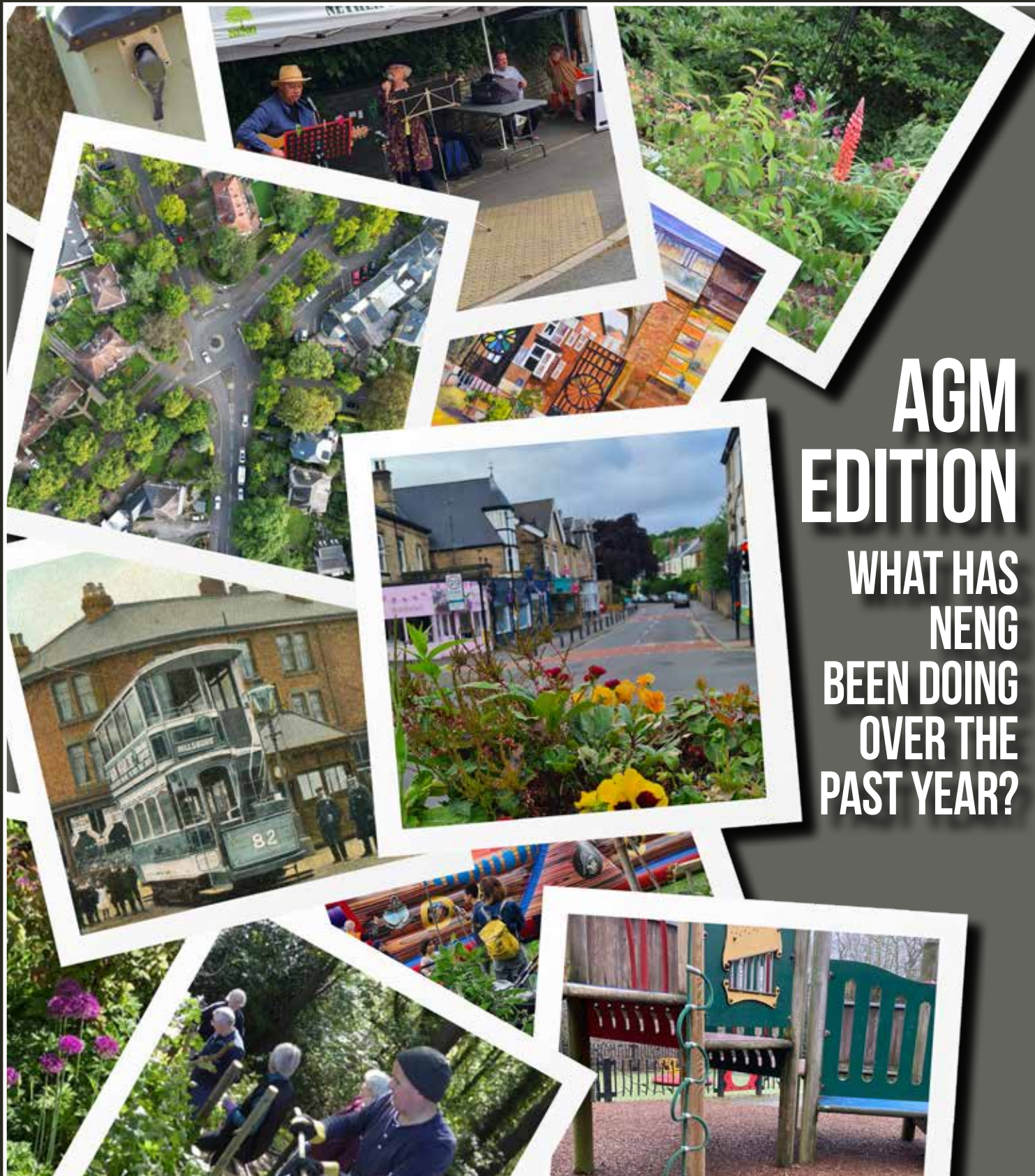




# Nether Edge Neighbourhood Newsletter

## March 2023



# AGM EDITION

# WHAT HAS NENG BEEN DOING OVER THE PAST YEAR?

**www.netheredge.org.uk**





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

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

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# **EDGE MARCH 2023**

This issue of EDGE was edited by Ken Lambert

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If you want to contribute to the April edition, please contact the EDGE Editorial Board – [nengeditorialboard@gmail.com](mailto:nengeditorialboard@gmail.com)

## **EDITORIAL**

### **Ken Lambert**

As a registered charity and company limited by guarantee, we are required (quite rightly) to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) that allows the officers and committee to explain what they have been doing over the year. It also allows members to learn and ask questions about the work and plans of the many sub groups.

As last year, the people who lead the activities in the sub groups will give a short presentation and answer any questions. For the first time since 2019 we will be able to hold a face to face meeting at the Nether Edge Bowling Club, where refreshments will be available and the members of the committee will be available for an informal chat before the meeting starts. I do encourage you to come and join us.

## **Overdue Subscriptions – Final reminder**

The February edition of EDGE pointed out that there are still many overdue subscriptions for 2022-23 and indeed quite a number of EDGE readers have not also paid their subscription for 2021-22. Thanks to the many of you who have since made a payment.

At the meeting held on 17 January, the Committee decided that NENG should stop delivering EDGE to readers with two year's subscriptions outstanding (that is, no payment made in 21-22 and 22-23). So if you wish to continue receiving a copy of EDGE, please pay promptly and before the end of March.

You can:-

- make a bank transfer into the NENG bank account (Sort code 30-97-51 A/C 36208368 A/C name NENG and your address as the reference);
- set up a standing order, using the above bank account details and your address as the reference; or
- send a cheque made out to NENG to Ken Lambert, 32 Thornsett Road, Sheffield S7 1NB making sure your address is enclosed, or even drop off cash with a note of your address.

For bank payments, please let me know by email ([ken.lambert227@gmail.com](mailto:ken.lambert227@gmail.com)), and using your address as the reference is important to help identify which record to update.

