and so did the fox. I tried to shout at it and threw stones but sorry to say I could not save the poor cat. It did not stand a chance when another fox came. So all I could do was to close the curtain and go to bed. The moral of this story is to keep your cat in at night please.

Barbara Barnsley.

## CHERRY TREE PUB SAVED – Viv Lockwood reports:

### There is some fresh news about the Cherry Tree pub on Carter Knowle Road.

As you may already know, the background to this is the difficulty the pub has faced over the last few years to attract custom under several landlords while to many seeming to be often under threat of a deliberate run-down by its pub-chain owners. There have been rumours of closure for some time. This in turn has led to a group of residents seeking to have the pub declared a "community asset".



A little while ago the Co-op applied for planning permission in the hope of turning the site into a convenience store. That application was turned down so the Co-op then took the decision to the appeal stage. That appeal has now been concluded and the appeal has been lost.

This is a victory for local residents who did not want to see the pub go and especially for the Carter Knowle and Millhouses Community Group which has been fighting hard to save it and, hopefully, have it become a Community Asset. For us in the Banner Cross Neighbourhood Group the decision is especially sweet. We remember our confrontation with the Co-op and its solicitor at the council's Licensing Panel when they applied to sell alcohol for almost the entire day from their store on Ecclesall Road at Greystones. It was the most unpleasant experience we have ever faced at an appeal.

We shall need to see what happens to the future of the pub but it at least is no longer under threat.

## LOCAL SNIPPETS – Chris Venables

### Note from Viv Lockwood:

We have just heard that the Cherry Tree Inn on Carter Knowle Road has received validation of its status as an Asset of Community Value.

With the winning of the planning appeal against the Co-op's application for it to be demolished and turned into a convenience store, this is a double victory for those who have fought to keep it open.

Congratulations to all those who were involved.

### The Psalter

The sign outside The Psalter on Psalter Lane says SOLD. I've been asking around for more details and people think that it is going to be revamped and re-run as a pub/hotel.

### Nether Edge Post Office

The Post Office counter is currently closed but should be reopening shortly.

### Banner Cross Methodist Church

A planning decision is pending following an application from the Banner Cross Methodist Church on Ecclesall Rd for permission to partially demolish and make internal and external alterations to their adjacent Sunday School so as to create 3 dwellings.

### Brincliffe Towers

And for those observant people who were wondering why vans were bringing rubbish to Brincliffe Towers:

Warp Films are currently working on a new production for Channel 4 filmed in and around Sheffield which will hopefully be aired in the New Year. Brincliffe Towers is being used for some before and after scenes which has meant bringing in some detritus and building materials which will soon be removed. They should have finished filming at Brincliffe Towers by the time you read this.

**Open Church:** St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church is open for viewing Monday - Friday during October from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm every day. All are welcome to pop in and see the beautiful New Creation Window.

### Mercia School : Open Events

Sat. & Sun. 7th & 8th Oct. 9.30am till 12 midday; Monday 9th 6pm – 8.30pm. Enquiries@merciaschool.com. Location: Mercia School, Carter Knowle Rd, S7 2EA. Opportunity to meet the staff and find out more about this exciting new school – opening September 2018 for children living in communities from Nether Edge to Meadowhead and out to Ringinglow.

**Nosh & Natter at the Union Hotel.** 9th October 12noon – 2.30pm.

Numbers attending this social event have reduced recently so, unless they increase, the group will fold in the New Year. Contact Chris Venables tel. 07950 432487 for more details.





# What's going on at Brincliffe House



Brincliffe House has gone through several phases of life since it was built in 1852. It started life as a domestic property owned by a series of wealthy industrialists. Between the 1970's and the early part of the 21st century the building was used by the National Health Service- but then lay abandoned and unused for many years until purchased by 'On the Brink' in November 2015.

'On the Brink' is a new cohousing group focussed on bringing the building back to its former domestic glory and establishing an intentional community in this wonderful neighbourhood.

