



EDGE

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Newsletter
November 2023



THE HISTORY EDITION

**INSIDE: A BRIEF HISTORY OF BAGSHOT STREET
THE BROTHERS CLEGG; THE MAN WITH THE TRAM
PLUS LOCAL NEWS & WHAT'S ON**



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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If you want to contribute to the December edition, please contact the EDGE Editorial Board – nengeditorialboard@gmail.com by 12th Nov at the latest

DAVID PIERCE



We're very sad to announce that David Pierce died peacefully on Saturday 7th October.

He worked tirelessly for the local community for many years:
- he was part of the original Farmers Market organising group, was on the Editorial Board of this magazine until 2022 and was the chair of NENG from 2015-18, as well as being a passionate member of the campaign to save the Nether Edge trees.

His stamina and determination will be long remembered as he sought to make Nether Edge a better place.

December's EDGE will include a more detailed tribute to him.
Our thoughts are with his wife Gina and their family.

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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GOOD NEWS: THE NEW POCKET PARK LIVES ON!



The October edition had a piece about how we were unable to raise enough funds through the Crowdfunder appeal to make construction of the new pocket park at the junction of MachonBank Road and Violet Bank Road viable. Just after EDGE went to press, we received a most generous offer of funds which, combined with the money that was actually raised via the Crowdfunder, now gives us the opportunity to proceed. In addition, as icing on the cake, the Sheffield City Council South Local Area Committee will donate £500. Our local councillors are being very supportive.

The main unknown is carrying out a survey to make sure there are no gas, water or electricity conduits under the site (maps suggest not, but you never know...) and the cost of breaking up the unloved tarmac and building the walls of sleepers. One of our members has very helpfully suggested that Amey might carry out such works as part of their Social Value commitments under the Streets Ahead Contract. We are pursuing this. We do have a number of volunteers for the planting and maintenance of the plot once it has been built, but we are struggling to find volunteers to help with project management and general oversight of the construction phase. Contact Ken Lambert or Howard Fry if you could offer help or expertise in this.

As the year progresses, it looks as though any work will not start until the new year, but thanks to our generous benefactors, the park will appear.

Ken Lambert

WANTED: DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

St Andrews Psalter Lane Church, Sheffield
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An exciting opportunity has arisen to apply for the vacancy of Director of Music at St Andrews Psalter Lane Church. This part time role is for up to 13 hours a month on a flexible basis including Sundays.

Further details available at:

www.standrewspsalterlane.org.uk/about-us/vacancies/

Closing date for Applications and CVs to be received by 17th November

CHELSEA PARK COMMUNITY BONFIRE

It is with sadness and disappointment that we have decided that we are unable to organise the bonfire again this year - for similar reasons as last year; the expected increased interest from the public to attend the event has resulted in massive increases in planning and resources both in the run-up to the event and on the weekend of the event itself. The requirements for public safety and compliance with published guidance on events of this nature have become too onerous for us, as a voluntary organisation, to fund and resource man-power.

It is a great community event bringing together neighbours in Nether Edge and Brincliffe Edge. Scouting has always been involved in the local community - St Andrew's Scouts will continue to engage. The bonfire has been (generally) a well-liked and well-attended community event and a highlight in the calendar for many.

We know many in the community will be saddened as well; we are sorry to disappoint people. We have thoroughly enjoyed and are proud to have put on a safe, happy and successful event for many years with the excellent help of the Scout Group - young people, parents and grandparents.

St Andrew's Scout Group

5G PHONE MAST IN NETHER EDGE

What the proposed mast may look like



There is an application to build a 20m high 5G monopole and 3 large cabinets near Nether Edge crossroads. Sheffield City Council refused permission last year, but the company involved have

appealed. The closing date for objections from the public was 17th October. For more information see the Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group website.

NEW COMMUNITY LIBRARY

There is a brand new pocket / community library which has recently been installed on the wall outside Shirle Hill co-housing community (located on the corner of St Andrews Road and Cherry Tree Road).

Everyone is invited to take and bring books - and there is even a dedicated children's shelf with everything from picture books to YA fiction.



Nether Edge History Talk

THE LAST OF THE LITTLE MESTERS?

by Peter Machan: Thursday 16th November

In Kenwood Hall Hotel's Terrace Room (next to Laura Ashley Room), 7.30 – 8.30pm. Doors open 7pm. £5 on the door. Hotel Bar with snacks available.