If you are not sure whether you have already paid or not, contact me at the above email address or phone 07518 118789

*Ken Lambert , NENG Chair and Membership Secretary*

**We always welcome new members, whether you want to catch up with local news, get involved in any of our groups, or just support our work. Membership costs £10 per year and you will receive ten editions of The Edge - the NENG newsletter.**

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# NETHER EDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Tuesday 21st March  
at Nether Edge Bowling Club, 8 Nether Edge Road

### AGENDA

7.00pm Welcome, introductions and conduct of the meeting

7.10pm Business:-

**Minutes of the last AGM** held on 30th March 2021

@ <http://www.netheredge.org.uk/neighbourhood-group/agm/>

#### Chair's Report

#### Financial Report

#### Reports by sub groups (see reports in this edition):-

- Farmers Market
- Festival (see report in November 2022 edition of EDGE)
- History Group
- EDGE Editorial Board
- Friends of Brincliffe Edge Wood
- Frog Walk Pocket Park
- Friends of Chelsea Park
- Open Gardens
- Art Group

#### Election of officers\*

\*Nominations for Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) should be sent to Howard Fry, NENG Secretary at [howard.fry@icloud.com](mailto:howard.fry@icloud.com) All nominations must include the names of a proposer and seconder and be accompanied by the nominee's declaration of their willingness to serve.

#### Open Forum – have your say

After concluding the formal business required for the Annual General Meeting, members are invited to remain and, in small "table groups", have a discussion and then report back on the following topics:-

- Is there anything that NENG should stop doing or do better?
- What should NENG be doing that it is not doing at present.
- Suggestion of events/activities etc. to mark the 50th anniversary of NENG.
- Anything else relevant to the objectives of NENG.

# Chair's report

**Ken Lambert**

I am looking forward to having the first face to face Annual General meeting since 2019, which does seem to be an age away. We were unable to hold an AGM in 2020 due to the prevailing Covid restrictions and in 2021 and 2022 held meetings using Zoom, which was effective in getting the required business done, but lacked the atmosphere of a group meeting together.

As it has not been straightforward to meet and speak with members, I would like to take the opportunity to listen to your views after the formal business of the AGM has finished, focusing on what you would like NENG to stop doing, or do better; anything you would like NENG to do that we are not doing now; suggestions for events and activities for the 50th anniversary of NENG; anything else you would like to raise that falls within the objectives of NENG.

Sub groups. The activities of all the sub groups and their plans for the future are set out in separate reports, which I commend to you. The Farmers Market has again proved very popular as were the host of activities put on during the Festival – I have never seen so many people at the Party in the Park.

NENG Committee. As noted in the Financial Report, Richard Taylor has very kindly taken on the role of Treasurer, supported by our new Finance Officer Terry Scully, who has certainly brought new rigour to financial reporting (not that we were ever slapdash!). Many thanks go to David O'Connell, whose tenure as "acting treasurer" lasted several years longer than he had originally intended, also to his able "assistant acting treasurer" Howard Fry.

#### Active Neighbourhood

The main issue that we have had to grapple with over the last months has been the so-called Nether Edge Active Neighbourhood. Many articles and letters have been published on the subject in EDGE, for, against and neutral. I make no apologies for the neutral stance taken by the NENG Committee, where there are also different opinions. Whilst neither supporting nor opposing the changes that have been carried out, the main concern that we have taken up with our local councillors is the very poor way in which the process has been handled, not least the lack of proper consultation about whether residents actually wanted an active neighbourhood in the first place, and the opaque way in which decisions have been made.

Thanks. Forgive me if I forget anybody or any group. So many people willingly give their time and expertise to keep the show on the road. The NENG committee continues to provide me with support, especially our indefatigable secretary Howard, and the stalwarts of the EDGE Editorial Board (Nicky, Ruth, Kevin, Stephen and Pat) and Doc, our always acting Treasurer. The sub group organisers and all the volunteers play a major role. Many thanks indeed to the distributors of the paper edition of EDGE. We had several vacancies during the year and I was overwhelmed by the responses of people who wanted to help. I must finally mention the stalwarts who risk life and limb putting up and taking down the Xmas trees at the Nether Edge crossroads. Every single one of you helps to make Nether Edge such a wonderful place to be.



# Financial report

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The appointment of Richard Taylor as Treasurer, supported by Finance Officer Terry Scully has enabled the Committee and Trustees to have a sharper day to day understanding of NENG's financial position. Of course the finances were always under control in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines and many thanks are due to David O'Connell, whose tenure as "acting treasurer" lasted nigh on four years. Thanks are also due to Howard Fry, who worked as David's "assistant" and to Tayab Fayaz, who produced our annual accounts for the last three years.

Below is the Profit and Loss statement for the financial year November 2021 to October 2022, which has yet to be audited by our new auditors Seven Hills Accountants (the Voluntary Action Sheffield community accountancy service has been closed, but the two community accountants there have set up their own company)

## Profit and Loss

November 2021 - October 2022

### Income

	TOTAL
Subscriptions	6,659
Advertising income	2,081
Market Stall Receipts	8,600
Donations	4,540
History Group Books	1,712
Festival Donations	10
Festival Income	1,184
Art Club Subscriptions	0
Fundraising Events	785
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£25,570</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>£25,570</b>

### Expenses

	TOTAL
Printing Edge Magazine	6,251
Direct Market Expenses	334
Festival General Expenses	1,157
Other History Group costs	69
Chelsea Park refurbishment costs	1,640
General Expenses	609
Room Hire	280
Insurance	488
Printing Festival Flyers & Brochure	1,900
Printing Market Flyers	162
Printing	192
Accountancy Fees	330
Bookkeeping	1,100
Software Subscriptions	270
Skip hire	762
Donations/Grants given	9,597
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£25,141</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>£429</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>£429</b>





# Farmers Market

Marion Gerson

In 2022 we've been able to have all four Farmers Markets with few restrictions other than the one we imposed after the pandemic of having stalls on just one side of Glen Road.

There are many consequences to our decision to continue with this. It's nicer for visitors not to have to squeeze down between the stalls and it allows people to see what each stall offers instead of being carried along by the crush. Because there are fewer stalls there's less competition for the traders who come, so they can generally make more sales. For instance in our first couple of markets, most cake stalls were startled to find that they completely ran out of all the stock they had brought well before closing time!

But on the downside, we have to turn away more people who would like to come and sell their wares. So, while our (modest) running costs have gone up a bit, our income has reduced considerably, which has lead to us having less to donate to the small local charities we support. Total donations this year were £6,900, down from £8,400 in 2019, the last year before the pandemic. So from March of this year we have increased the stall fees to £60 for food and drink stalls and £45 for everyone else. The increase will all go to the charities.