What is cohousing? Cohousing brings together people with similar ideas and ideals who want to live together, share resources and tread as lightly as possible on the earth. The old building is being transformed into 12 lovely living units and there will also be shared communal areas and shared facilities such as a laundry, kitchen and wonderful outside space.

You can find out more about us if you visit our website: [www.onthebrink.community](http://www.onthebrink.community) or have a look at our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/otbcohouse/](https://www.facebook.com/otbcohouse/)

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## Amy Johnson by Paul Steele

A rainy day in Bridlington would seem an unlikely place to start a tale about one of the Twentieth Century's most inspirational women. None the less this is where I stumbled across the connection that linked Amy Johnson, the world famous aviatrix, to the leafy suburbs of Sheffield. Looking for somewhere dry to take the family we happened upon Sewerby Hall on Bridlington's north coast. It was there that an exhibition about the life and times of the famous flyer, was displaying an array of her personal items. Amid these was a framed letter to a friend, signed off from 3 Grange Crescent Road. For those unfamiliar, this is one of the Large Victorian Terraced Villas off Cemetery Road. Indeed the front door is barely 10 yards from the upper entrance to the General Cemetery.

After some research, aided by the University of Sheffield Archivist, I was able to confirm that this was the abode of Amy for the duration of her 3 year tenure while undertaking a degree. Born in Hull in 1903, the eldest of 4 girls to a family connected to the fishing industry, she was one of the first women to be accepted into the University of Sheffield, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics in the early 1920's.

If this seemed pioneering for its time, it was small beer compared to her achievements over the next 2 decades. A love affair took her to London, where she became interested in flying, having taken a bus in an idle moment to Stag Lane Aerodrome in North London. She was hooked, and continued to spend most of her spare time at the Aerodrome. Supporting her passion for flight she worked as a secretary and received assistance from her father to enable her to gain the qualifications to become a pilot. Not one to do things by half measures, in 1929 she had also gained qualifications as an aero mechanic, a skill she would put to good use in her coming adventures.

The purchase of a Gypsy Moth plane was soon to follow. It was in this contraption, named Jason, she set off from Croydon on May 5th 1930. Arriving on May 24th in



Australia's Northern Territory, she received a rapturous reception from a huge crowd gathered to witness the historic event. An incredible feat in what was essentially a wood and canvas framed plane that was even at the time outdated technology. To top it all she crashed on her arrival in Darwin. Mostly unscathed she went on to achieve further worldwide fame in the 1930's for her completion of many other long distance flights, often setting time records to boot.

She worked for the Air Transport Auxiliary during the Second World War and sadly lost her life on January 5th 1941. Mystery surrounds the cause of her crash into the Thames Estuary. Some speculate it was bad weather, others think it was the result of "friendly fire". None the less she perished transporting a plane from Blackpool to Abingdon. She was certainly well off course and although spotted in the water by a nearby boat her body was never recovered.

She crammed a lot into her short life, and it is nice to think that Sheffield was formative in the moulding of this remarkable woman in some small part. She could have wandered down Psalter Lane, popped into The Stag for a drink with friends. Who knows? None the less it is fun to imagine her in our patch.

If you do get the time I heartily recommend you search online for footage of her trip to Australia. It is fantastic to see Amy's arrival and interview. She was truly a woman ahead of her time and an inspiration to others.

## Lantern Theatre's New Writing Festival 2017

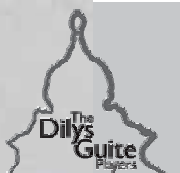
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The New Writing Festival is a popular, annual event in which the Dilys Guite Players perform brand new short pieces written primarily by members of the group. In recent years, overseas writers have also submitted entries and this year one of the successful scripts comes to our stage from the USA.

As this is the DGP's 60th Anniversary year, the New Writing Festival 2017 is over two months. This gives as many writers as possible the opportunity to have their work performed for the first time.