Over the past 40 years or so, local historian and Nether Edge resident Peter Machan has been researching the story of the local Sheffield traditional trades and has photographed and interviewed many of the craftspeople in the trades. In this talk entitled 'The Last of the Little Mesters?' Peter tells the story of the rise, decline and survival of the cutlers, silversmiths, knifemakers and file smiths, exploring the city's surviving heritage of buildings associated with the trade and introducing the makers who still maintain the traditions today.

Further information available from Chris Venables (07950 432487)

HISTORY OPEN MEETINGS 2024 5 MINUTE TALKS NIGHT

The Nether Edge History Group would like to hold an evening of informal 5 minute talks in the Union Hotel given by anyone who feels they have a story to share. A sort of Historical open mic night but less scary. This could be in connection with your family, your house, your street, Nether Edge, a place in Sheffield or the rest of the world - anything historical that has fascinated you. You're guaranteed a very sympathetic and interested audience. No need for slick presentations or visual aids - just a brief story is fine. My own story will be one my Grandma told me from when she was a child in Leeds - about a man they called the 'Silver King'.

If you are interested in giving a 5 minute talk then please let me know at andy.beezer@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: CAROLS

Dates for the annual History Group Singalong of Traditional Sheffield Carols in The Union will be Thursdays 7th & 21st December, both at 7pm. More information in the December EDGE. Enquiries to : john.austin1@btinternet.com

CHELSEA PARK'S NEW INFORMATION BOARD

Kath Fry

In the 1850's, on farmland where local cattle grazed and crops were grown, the magnificent house Brinkcliffe Tower was built for James Wilson, a Sheffield solicitor. James could see all over Sheffield from the tall tower and also had twelve acres of land surrounding the house to enjoy.

By 1902 the house was owned by Robert and Annie Styring. Robert was a lawyer and Mayor of Sheffield. Annie became notable in her own right, being a member of the Watch Committee, a JP, and much else besides. Just imagine the now dilapidated and unloved Brinkcliffe Tower (yes, the spelling is correct) in its heyday in the early 20thC. Ablaze with lights, laughter and music it was famous for the hospitality of the Styrings.

When Annie died, Robert was bereft. He moved away to Devon and we have to thank him for his generous gift of the estate to the city of Sheffield. The house with its beautiful interior has had a varied past, including being requisitioned by the army in WW11, later becoming a nursing home and now in unknown private hands. Plans to develop it come up from time to time but none came to fruition.

We now value the park in winter when crowds come to sledge down its slopes. The summer sees it alive with youngsters playing in the playground and people of all ages enjoying its peace and beauty. Later in the year we have had the Parties in the Park to celebrate the end of our Nether Edge Festival and enjoyed the hugely popular Scouts annual bonfires, providing much needed funds for the troop.

The Friends of Chelsea Park have been active for years, bringing new features such as the wildlife meadow, the giant carved owl - sadly no more - and working hard to get funds to renovate the playground. This had become rather sad with much sticky mud underfoot in the winter. It now has a new lease of life. This and much more besides you can learn from our board - and then perhaps have Brazilian inspired coffee and cake from our new miniature café.





NETHER EDGE HISTORY GROUP

Self Guided WALKS

The Nether Edge History Group is pleased to announce a new booklet of 4 self guided walks around our area. The new booklet will be on sale at the Farmers Markets and Wickwire at a cost of £5.

The expansion of Sheffield from the mid nineteenth century transformed the farmland and hamlets lying below Brincliffe Edge and between the semi-industrialised Sheaf and Porter valleys into the classic Victorian and Edwardian residential suburb that we now see. As Nether Edge grew along with the rest of Sheffield, houses replaced the existing farmland, giving birth to a thriving suburb, home to many different kinds of people from the very rich to the very poor. This second set of historical walks introduces some of the people who lived here, the houses they lived in, and how they experienced the often turbulent history of their times.

NETHER EDGE IN THE BLITZ

Walk in the footsteps of the men, women and children of Nether Edge who lived through the first night of the Sheffield Blitz. The walk uses first hand accounts to look at the events of the night of December 12th 1940 and the aftermath when the residents of our area emerged to find scenes of devastation on their streets.

CREATIVE WOMEN OF NETHER EDGE

This is a linear walk featuring Joyce Himsworth (silversmith), Annie Styring (Justice of the Peace), Sue Pearson (Kindertransport child and educationalist), Constance Grant's 'Miss Judy', Annie Bindon Carter (Artist and founder of 'Painted Fabrics'), Joan Flett (local Historian), the Drabble sisters (authors),

Tanya Schmoller (Penguin Books Administrator, Historian and Lifelong Learner) and Edith Whitworth (Suffragette).