Recently we've been offering the opportunity of sharing space to some of our applicants and this has generally worked well. We're also moving stalls around much more, so if you don't find your favourite stall in its 'usual' place, it's worth looking around for them.

David Pierce has been Chair of the market committee from its inception and his steering of the operation has been invaluable, as has his compering of the entertainment and his role as Father Christmas. He's still on our committee but has stood down as Chair and reduced his input on the day. We are most grateful to him for everything he has achieved and wish him well.

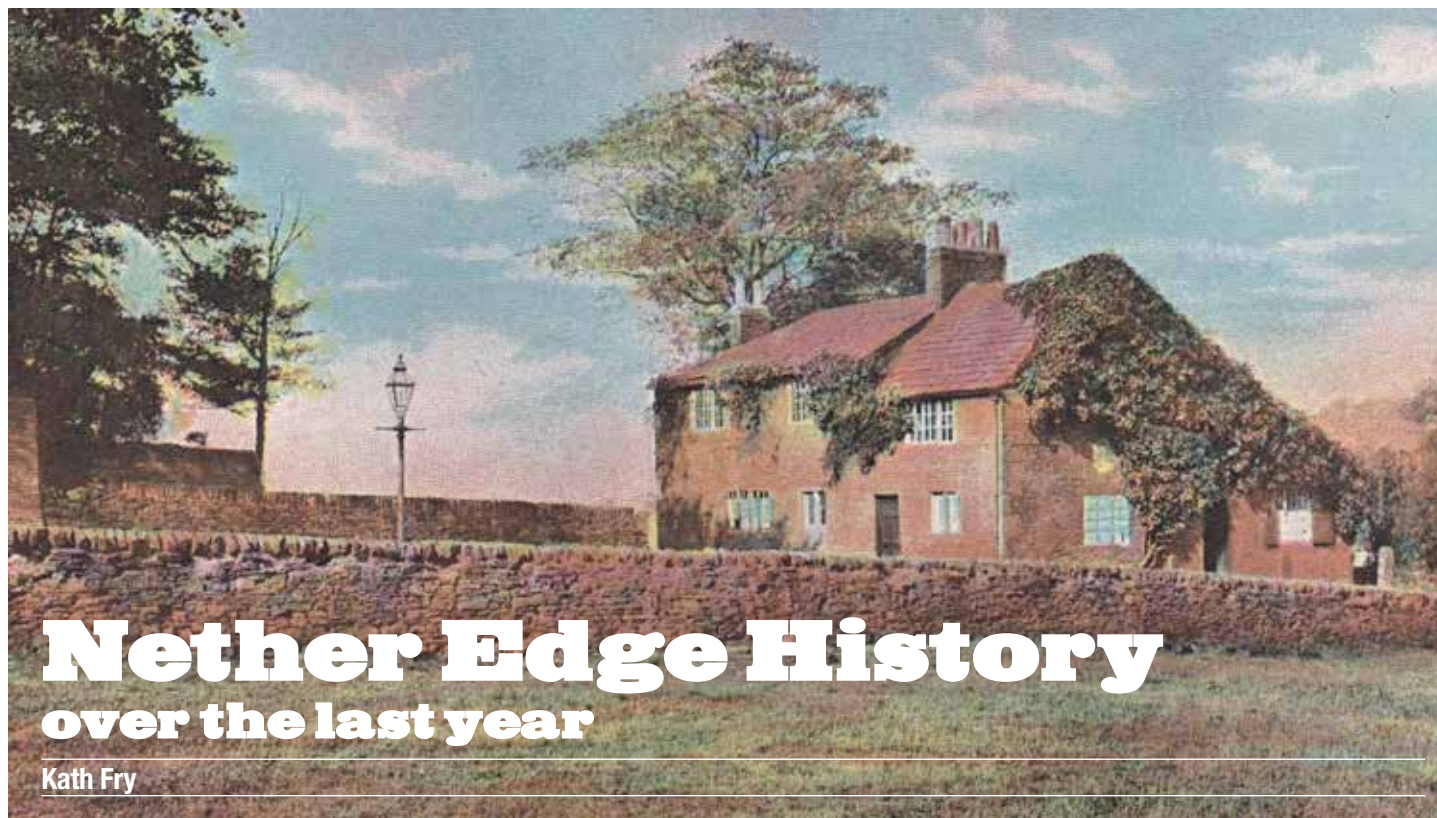
The average age of the organising committee has been reduced massively by the addition of Phil and Emma with their skills and energy, and will reduce still further when their new baby daughter comes to join us! They aren't the only people who have joined the working team this year and recruits are very welcome, of whatever age.

The markets this year will be on 26th March, 18th June, 17th September and 3rd December. We hope to see you there; in the end it's the local neighbours who make Nether Edge Farmers' Markets special.



# Festival *see report in November 2022 edition of EDGE*





# Nether Edge History

## over the last year

Kath Fry

### Looking back

After the disruption of Covid, we again have our regular open meetings in the Union Hotel. The January meeting was very busy, looking at old postcards and photographs of Nether Edge. People bought in treasures including a Calendar Girls type calendar of the Union Hotel staff at work. Behind the scenes, our admin group continues to meet regularly, researching and working on our projects.

John Baxendale holds the list of subscribers to our Facebook page. This is a wonderful resource for Nether Edge History. Our new website, [netheredgehistory.org.uk](http://netheredgehistory.org.uk), is going from strength to strength and holds general information about our walks, events and publications. Plus, we are always at the quarterly NENG Farmers' Markets.

Our finances are very healthy, so, as a result of publication sales and events we have been able to contribute more than £1500 to NENG funds.

Another of our information boards has been erected, this one at the seating area at the Oxfam Junction on Machon Bank Rd. It is named 'The Heart of Nether Edge' and it gives an illustrated history of the shops.

For the Nether Edge Festival in September we produced 'Housing the Upwardly Mobile' guided walk that took people from Brincliffe Edge down and around the roads that drop down to Glen Road. Tradespeople moved here to better themselves, and some local artists did so as their affairs went down in the world.

In October Kay Phillips gave a talk to the Ecclesall U3A Family History Society on our collection of postcards to and from Florrie Harding. These open a window on the life of a young servant on Meadow Bank Avenue.

In December we hosted a talk on 'The History of Henderson's Relish' at the Kenwood Hotel, which was very informative and great fun. Christmas saw our now regular event of Sheffield Carols being sung, with great gusto, in The Union Hotel.