**Tickets £7 (booking fees may apply)**

Newsletter offer: use discount NWFEST17 online when booking to receive an extra £1 off each ticket





## ST ANDREW'S MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017 at St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Ray Kohn

This year's Music Festival continues to showcase outstanding local musicians as well as featuring a number of international stars. After a survey of local residents undertaken with the help of Nether Edge Primary school, requests included 'more children singing' and 'more world music'. So this year we have the Sheffield Young Singers on Thursday 16th November directed by Helen Cowen singing part of Britten's Ceremony of Carols and songs celebrating why Sheffield is a great place to live in, and a concert of Chinese music on Saturday 11th November.



The Chinese music concert brings together Shu Jiang and Wenyi. Shu, who lives in Sheffield, would have performed in the 2016 festival but Brexit intervened. The Borders Agency was overwhelmed with applications just as she was due to return from visiting her mother in China. The delay led to the cancellation of her concert. So this year she will perform with Wenyi who will fly in from China especially to play with Shu. Wenyi is much in demand after winning the Gold Medal in one of China's leading music competition.

The Allegri String Quartet are the most famous British quartet. Performing since 1953 they have championed many British composers including Benjamin Britten, Michael Tippett and James MacMillan. They will premiere the 19th quartet by the Sheffield composer, Ray Kohn. But it is their playing of Beethoven that has won them double 5 star reviews and disc of the month accolade from the BBC Music Magazine. On Saturday 18th November they will be concluding their concert with one of Beethoven's final quartets. His opus 132 is one of the greatest classical works ever written and the Allegris are looking forward to bringing it to St Andrew's as their leader, Martyn Jackson, has already performed here two years ago and loves the church's chamber music acoustic as well as the wonderfully appreciative audience.



The well-known singer songwriter, Neil McSweeney will perform on Sunday 12th November and the engaging Dodworth Colliery Band will appear on Tuesday 14th. As usual the festival will include performances by the young players of the Sheffield Music Academy on Friday 17th.



The whole festival will kick off on Friday 10th with the newly formed Hecla ensemble – high quality local musicians who have come together to present popular works in orchestrations for a smaller ensemble. The festival will end on Sunday 19th with the return of the attractive Gjylaci brothers who have commissioned new pieces for guitar and violin.

All the details of the concerts can be found on [www.samfest.uk](http://www.samfest.uk) from where the full festival brochure can be downloaded and where discounted online tickets can be purchased. Tickets can also be purchased at the door





# This year's allotment show -Bill Atherton



The 77th show of the Brincliffe & Archer Lane Allotment society was held in the 'Pavilion' on the beautifully sunny day that was the 2nd of September this year. It has only missed one year since 1939 and that was 2012 when we and the Yorkshire Show were washed out by heavy rain. The competition is strong but not fierce. Help was given to all who asked for it. Whether it was "How do I do this?" or "Can you show me which beans look good to you?"



There were approximately the same number of entrants as last year, 23. But the cast list has changed slightly. The classes with most entries in them this year were potatoes, tomatoes and apples. The number of exhibits was down a little in the horticultural sections but this was off set by the increase in the domestic classes. (What is not to like about more cakes?) This year's most atypical entry was "Pine nut vodka", a recipe from Omsk.



Mr Brew won the trophy for 'Most points in the show' (63); I came second (48). For winning you get to hold the 3 handled, 3-pint trophy for a year.

The runner up gets the same deal but with a 2 handled cup the size of a teacup! A 'must try harder' kind of incentive.

The rest of the field were not far behind this year with 3 scoring over 40 points.

Let me explain: You get 3 points for a 1st, 2 for 2nd and 1 for 3rd. All these are added to give a grand total. We must try to make some of the flower exhibit rules less arcane. I am sure this will get us more entries in those classes next year.

The most enthusiastic winner was the girl who won 'Most points in the novice classes'. She was literally bouncing up and down with glee and had a smile from ear to ear. Well done 8 year old Evie Millman! My grandson fell asleep in the pushchair just before he got to the show and slept through it all. Even the enticing smells from the BBQ didn't wake him. The gazebo worked as a sunshade this year.