HOUSING THE UPWARDLY MOBILE

In the 19th century the population of Sheffield grew rapidly from 60,000 in 1801 to 161,500 in 1851 and by 1901 stood at 451,000, making it the fastest growing town in England at the time. A much larger middle class emerged from the thriving economy. These people were not necessarily the very rich but the 'rich enough', creating a demand for good quality housing. They wanted to live away from the dirt and smoke, hence the expansion of housing into the farmland around the town. However, an acute shortage of housing led to the substandard,

overcrowded development of many areas – jerrybuilt courtyards and tightly-packed terraces spread up the hillsides. This walk sheds light on how this part of Nether Edge was developed more successfully, for the 'rich enough' to be upwardly mobile

RICH, POOR AND MIDDLING IN NETHER EDGE

Nether Edge has been a middle-class suburb since the nineteenth century, but there have been very rich and very poor people here too, and many varieties of the middling sort. In this walk we look at different kinds of housing in Nether Edge, how and when the houses came to be built and who lived in them, and what they can tell us about everyday life and social differences in the growing suburb.

A further selection of entries to the NENG 50th Anniversary

'NETHER EDGE' PAINTING COMPETITION



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Walter Moorhouse 'The Man With The Tram'

Kay Phillips

Walter Moorhouse was a Nether Edge veteran of the Boer War and the First World War. He had served as a member of D Company of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and his bravery in action in 1916 was recognised after the War: Walter had saved the life of an officer, Captain A.Leo Kennedy. The officer sent him a silver cigarette case as a token of his gratitude.

At the end of the War his family was housed in prefabricated 'munitions houses' in Peter Street Heeley, but in 1920 Walter used his gratuity to buy the small cottages, (numbers 4 and 5) at the top of Edge Bank. Four years later he built two new houses on vacant land below the cottages. These new homes looked over Machon Bank below and became numbers 6 and 7 Edge Bank.

During this time Walter also worked as a Sheffield tram driver and inspector, retiring in 1943 due to ill health. By then he had also built a country retreat 'bungalow' in Holmesfield, near Millthorpe. It was no ordinary bungalow, having been constructed from the upper decks of two decommissioned Sheffield trams! During the Sheffield Blitz Walter, his wife and two children decamped there, together with some of their Edge Bank Neighbours. The family home at 7 Edge Bank was quite seriously damaged by the bombing.