### Looking forward

An information board on Kenwood and another on Chelsea Park are in progress, and one on the old workhouse on Union Rd is complete and ready to go up.

More talks and guided walks are being arranged with a new set of self guided walks in preparation.

Two exciting projects have just begun. Clifford School is moving and we have been invited to catalogue their archives and artifacts so that nothing important is lost in the move.

The second project has arisen after a box of old Nether Edge photographs and postcards arrived in my greenhouse, courtesy of Delia Watts, whose husband had been involved with NENG some time ago. These are the originals of those found in our publications, some we had never seen. These will be catalogued and stored in archive quality albums so they are preserved forever. If you have any original maps, pictures or documents you think we might cherish please contact us to see how we can copy them or even hold them if you trust us!

We are desperate for new bodies to help us. The active team is small and sometimes has to turn down projects and opportunities simply because there aren't enough of us. Even if you give your name as someone who can be called on in an emergency to be at the market or a function, that would be so helpful.

Our grateful thanks go to our families and friends who offer us their professional services either free or at mates' rates. We'd be lost without them.

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*(Editor. There are copies of several old postcards of Nether Edge in the pages of this edition. Do you know where they were taken ?)*



# EDGE Editorial Board Report

## Kevin Hickey

The EDGE Editorial Board, which has been established for over four years, has experienced some changes to the membership in the last year. David Pierce, who has been editing and writing for EDGE for many years, has resigned. David had a significant impact in the early days of the development of EDGE and over the subsequent years; he will be greatly missed by his colleagues on the Board. The Board members are Ruth Bernard, Nicky Erlen, Stephen Houfe, Kevin Hickey, and our newest member Pat Rogers.

Our aims:

- To ensure the EDGE is produced and delivered ten months of the year, and on time.
- Provide support and guidance for EDGE editors.
- Ensure nothing appears that is unlawful or inconsistent with the aims of NENG.
- To oversee the quality of content and ensure that EDGE is an entertaining and useful publication, pertinent to Nether Edge issues and people, with as diverse a content as possible.
- To be responsible to local views and comments and report back on new initiatives and development, and share stories.

We are grateful to our regular editors including, The Chair, History Group, Festival Group, Open Gardens, and members of the committee. The Editorial Board take responsibility for editing EDGE as and when required.

We have been able to produce and present ten hard copy editions of the EDGE over the last year, in contrast to the previous year, when we were impacted by the pandemic and had to rely on electronic versions.

There continues to be a diverse range of subjects, news and stories that have appeared in EDGE over the last year. We have celebrated the skills and talents of local residents young and old, involved in art and design, writing, performing and past heroes from the sporting world.

We have witnessed our wildlife and the contribution they make to our wellbeing and the seasonal changes in the natural environment, and the wonderful walks which have been shared with our readers. There has been much to celebrate over the year, including the improvements made to Chelsea Park, the Golden Jubilee celebrations, the Arts festival, the Archer Road Allotments, and the past and present residents of Nether Edge who have a story to tell. We have started to include a regular update on preparations to celebrate NENG'S 50th Anniversary, which is in July.

There has been an increase over the year in the number of letters and emails we receive from our readership. These are issues which people feel very strongly about, and they include the road closures, and the impact it has had on different residents in the community, and it is important the Editorial Board maintain a neutral position when editing the EDGE.

The Editorial Board have produced a welcome pack for new neighbours to Nether Edge which informs them about NENG and encourages them to subscribe to the EDGE.

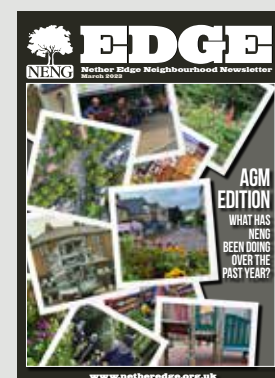
## Income

EDGE have three regular advertisers and would be happy to increase this number to promote a local business. Revenue from advertising in 2022 is £2,080 and subscriptions £6,659.00.

New initiatives and developments for the future:

- Continue to roll out the welcome pack to new residents.
- Continue to engage with a broader range of the community.
- Increase the number of regular editors of the EDGE

We do thank all our contributors and editors over the last year for all their hard work and support, it is much appreciated. Also thanks to the reliable and hard-working team of distributors who ensure all subscribers receive their copy of their EDGE for ten months of the year.





# Friends of Brincliffe Edge Wood



## Ken & Claire

Following the Covid restrictions of the previous year it was good to get our work days in the wood back to normal in 2022 thanks to an excellent group of Volunteers and the support that we have from the Sheffield Rangers. It was nice to see that the vigilante litter pickers have carried on the good work that they started during the lockdowns.

The crow, nicknamed 'Russell' by a FoBEW wag, and who drew blood from passers-by when nesting, well, he and his family seem to have calmed down a bit although it is still wise to keep a lookout when using the top path by Brincliffe Edge Road. From about March onwards is the best time to be aware. There's plenty of good bird activity to be seen in the Wood especially from nuthatches at the top end. While there it might be good to spot a blue tit or great tit visiting our nest box by the main path near the top - it has been cleared out ready for a new occupant and their family.

The FoBEW Group has decided that the tree of choice for our new planting will be the crab apple. This versatile tree will encourage pollinators and, when fruiting, provide food for a variety of birds and animals. We will select the planting spots and introduce just a few of these attractive trees in the Autumn or Winter.

One of the most popular items in 2022 was the Tree Trail we did for the Nether Edge Festival. This went down really well due to the good design and efforts of Howard Trott. The Tree Trail may be brought back in a new form - more extensive and with added information so watch this space.



We will be working on the Wood again every month on a Thursday morning from 10.00 until 12.00 with tools provided and no specialist skills needed. We will be guided by the Rangers, a Nell, and two Toms as Grahame, who has helped us for much of our ten years is retiring - thanks and all the best to Grahame. Our first morning's work was on Thursday 16th February.

# Frog Walk Pocket Park (FWPP)

## Mark Doel, on behalf of the FWPP volunteers

In 2008 a small group of NENG volunteers came together under the leadership of Marian Tylecote to create a pocket park out of a piece of council land at the top of Frog Walk, near the Sharrow Head roundabout. In times past there had been a lovely rose garden, but the land had long been abandoned by a cash-strapped council and some developers had taken advantage of the neglect to erect ugly advertising hoardings on the back wall. NENG took over formal custodianship and we had the hoardings removed. Marian designed three options for the group to decide on. The first stage in late 2008 saw the planting of six shrubs: two *Rosa glauca*, two *Amelanchier lamarckii* and two *Rhus typhina* or *Rhus t. 'Dissecta'*. In late 2009 two areas of tall and low perennials were planted. The Group has the original full list of plants that Marian requested as donations from NENG members, if anyone would like this.