So we are back to the drawing board for next year's show. It will be on 1st Sept, the Saturday after the Bank Holiday, just as this year. The judges are booked. So look in the seed catalogues for plants that do well in shows. (One of my mistakes this year was to choose 'Heritage' varieties. The RHS qualified judge gives us leeway but has precise standards.)

## Autumn Lantern Carnival Saturday 4th November

Highfield Adventure Playground,  
Mount Pleasant Park,  
Crowther Place, S7 1BJ



Free autumn Lantern making workshop 3-5pm. Parade 5.30pm, followed by music, performers and food until 8pm.

## Friend or foe – Chris Venables

### The owl and the jay. What did they say?

Thanks Nicky for this photo taken in her Chelsea Rd garden.

At the start of the Nether Edge Festival, Jim (SCC Ecologist) and his son who likes climbing helped me put up some yarnstorming ,which my Brownie Pack had made, in a tree in Chelsea Park – as you would!

We started talking and he said that his specialism was birds, in particular tawny owls. He doesn't know of a city with as many tawnies as Sheffield. He says this is because we have so many trees. Owls don't fly far. They make short journeys between trees and then wait until their prey appears for them to pounce on. He's obviously very concerned about the tree felling as he thinks it will reduce the number of places the owls can live in and fly between. When I said I've been hearing them a lot recently, he said that this will continue for the next couple of weeks. It is because adult owls are telling this year's juveniles that they aren't welcome and that they must go and find their own patch.

Jack Massey subsequently confirmed this and said that the problem with naturally occurring nesting sites is that "once a leaf blows into it, it never blows out again, so they quite quickly fill up. This is why they take readily to nest boxes". He then kindly offered to help the Brownies make an owl's nest box as a future project!



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## Sheffield Heritage Open Days 2017 Margaret and John Blenkinsopp



This year there were over 120 events listed in Sheffield's Heritage Open Days booklet, with even more diversity: from crucible steel works, up close watching a blacksmith make items, walks, places of interest, talks, bike rides and churches. These events happen because so many volunteers are willing to give their time and energy to organise and promote their events.

Once again the Nether Edge History Group and the Friends of Brincliffe Woods had a successful walk attracting a large group of people for their walk looking at the geology of Brincliffe and recognising Brincliffe Blue, which I later spotted whilst doing a guided walk around Ecclesall Churchyard.

The King's Centre on Union Rd. opened for the first time and had many visitors who were able to explore the history behind the building. An interesting insight was finding out that one of the King's Centre's original benefactors, George Bassett, entertained Ulysses S Grant [the 18<sup>th</sup> US President] whilst he was Mayor of Sheffield in 1877.

The Lantern Theatre opened and was pleased with the number of people visiting. Many people attended Ruth Morgan's walk, learning about the people who lived on Psalter Lane, and we saw the beautiful stained glass New Creation Window in St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church.



Having passed by the Electric Works (opposite the railway station) on many occasions, it was amazing to see friends use their helter-skelter [designed for staff to use instead of the lift!]

Sunday afternoon was spent with a knowledgeable young architect who showed us buildings created by the architects Flocton and Partners. This included King Edward's School, the Mappin Gallery, parts of the University of Sheffield, Glossop Road Baths, The Sheffield Waterworks Company and Laycock House. William Flockton also designed the Union Road Workhouse and George Wolstenholm's Kenwood.

As with every year we have learnt so much about Sheffield, its people and its past by getting involved with HODs and visiting so many interesting places. So make a note in your diary for next year: 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September Heritage Open Days 2018.



### 'Sheffield Swirlers' square dancing club\*

welcomes all ages, genders and abilities, couples or singles to sample a free evening, with refreshments, participating in this easy and enjoyable dancing style. The session will be held at Ecclesall Parish Hall, Ringinglow Rd, S11 7PP on Monday 2nd October 7.30 to 10.00pm. No previous dancing experience needed. Just come along and give it a go. Contact Angela 0114 2818857.