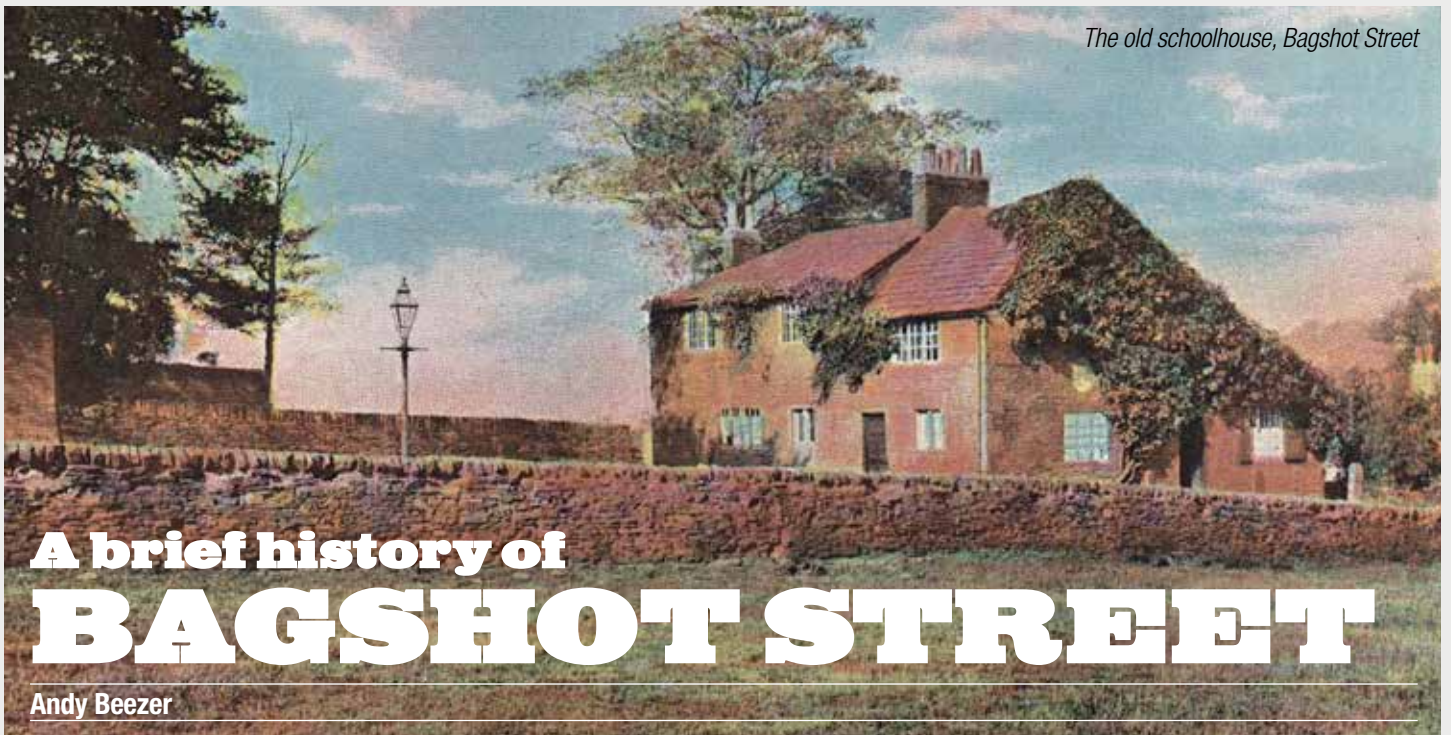
Over time Walter added a dormitory extension and their little country house had access to electricity and water, but there was never a bathroom! There were other 'country houses' in the valley, made of old railway carriages and sheds, and so a little community developed. Walter loved being in the valley but in 1965 the local parish council wanted to demolish his bungalow, which they said was an eyesore. Walter appealed to Chesterfield Council and was successful. They decided that the 86 year old should be allowed to live there until he died. (He passed away in 1968.)



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In 1970 the two old Tram tops were sold by his family to the Tramway Museum at Crich (for the princely sum of £10) and were used to restore the upper level of derelict Sheffield Tram No.74. Twenty years later the 'lower saloon' of Tram No.74 was found in the garden of a Mrs Willis who lived near Gateshead. It was delivered to the workshops at Crich in September of 1990. Other parts were obtained from Leeds and Blackpool, where they had been in storage since the 1920's. It's likely that some of them could have originally been made in Sheffield!

Sheffield tram no.74, now beautifully restored, has featured on the front cover of The Crich Tramway Museum visitors' guide. Its survival is due to the care it received at the hands of Nether Edge's Walter Moorhouse.



A brief history of BAGSHOT STREET

Andy Beezer

Bagshot Street connects Psalter Lane with Sharrowvale Road. One end is almost directly across from Cherry Tree Rd and the other is opposite the entrance to Toad/Frog Walk, making it a popular walking route from Nether Edge across to Ecclesall Rd and beyond. The 1894 map shows a school as the only building on the road, roughly where the corner of Wayland Rd is now. To the west at the Psalter Lane end stands Clifford House and its grounds including a large pond, which given the slope seems quite remarkable. The undeveloped area on both sides of the road is labelled as Sharrow Moor.

SHARROW MOOR SCHOOL



From an article published in the Sheffield Daily Telegraph on May 1st 1939

'Our sketch comes from Miss H. E. Ewing, whose drawings have many times in the past decorated this column. It shows the old school which stood on School House Lane, now Bagshot Street, and was variously known as Sharrow Moor School and Sharrow Old School. It was one of Sheffield's earliest attempts at education. Built in 1668, it had an endowment of £5 a year, raised from some land in Neepsend, and for this the headmaster had to educate twelve free pupils. It was the only school in Eccleshall except Broad Oak School. This latter was left, in 1729 by Thomas Marshall, with an endowment of 40s. a year for teaching six poor children to read, and this was supplemented by a legacy of £40 from Robert Turie for teaching six more poor children. There were thus twenty-four children in Eccleshall who had the benefit of free education over two hundred years ago.'

In 1895 the Sharrow Moor School charity was said to have an income of £8 per year with which to both house the headmaster and educate the pupils.