The plantings coincided with a particularly prolonged dry spell so we enlisted a group of volunteers to water the vulnerable plantings – including asking the Salvation Army if we could use their outdoor tap, and the residents at 5 Psalter Lane kindly gave us access to their tap. In fact, this was all helpful in getting the local community involved. Marian designed the plantings so that, once established, no waterings would be needed.

In the 15 years since we first planted, we have erected two small plaques – one as you emerge from Frog Walk to let you know what the Pocket Park is, with a bit of local history regarding the snuff mill; and a second near the bench at the other end of FWPP to commemorate Marian.

A volunteer group continues to work to keep the pocket park looking lovely. We meet at the park at 10:30 on the first Monday of every month. We recognise that this might make it difficult for people in full-time work, but we've found that a regular monthly time works well. We are always happy for new volunteers – and would especially value someone with horticultural knowledge! Please contact [markdoel@icloud.com](mailto:markdoel@icloud.com). Fortunately, Marian's design is self-sustaining. We weed, ensure no single species gets invasive, and prune the larger bushes and trees as seems necessary. We have no specific plans for FWPP other than to keep it looking a lovely space, not over-tended and not out of control.

We invariably receive appreciative comments from passers by, many of them regular walkers in the neighbourhood, who tell us how much they love to stop and gaze at the pocket park as it greens and flowers during the year. We have contact with Anita who tends the Sharrow Vale Garden (by the Porter near Hickmott Rod) single-handedly.







From March 2022 the Friends of Chelsea Park were continuing to work with Amie Rowland from Sheffield City Council to complete the playground refurbishment. The main task was to complete the surfacing on the top section of the playground under the climbing frame. A final decision was made to install 'Tiger Mulch' surfacing and this work has now been completed. The cost was £14,438.46.

Some funds for the playground had been collected by the local Brownies led by Chris Venables and Poppy Cole with some extra

money from a donation. This amounted to £1,234 and the Friends decided to spend this money on the 'Talking Flowers'. These have been installed just outside the main playground by Bob Parkin and his team from Parks and Countryside at Sheffield City Council.

The Friends of Chelsea Park held a meeting on November 28th 2022 with the following conclusions : -

1. £197 remains in the Chelsea Park fund
2. A small sum could be used to purchase Dome Caps from Playdale to cover the climbing frame bolts
3. With some extra funding, more flooring and equipment could be installed at the far end of the playground
4. Some renovation of the benches would be an improvement
5. Any further ideas for the park would need substantial fundraising

So far the Friends have been pleased with the outcome of the playground refurbishment and we have noticed that the playground is well-used. We had one problem in the Summer – the green surfacing near to a bench was damaged and burnt by a barbecue. Fortunately, Bob Parkin's team could repair the damage which they did very promptly.

The Friends of Chelsea Park plan to hold meetings in 2023 to discuss further developments in the park.



The 2023 Open Gardens will be on Sunday 25th June, which is our usual slot, the week after June Farmers' Market, when we can publicise the event. Some people's gardens are best in spring while others are in their colourful prime in autumn, but there's usually something to be happy about in June, which suits most people, even if everyone's gardens look a bit bleak just now.

Open Gardens raises lots of money for charities in a fairly effortless way, as visitors tend to be generous when they see how much effort has gone into creating and sharing such lovely places. Friends and even the most casual of acquaintances (usually gardeners themselves) seem to come miles just to have a look. They are often helpful as well, maybe suggesting good local sources or expressing surprise that a plant you know has been clinging onto life could thrive, despite possibly being in the wrong place. It is a very social event - a bit like a travelling party, but you don't have to vacuum the house after or provide any entertainment (except a relatively tidy garden) and visitors are happy to move on to the next garden after a

short while. A bit like orienteering for the horticulturally inclined, but we do offer a route map.

Last year's event was hugely successful. Lots of visitors said they were impressed by the variety on display, if left a little breathless by the challenge of fitting them all in. Equally the gardeners had a great day, with some pride in being able to show off what they have achieved.

We are always keen to see new gardens 'opening up'. They don't need to be posh, in fact some of the most special ones last year were relatively ordinary spaces where bold structure and imaginative planting have created gardens that will be enjoyed by their owners throughout summer. If you would like to join in or have perhaps opened up in past years, please drop us a line ([howard.fry@icloud.com](mailto:howard.fry@icloud.com)), so we can start preparing this years' programme. It may be a little early in the year to consider serious gardening, for fear of compacting the soil, but it is a good time for cutting stuff back, dreaming about what could be and making a few lists.



# Nether Edge Art Club

Richard Taylor - on behalf of the art group



Our Christmas exhibition at Highfield Methodist church allowed us all to display our artwork in a large but serene setting.

Plans for this year are already underway and we are always ready to investigate different art genres - an example of which is Aboriginal dot painting.

Later in the year we are planning a series of taster workshops in simple watercolour and acrylic. If anyone is interested in attending please contact us on 07801 828068 or email at richardtaylor635@hotmail.com

Our membership is currently full, to be reviewed in April, but if you are interested in joining us we are happy to add your name to our waiting list. A basic knowledge of art and materials is required.

April 22 was the beginning of a new era for the Art club. After two years of meeting occasionally, or often not at all, but keeping in touch by WhatsApp, we could start planning our future meetings.

The group had grown in lockdown and we found ourselves with 24 artists. Some of the new members proved to be really talented and have their own styles and methods. Their willingness to share knowledge with the group has enabled us to rapidly move forward. We now have a plethora of teachers willing to spread their knowledge of Art in all its forms.

Our regular "Summer Tuesday" meetings saw us visiting the gardens of members old and new coupled with outdoor sketching trips.

From October onwards we met every Tuesday afternoon at the bowling club to whom we are really grateful to have such a fabulous facility. We would like to thank their committee for the continuing support.

This year we have put on three exhibitions - the philosophy being that we primarily want local people to see our efforts and if we do sell anything it gives us enormous joy and many of the group donate the sale to local charities.