*\*Square Dancing involves 4 couples in a square, walking a pattern of moves called out, to musical accompaniment. It is not difficult to learn the moves and is sociable, fun and good for keeping both mentally and physically active.*

## THE BIG CONVERSATION

**Thursday 5th October**  
7.30 – 9pm

in the Nether Edge Bowling Club,  
8 Nether Edge Rd.

Public meeting with Paul Blomfield MP.  
Opportunity to tell him what you think  
he should be prioritising in Parliament.

## Heritage Open Day Walk: The Woods and Quarries of Nether Edge and Brincliffe *Nicky Nield*

I was amazed to see the crowd of people gathered in the car park of Baldwin's Omega on 7<sup>th</sup> September to learn about quarrying and woodland in our area. Not a subject I had spent much time considering and which I now appreciate was a huge omission on my part. The Friends of Brincliffe Edge Wood and the Nether Edge History Group had gone to tremendous efforts to garner their most informative speakers to bring to life the intriguing history of each point of interest along the walk, from ancient times up to the present day.

The focal point was the Omega car park itself which I now know was an active sandstone quarry from the seventeenth century onwards providing mill stones, roof tiles and building material to the surrounding area. We were told of a horrible accident that had occurred there in the nineteenth century due to equipment failure leading to the death of one worker and serious injury of the other; the latter, despite a very gloomy prognosis, surviving and continuing to work in the quarry for several years. The quarry has now been substantially filled (to a depth of 20-30 feet) with only sections remaining visible. We moved on to the workers' cottages adjacent to the quarry which offered superior accommodation to that generally made available, as each house had its own private privy, the only drawback being that the privies were at each end of the alley making it a longish journey in the cold and dark for those living in the centre properties.

At the end of Quarry Lane we were shown an area of rock face where one could clearly see how the natural strata of the rock made it ideal for breaking into appropriate sizes for building material. These rock deposits, along with those forming each of the Peak District 'Edges' and which run practically to the city centre, were not formed by the ice age, but that the extremely cold temperatures during one of the ice ages would have led to the fracturing of the rocks creating the impressive formations for which the Peak District is so well known.

We went on to explore the other topic of the walk: woodland. The wood on Brincliffe Edge is not an ancient woodland but was planted in the early nineteenth century, most likely by the Murray family of Banner Cross Hall, who owned the western end of the Edge at the time. Other plots towards the eastern end were all privately owned until the early twentieth century when Sheffield City Council started buying up the land for use as allotments and as a recreational amenity. In Edwardian times a local resident Mr James Gould even created an enclosed 'Pleasure Garden' at the corner of Archer Lane, with woodland pathways and garden shrubs such as cherry laurel and mahonia. It is said that he charged a penny to stroll around it.



Before moving on to Chelsea Park we were kindly invited into the Brentwood Tennis Club where we were told about its history. At the turn of the twentieth century tennis clubs became very popular but with the outbreak of the First World War attracted criticism as harbouring indolence. This was abated by the offer of afternoon teas to injured servicemen who were brought to the Club via (unspecified) 'motorised transport' from the hospital in Broomhall. The Club is most fortunate to have a contemporaneous photograph and the members clearly had great fun dressing up earlier this year to exactly replicate the scene depicted in the photograph one hundred years earlier.

Once in Chelsea Park, another public space acquired in 1925 through the benevolence of a Nether Edge resident (Alderman Robert Styring), we were told of the history of Brincliffe Tower, the extent of its grounds, and its diverse owners and inhabitants over the years. We heard about Jason Thompson's owl/bat carving and admired the bench made by another local wood carver, Henk Littlewood, just one example of his work in the park.

Our return was along Chelsea Road which was formerly called Palmerston Road. There is a road sign superimposed over an earlier sign that clearly says Palmerston Road – but had I ever noticed it before? We had pointed out to us the first house believed to have had electricity in the area, the site of the Nether Edge equivalent of Bletchley Park and much more before returning to the Omega car park.