THE RENAMING OF SCHOOL LANE

Duplicate street names in Sheffield were considered to be a problem in the 1880's and so a committee was established to make recommendations for certain roads – one of these being School Lane in Sharrow. The committee recommended by a majority vote that it be renamed as Bagshot St but at least one member (Alderman William Smith) felt enraged enough to write to the papers in 1887 complaining about the new name as "unmeaning, incongruous, unsuitable", with the name Bagshot having no historical connection to the location. He went on to claim that others clearly felt this way since the new street name had already been "smeared over during the dark hours". The other Sheffield School Lane was apparently in Pitsmoor and Mr Wilson suggested that they should simply add Sharrow or Pitsmoor to differentiate. Although Mr Wilson clearly felt passionately about the renaming, the Watch Committee held its ground and so we have Bagshot St today.

SHARROW MOOR ROWDIES

Before the development of housing around Bagshot St, Sharrow Moor provided some welcome green space for the people living in the crowded streets of Sheffield to let off steam at the weekend. But the behaviour of some of the youths was not to everyone's liking.

A person naming themselves simply as SHARROVIAN wrote to the Sheffield Daily Telegraph on April 19th 1898 to draw readers attention to the state of affairs on the field bounded by Psalter Lane, Bagshot St and Sharrowvale Rd. With reference to a previous letter in the paper he goes on to say that...

"Everything that A. A. S. complains of in Young Street, we, in the neighbourhood of Sharrow Vale, have come to look upon as a necessary complement to our Sabbath, but we go further than he does. On Sunday April 3rd we were entertained (?) to a full dress football match, which lasted for an hour and a quarter, by a gang of rowdies of 15 to 18 years of age, without police interference. Yesterday, this was varied by several fights, whilst stone throwing and filthy language to passing young girls seemed to be the most popular form of entertainment."

He also mentioned that the Frog Walk bridge over the Porter suffered from a "similar affliction".

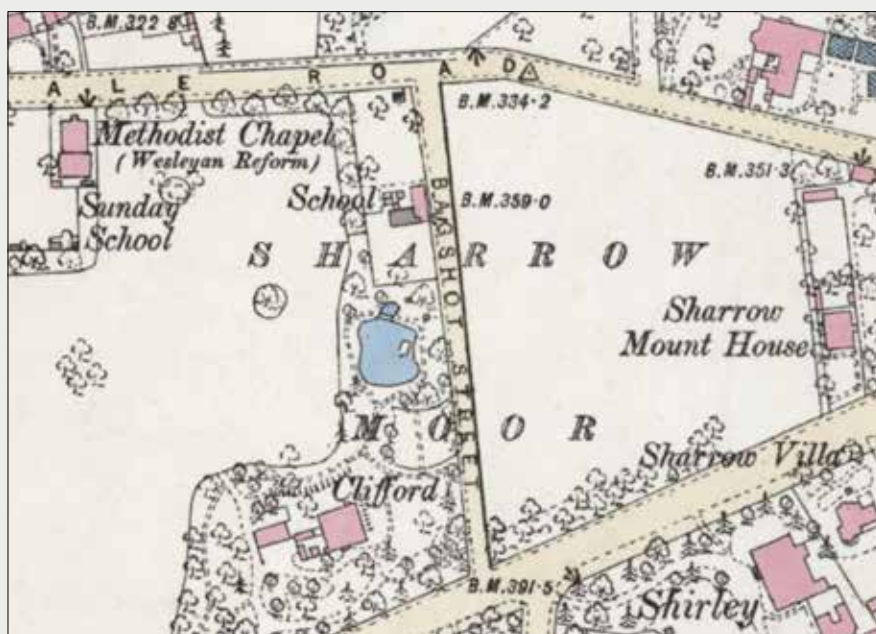
THE UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT OF MR CHARLES EDWARD TRICKETT

Bicycle brakes were invented by John Kean in 1873 and were generally in use from around 1880, however they were not universal with some bikes relying on the back pedal technique which could get you into difficulties on a very steep hill.