Our contribution to Annie Mayes "Art4Ukraine" exhibition at Sharrow school helped us all to come to terms with the sufferings of war.

Our highlight trip to Thundercliffe Grange, a communal living venture of over 40 years prompted us to paint a joint picture of the beautiful mansion situated on the Rotherham/Sheffield border (*pictured*).

We are grateful to the support from NENG paying for three display boards. Thanks also to our member Peter Vaughan for building them from basic materials.

## Lodge Studio Architecture & Interiors



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## Creating better spaces.

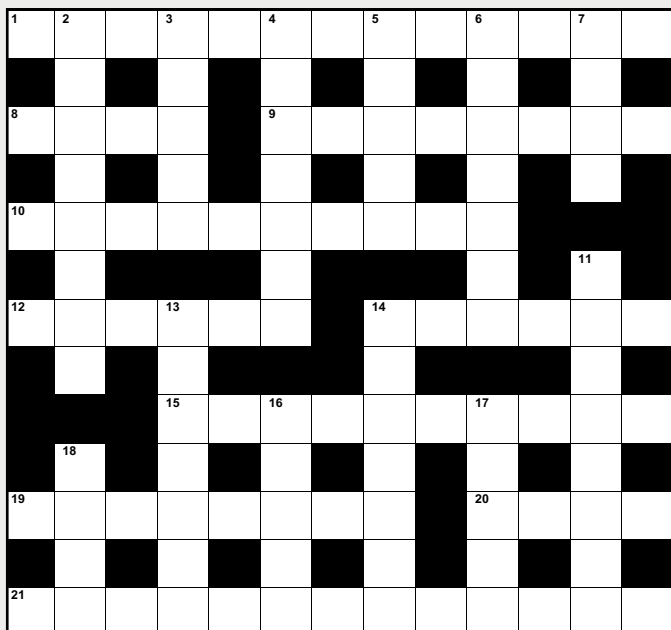
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# SPRAT'S 132nd CROSSWORD



## Across

1. For twenty four hours (3,3,3,4)
8. Mountain goat (4)
9. According to Marx, 'The opium of the people' (8)
10. It may wake you up in the morning (5,5)
12. Not often (6)
14. As if butter wouldn't melt in her mouth (6)
15. Competent sailor (4,6)
19. Inoculate (8)
20. Indian nurse maid (4)
21. Moralistic (8,5)

## Down

2. Defamed in writing (8)
3. Poisonous (5)
4. Layman's term for tympanic membrane (7)
5. Was unwell (5)
6. Common sea fisherman's bait (7)
7. Inner sanctum (4)
11. Gorilla, chimp, orang-utan, King Kong? (5,3)
13. If he asks you round for a bite, don't go! (7)
14. Pud (7)
16. Being economical with the truth (5)
17. Medium sized Old World lizard (5)
18. Mild rudeness (4)

*Solution on page 13*



Final farewells  
in familiar places



## Pets at Rest home euthanasia vet

I'm Rob, a local vet and resident of Nether Edge. You might see me out and about in my electric car, visiting pet owners in our community. I run an independent business that comes to your home to support with end of life care. Saying goodbye at home, ensures your companion feels safe and calm, surrounded by loved ones. You can find out more on my website or by using the QR code to visit my Facebook page.



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[www.petsatrestvet.com](http://www.petsatrestvet.com)



Happy Patient



Bannerdale Osteopaths

## Google Review

I presented myself with painful feet after long walks. Not content to accept that it was a natural part of getting older, I am delighted to report that Pooja Guria set me on a path to a pretty speedy improvement within 5 sessions and one of those was taken up with a pulled back muscle (oh the relief!)

I like the app they use and did the homework Pooja set me (still do though not as often, and after 2 months was back to walking 15 miles across the Peaks without pain.

★★★★★



# Capoeira Angola Sheffield Who are we?

We are a collective of Capoeira Angola practitioners, passionate about the preservation and continuation of the traditions of capoeira. Areia do Mar (the sand of the sea) represents the flexibility required to navigate not only the world of capoeira but that of wider society. The adaptability of sand (areia) allows it to take almost any form required of it, it is the foundation for many human advances from architecture to fine art. As capoeira practitioners, we ensure that the foundations of the art are honoured in order to grow, evolve and thrive. Our aim is to promote the integration and community found in the active practice of Capoeira Angola. This is driven through the preservation and appreciation of the traditions of the movement, musicality and culture of capoeira. We believe that a Capoeirista is more than just a player, they are agents of liberation and solidarity, responsible for the creation of a better world. We value the importance of camaraderie, respect and the personal development of everyone.

We have recently begun to operate as a Community Interest Company and are currently looking to provide school

workshops, beginner's courses and a wide range of other activities to include Afro-Brazilian culture and history. Our activities will be carried out for the benefit of residents of Sheffield, in particular but not exclusively for, those of the African diaspora and 'BAME'. There will be a particular focus on in-school practitioners and children and adults of global majority communities and Sheffield citizens on a low income.

## What is Capoeira Angola?

Capoeira Angola is a branch of the Afro-Brazilian art-form capoeira which combines elements of music, dance, fight, theatre, acrobatics and culture into a beautiful game. The history of Capoeira Angola begins in the early 20th century with the rituals, rules, and movements of Capoeira were laid out by mestres like Pastinha, Waldemar de Paixão, Cobrinha Verde, and others in Salvador, Bahia. This was a response to Capoeira Regional, a more upright fight based style of capoeira, which was created by Mestre Bimba in the 1920's, and began to dominate the Capoeira scene in Salvador. Over the course of many decades, these mestres passed down their knowledge, ways of

teaching, rituals for the roda, and etiquette for the game of Capoeira.

The movements in Capoeira Angola are typically lower to the ground and there is a heavy

focus on trickery and conversation through movement. The Angola style emphasises the importance of the music and the African roots of capoeira, therefore, our sessions are equally weighted between movement and musicality. Today, most Capoeira Angola practitioners are very conscious of the roots of Capoeira and try their best to preserve the history from which it came.

## Where you can find us

We meet to train on Tuesday evenings from 7pm – 9pm at the Sharrow Community Forum. We will be offering an eight week beginner's course starting 20th June 2023 from 6pm – 7pm. During our sessions, we play the traditional instruments, learn songs and discuss the traditions, rituals and history of Capoeira. We also train the movements, learn how to play the game and strengthen the community spirit of Capoeira.