It was mentioned (it has to be said on more than one occasion) that more information about the sites visited could be found in the Nether Edge History Group's impending publication, *Aspects of Nether Edge* and I for one can't wait to get hold of a copy.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of those who worked so hard to put together such a stimulating afternoon, and thus making a contribution to Sheffield's status as a beacon for the rest of the country for the variety and citywide nature of its Heritage Open Days.

Note to self: take more notice of your surroundings, pre-order a copy of *Aspects of Nether Edge*.



## Sergeant Arnold Loosemore VC DCM 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment (Sheffield)



Arnold Loosemore was born on Dyson Lane and attended Clifford School. He was living at 1 Lescar Lane [near the Lescar pub] when he enlisted in January 1915 aged 19 years and 7 months. He was the only First World War soldier awarded the Victoria Cross who was born and died in Sheffield. He won the his VC, Britain's highest award for gallantry, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 1917 and 100 years later a VC Commemorative Paving Stone was unveiled at the City War Memorial in Barkers Pool.



Margaret Blenkinsopp

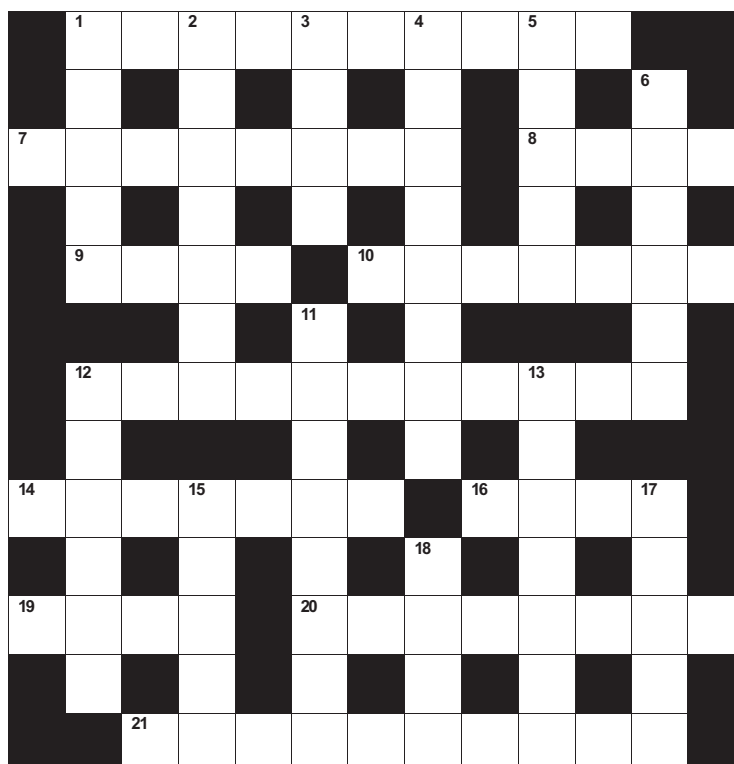
### SPRAT'S NINETY FIFTH CROSSWORD

#### Across

1. Car (10)
7. French policeman (8)
8. Lily (4)
9. Nautical greeting (4)
10. East African lingua franca (7)
12. Overnight railway carriage (8,3)
14. Small deer (7)
16. Fiery Eastern spirit (4)
19. Blue/green precious stone, said to be unlucky (4)
20. Scottish liqueur (8)
21. Alias (3,2,5)

#### Down

1. Cub scout leader (5)
2. Laval frog (7)
3. South American hare-like mammal (4)
4. Crusting around port bottles (8)
5. Small bottom-dwelling fresh water fish (5)
6. Little mester (6)
11. Excellent (8)
12. Angel (6)
13. North American reindeer (7)
15. Instrument (played by Casals, Du Pre and Lloyd Webber.) (7)
17. Could be made by 6D (5)
18. Umbrella (4)



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The name of the Sheffield Allotments Federation has changed through the years since its inception in 1917, but from quite early on it was generally referred to simply as 'the Federation'. The Federation played a pioneering role in establishing allotments for the unemployed during the depression of the 1930's. This scheme was quickly adopted by central government and became a national scheme eventually having 68,000 designated allotments for the unemployed in England and Wales. Sheffield also led the way in establishing rules and regulation for individual allotment site societies.