On Saturday 28th January, we held our first monthly event at the 59th Scout hall on Botanical Road to great success. Capoeira groups from as far north as Liverpool came to play, sing and share their energy here in Sheffield. This will form an integral part of our calendar as we hold this event monthly, on the second Saturday of the month, in order to give Capoeira practitioners the opportunity to play not only with other members of our group, but with the wider community from across the country.

Find us on Instagram and Facebook:  
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Jamie at: [SheffieldCapoeira@gmail.com](mailto:SheffieldCapoeira@gmail.com)





# Project 6



Project 6 has been part of the Nether Edge community for over 40 years, originally set up as Sheffield Alcohol Advisory Service, the charity merged with Project 6 in 2018. The Abbeydale Road site now includes 3 projects, Fresh Start, Sheffield Pathways and the Alcohol Recovery Community (ARC).

ARC works with around 300 adults each year and provides support for anyone seeking to make changes to their alcohol or substance use. The project runs a timetable of therapeutic groups and activities 6 days a week to help people develop and sustain recovery from substance use dependency. ARC's approach aims to empower people by promoting self-worth, confidence, meaningful, healthy relationships with others.

Last year we were delighted to be invited to host a stall at the autumn Nether Edge Market to share and promote the work we do and meet people in our neighbourhood.

In addition to this invite Project received a generous donation of £1000 from the Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group. With winter approaching the cost of living being a real concern for so many in our community, it was important to us that we could continue to be a place where people could come to when they needed us. With the donation we were able to purchase 'Connection', a neon sign displayed in our window each evening as both an invitation to come in and reminder to passers-by of the importance of connecting with each other, especially in times when social isolation can so easily become the norm.

In September 2022, three weeks after the market, a fire broke out and destroyed the coach house at the rear of our Sheffield offices. This came as a huge blow to everyone at Project 6. Not only did it take away a shared space much loved by the community here, it also meant that we were forced to close the rest of our buildings for a period until the site could be made safe. The money donated by NENG helped ensure that we were able to continue to deliver services throughout this period of disruption. Alongside our wonderful partners in the community, we continued to provide appointments, groups, activities and support for the people we work with.

A huge thankyou to everyone at NENG and to everyone who makes Sheffield such a fantastic city to be part of.

Project 6 is an award winning charity working across South and West Yorkshire. We provide opportunities and choices for individuals, families and communities to create meaningful and sustainable change in their wellbeing.

*For help and advice for yourself or a loved one, or to find out more about the work we do email [info@project6.org.uk](mailto:info@project6.org.uk) or visit [www.project6.org.uk](http://www.project6.org.uk)*



## LETTER



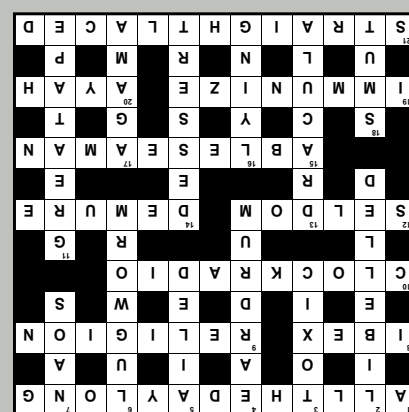
Hi

*I would like to respond to the article in the Edge about the road closures. I support the scheme - it has meant that my walk to school with my daughter is significantly less polluted and pleasant and the closure led me to allow my daughter to walk home from school alone as I was confident she could cross the roads safely.*

*My garden backs directly onto Sheldon Road/Abbeydale Road cross roads and I appreciate that some people are stuck in traffic and that means pollution levels may be higher overall but on balance I still support it. The council may have made mistakes about the consultation and communication but consultation does not always lead to necessary change.*

(Name and Address supplied)

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION



# WHAT'S ON

## in and around Nether Edge in March 2023

### Union Hotel

Union Road, Nether Edge

The popular **Monday Night Pub Quiz** starts at 9pm. All welcome.

**Wednesday 1st March.** 9pm monthly **Pop Quiz**. Union Hotel, Nether Edge. Get there early to get a seat.

### Byron House

Nether Edge Road, S7 1RU

**Quiz night every Sunday** at 9.30pm. Cash prizes to be won.

### Café #9

Nether Edge Road, Sheffield, S7 1RU

**Thur 2nd March** 7pm. An evening with **Banjo Jen, Gemma Gray and Julia Waldron**, three Sheffield songbirds, friends, and regulars at Café#9. Tickets £13.80.



**Sun 5th March** 7pm. An evening with **Rodney Branigan**, the Texan local who learned to play in Austin, perform in LA and crafted songs in Nashville. Tickets £13.80.

**Wed 22nd March** 7pm. An evening with **Marty O'Reilly Trio**. 'His songs sound bluesy but not blues, folk but not folk, soulful but not soul. Tickets £19.30.



**Thur 23rd March** 7pm. An evening with **Jodie Marie** a Welsh singer-songwriter who rose to fame in 2012 at the age of sixteen. Tickets £13.80.

**Mon 27th March** 7pm. **Stories for a Spring Awakening**- Award-winning storyteller Jason Buck brings a collection of traditional stories to celebrate Spring Festival. Tickets £13.80.

**Fri 31st March** 7pm. An evening with the **Often Herd** who transcend the traditional boundaries of bluegrass music. Tickets £16.50.

*All tickets includes a byo/corkage fee should you want to bring alcohol to the venue . Tickets from WeGotTickets.*

### Sheffield General Cemetery

**Sat 4th , Sat 18th March or Sat 1st April** 10.30pm-1pm. **Our Wild Cemetery: Nature-allied Writing Workshops with Dal Kular**. A safe workshop space for women and people who identify as women. In the Samuel Worth Capel. S11 8NT. Tickets £6.00-£8.00.

**Sat 4th March** 8pm-1am. **Cabaret Boom Boom** at The Samuel Worth Chapel, Sheffield's finest and longest running Cabaret Night. Tickets £15.00.

**Fri 10th March** 8.30pm and **Sat 11th March** 1.00am. **Into The Trees**, DJs Jo and Harry J present a night of dark 80's, post punk, new wave and synth pop sounds in the Samuel Worth Chapel. Tickets £10.

**Fri 24th March** and **Sat 25th March** 8pm-1am. **'Til We DIY'** Featuring **Sister Wives, Dead Cosmonauts** and **YE Woodbeast**, a monthly eclectic live music night at the Samuel Worth Chapel. Tickets £10.

*All tickets sold online via TICKET SOURCE for all events at the General Cemetery, Samuel Worth Chapel. No tickets on the door.*

*Email [marketingevents@gencem.org](mailto:marketingevents@gencem.org) with any questions about the events.*

### Abbeydale Picture House

387 Abbeydale Road S7 1FS

**Thur 2nd March** 7.00pm-11.00pm. **Me Lost Me** + support/live performance in The Fly Tower. Minimum age 18. Tickets £9.05.



**Sun 12th March** 7.30pm. **The Rheingans Sisters** are primarily fiddle players and singers, incorporating traditions from across Scandinavia, Britain and America. Tickets £13.20.

*Tickets for events at the Abbeydale Picture House from WeGotTickets.*

### St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

**Sat. 4th March** 9.30 - 12.30. Join the working party tidying the grounds of the church. Coffee break around 11.00 am. Everyone very welcome.



## Sharrow Community Forum (Old Sharrow Junior School) South View Rd. S7 1DB



**Friday 10th March @ 7.30 to 9.30pm, Clothes Swap** in aid of Medical Aid and campaigns for Palestinians. Entrance £7.50 includes light food, live music and a chance to get a new wardrobe. *CASH only please.*



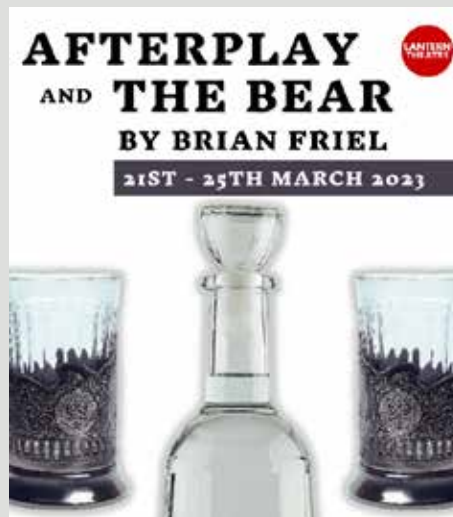
### Wednesday 22 March at the Kenwood Hall Hotel at 7.30pm **'THE TRIAL OF SAMUEL HOLBERRY REVISITED.'**

Samuel Holberry is one of the most controversial figures in Sheffield history. To the ruling classes in the 1840s, he was a dangerous revolutionary who tried to take over Sheffield by force. But the working classes saw him as a hero and martyr. More recently, the City Council dedicated the cascades in the Peace Gardens to his memory. In this talk, Nether Edge historian David Price, author of *Sheffield Troublemakers: Rebels and Radicals in Sheffield History*, will re-examine the evidence and consider who Holberry really was.'

## Sheffield Hallam University Pearson Building, Collegiate Campus, 27-33 Broomgrove Road S10 2NA

Thursdays 1.00 - 2.00pm. £6.00. **Walking Netball.** Details of this and other sessions throughout the city from [beccy.Lewis@englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:beccy.Lewis@englandnetball.co.uk)

## The Lantern Theatre 18 Kenwood Park Rd, S7 1NF



**Tues 21st - Sat 25th March. 7.30 pm. 2 plays: Afterplay and the Bear : two plays by Brian Friel.**

The Bear is described as "superbly funny" - *Financial Times*; Afterplay "masterful and hilarious" - *Guardian*  
£13.50 + £0.94 booking fee. Concessions £11 + £0.77 booking fee. Tickets from [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

## Nether Edge Folk Club @ Nether Edge Bowling Club

**Every Wednesday 8.00 - 10.30pm.** All players and singers whether experienced or beginners welcomed to share a wide range of acoustic music. No admission charge, except on 29th March when we have specially invited guests (See below). Usually £2 is requested as a contribution to the guest booking fund.



**Wed 29 March. Lynne Heraud & Pat Turner.** Great harmony singing and fantastic fun. Tickets £8 from <https://netheredgefolk.club>

## Nether Edge Bowling Club

**Fri. 3rd March 7.30 - 11.00pm.**

**Lee Bardsley Trio** with support from **Julia Waldron.** Lee is a songwriter, singer and guitarist from Hadfield in Derbyshire whose musical influences are anything from Folk and Country/Americana to Indie Blues and Jazz.

**Fri. 31st March 7.30 - 11.00pm. Leeds City Stompers.** The red hot blues band, conjuring the spirit of prohibition America.

## Archer Lane Allotment Society

**Seed Swap Social. Sun 19th March** from 10am-12noon. We are holding our first ever Seed Swap Social in March. Come along and meet other allotment holders and home gardeners. Bring some clearly labelled seeds (either from packets or those you have propagated yourself) with name, variety, details about where / when collected and any growing tips and go home with some new seeds to grow. 50p suggested donation. You can get growing advice from our resident gardeners as well as special guests from the Friends of the Botanical Gardens Propagation Team!

All welcome at this friendly event. Any questions or offers to volunteer, do contact us: [archerlaneallotments@gmail.com](mailto:archerlaneallotments@gmail.com)

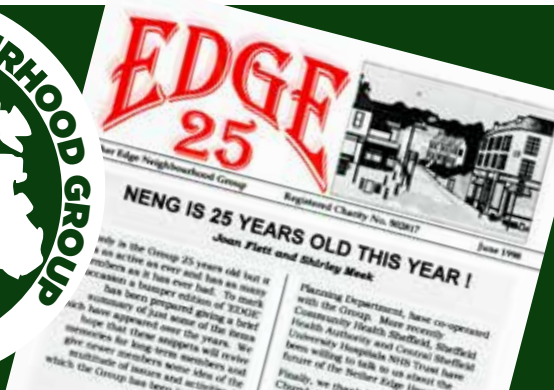
## Common Ground

**10th March and 24th March 12.00 - 2.00pm. Ammi's Kitchen Community Lunch.** Pay as you feel. Open for all, including home workers, local families, men and women

**Ammi's Kitchen Takeaway / delivery** order on our website [ammiskitchensheffield.org](http://ammiskitchensheffield.org) (by the previous Tuesday) - pick up 3pm - 6pm at Common Ground on **Fridays 3rd March, 17th March, 31st March.**







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# ALL WELCOME

**Our markets have raised over £100,000 for local charities - Thankyou everyone ! [www.netheredge.org.uk](http://www.netheredge.org.uk)**