The promotion and protection of allotments in Sheffield has always been the primary aim of the Federation, together with the education of growers on how to improve their horticulture. In pursuit of the former, the Federation liaises quite closely with the Council Allotment Manager and with Councillors.

In this centenary year the Federation has a project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund to promote the growing of better crops through encouraging wildlife. Our sites are part of a patchwork of green spaces throughout the city that are very important to biodiversity. So it is important for us to understand how microorganisms in the soil are key to healthy plants and what to do about developing a good rich soil ecosystem, how to recognize and manage friends and foes among invertebrates and how to encourage and protect the predators that will control pests such as slugs and aphids.

Events related to this include a workshop on identifying invertebrates (plot holders only) and a talk by soil ecologist Dr Jill Edmondson on 17<sup>th</sup> October in the Quaker Meeting House (entry free to all gardeners but please contact [sheff.allot@gmail.com](mailto:sheff.allot@gmail.com) or phone 01142364813 to book). A short leaflet has been sent to all Council plot holders in Sheffield and there are two excellent short videos that can soon be seen on our website at <https://sa-federation.co.uk>

There is an imbalance in take-up of allotments across the city, with long waiting lists for sites in the 'posh' areas while plots lie empty and growing weeds in the less advantaged areas. I myself took a plot on the Manor site rather than wait 7 or 8 years to get one on Rustlings Road, my nearest site at the time. I have never regretted that decision.



**Quiz Night**  
With special guest quiz master Neil Craig  
as seen on University Challenge,  
*Fifteen to One and The Chase!*  
**When:** Saturday 14th October at 7.30pm  
**Where:** The King's Centre,  
Union Road, S11 9EH  
**Cost:** £5 per person  
Maximum of 8 people per team.  
Come as a team or join a team on the night.  
[info@baby-basics.org.uk](mailto:info@baby-basics.org.uk) / 0114 2507700

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## What's On in and around Nether Edge October 2017

7th – 28th Oct. Off the Shelf. One of the largest literary festivals in the UK. Packed with talks and readings and the biggest names in literature and arts. [www.offtheshelf.org.uk](http://www.offtheshelf.org.uk)

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

Every Wednesday, 8.30-11.00pm. Nether Edge Folk Club. Singer's night, Nether Edge Bowling Club. [www.netheredgefolk.club](http://www.netheredgefolk.club)  
Monthly Art Club for 11-16 year olds. Highfield Library, for more information phone 0114 2930018 or email : [highfield.library@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:highfield.library@sheffield.gov.uk)

Wed 4th Oct 7.30-10.30pm. Quiz night (every Wed night) Ben Eckersley will probe the depths of your brains in return for drink-based prizes. Regather, 57-59 Club Garden Rd, S11 8BU. Contact 273 1258. [www.regather.net](http://www.regather.net)

Wed 4th Oct 2pm. Macmillan Coffee Morning in Nether Edge School Hall. Everyone welcome. Tel. 255 0926.

Thur 5th Oct 7.00-10.30pm. Film Night-Sound and Light: King Caprice (Sensoria Festival). £8 contact 273 1258. [www.regather.net](http://www.regather.net)

Fri 6th Oct 7.30-10.30pm. The Lamplight Club – Thomas Leeb+Support. £10. A real guitar virtuoso, acclaimed internationally . Contact 273 1258. [www.regather.net](http://www.regather.net)

Fri 6th Oct 8.30pm . Anne Fotheringham –Carpenters Tribute Band, Nether Edge Bowling Club, Nether Edge Rd. Tickets phone Michelle 07742627839 or email [nedgebc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nedgebc@yahoo.co.uk).

Sat 7th Oct 6.15 – 7.45pm. Bat Walk starting from Forge Dam Cafe led by Dr Nicky Rivers of the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust. Using detection devices the various bats in the valley will be observed and identified. Participants are advised to bring a torch.

Sat 7th Oct 7.30-9.30pm. Marching on Embers a play directed by Ruth Carney, written by Chris O'Connor performed at the Lantern Theatre, Kenwood Park Rd, S7 1NF. Box office 0114 2551776.

Sun 8th Oct & 22nd Oct. 1-5pm. Abbeydale Miniature Railway, Abbeydale Rd South, S17 3LB. Directly opposite Amy's Yoga Studio. £1.50 per ride. A not-for-profit model engineering society run by volunteers.

Mon 9th Oct 12noon – 2.30pm. Nosh & Natter in the Union Hotel. All welcome.

Tues 10th Oct 6.30-8.30pm. Frontotemporal Dementia Carers Group, carers supporting carers. Community Room, Heeley City Farm.

Wed 11th Oct 9.30am - 12.00. Friends of Brincliffe Wood Volunteer Day. Meet at the top of Oak Hill Rd. Contact Ken Phillip email [phillipk@vip.solis.co.uk](mailto:phillipk@vip.solis.co.uk) or 07756891802 for details.

Thur 12th and 26th Oct. Knitting and craft group, held every fortnight on a Thursday. Community Room, Heeley Farm. Free.

Fri 13th Oct 7.30-11.00pm. The Bar Steward Sons of Val Doonican performing at the Lantern Theatre, S7 1NF.

Sat 14th Oct 1.30-3.30pm. Sheffield Comedy Festival – Danny Pensive (kids show matinee). Tickets £5 or £18 family ticket. Contact 273 1258. [www.regather.net](http://www.regather.net).

Sun 15th Oct 1-5pm. Apple and Pear Day in Meersbrook Park's Walled Garden, off Chesterfield Rd, S8 9FB. Bring your apples and make apple juice to share. Apple pies, apple cakes, apple jelly, teas and children's games.

Sat 21st Oct. 10am – 4pm. Design and Weave a scarf in a day! Held at the Exchange Place. S25 SZ. £50 per person. For further details. [www.janhawshandweaving.com](http://www.janhawshandweaving.com).

Sat 21st Oct 7.00-10.30pm. Sheffield Comedy Festival. Andrew O'Neil/Seymour Mace. Tickets £6. Contact 273 1258. [www.regather.net](http://www.regather.net).

Sun 22nd Oct 11am. Mushrooms & Toadstools. Ecologist Ziggy and fungi expert Steve Clements lead tour of the General Cemetery revealing an amazing display of fungi. This event starts at The Gatehouse, Cemetery Avenue, Sheffield S11 8NT

Wed 1st Nov 7pm - 9.30pm. Friends of Porter Valley AGM with talk "Our work on the Eastern and Burbage moors" by Danny Udall from the Eastern Moors Partnership. Bents Green Methodist Church Hall, Ringinglow Rd.

Sat 4th Nov 7pm. An Autumn Evening at St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church with performances by the choir and solo artists. Tickets incl. refreshments, £7 (adults), £5 (conc), £3 (children).

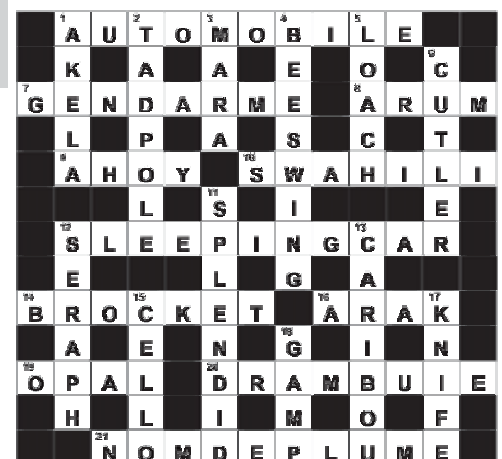
**Sat 4th Nov**

**Chelsea Park Bonfire and Firework display.**

**Food from 5pm, Bonfire lit 6pm,**

**Fireworks 6.45pm.**

**Community event organised and funded by the Scouts.**



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