Mr Trickett (a 35 year old file manufacturer who lived at 30 Bristol Street and had a wife and 6 children) had been visiting a friend on Psalter Lane on June 16th 1899 when he departed for home on his bicycle at 8:45pm. Having no brake on his bike he decided (or perhaps advised by his friend) to use Cowlishaw Rd to descend to Sharrowvale Rd as it was less steep than the alternatives, however in confusion he turned into Bagshot St and before he realised his error his machine was already out of control. In 1899 the street still hadn't been developed and his options to exit were limited. It would probably have been better to crash as soon he realised his mistake but instead he stayed on the bike hoping for the best. At the bottom of the hill he attempted to turn into Sharrowvale Rd but had far too much speed and was thrown from the bike onto the Snuff Mill wall, sustaining considerable head injuries in the process. The road was busy and several people came to his assistance and a doctor was called. Poor Mr Trickett was taken home on the recommendation of a Dr Clapham (no mention of an ambulance to hospital as would happen now) but sadly died from his injuries on the Sunday afternoon.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING

One way to stop the rowdy football matches was to build houses on the pitch though I suspect that SHARROWVIAN wouldn't have been keen on this either unless he was the one selling the land. The school is still mentioned in the street directory in 1901 but in 1902 the land was put up for sale with the schoolmaster and schoolmistress (Mr and Mrs Haslam) as sitting tenants. The area appears to have been fully developed by 1907 (from studying the OS map of Sheffield published in 1909, Surveyed: 1874 to 1885, Revised: 1906 to 1907) with no trace left of Clifford House or the old school.



Bagshot Street: maps from 1894 & 1935

THE BLITZ

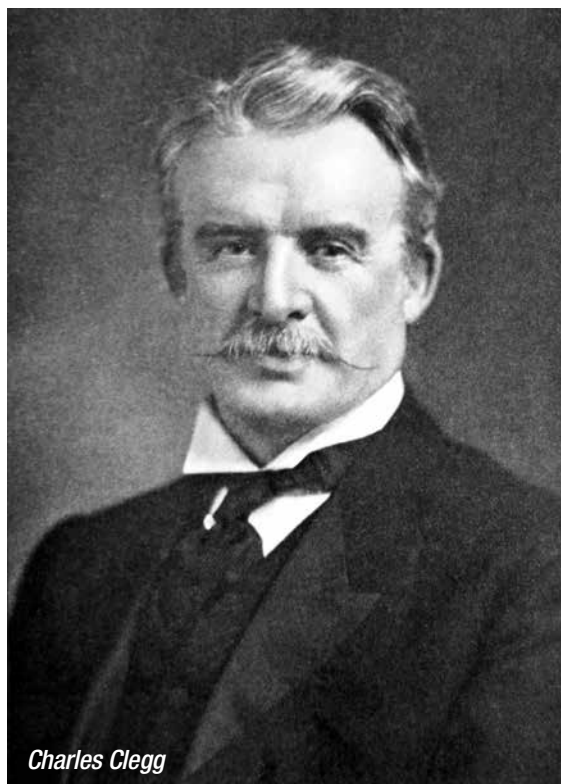
The first night of the Sheffield Blitz was on December 12th 1940 and many bombs and incendiaries were dropped on the area including one on Westbrook Bank just off Bagshot St. Air Raid warden Ken Neville later recalled...



'Within half an hour incendiaries were dropping and many fires were started. One of the biggest was on Westbrook Bank (off Bagshot Street opposite the Church). We were trying to deal with it when we heard another bomb coming down. We ran for our lives to the shelter of a passage way between the houses and lay flat on the ground. This was on the upper side of the street. The bomb came down on the other side; we would have been killed if we hadn't crossed the road. Six people died and numbers 4-14 Westbrook Bank, were destroyed.'



William Clegg



Charles Clegg

The brothers Clegg

John Baxendale

The brothers Charles (1851-1937) and William (1852-1932) Clegg were born in a modest terraced house on Cemetery Road, 'just at the curve into Washington Road'. Here, their father, another William (1827-1895), was beginning his rise from 12-year-old clerk to head of a large and prosperous firm of solicitors, three times Mayor, Official Receiver, and a large house in Ranmoor. 'Charlie' and 'Willie' joined the firm on leaving school, but it was their sporting exploits that made them popular local figures. Charles could run 100 yards in ten seconds, and both brothers played football for Wednesday and for England, though never in the same team, and when the world's first floodlit match was played at Bramall Lane in 1878 they captained the rival teams. Both played a part in the foundation of Sheffield United in 1889.

Both brothers became prominent solicitors, William's moment of courtroom fame coming when he represented the murderer Charlie Peace in 1879, but after they hung up their boots, William went into politics, while Charles focused on the law and football. Both served on the City Council as Liberals, and were teetotallers and energetic temperance campaigners, but it was Sir William who became the 'uncrowned king of Sheffield' in the late 1890s. As Alderman and Lord Mayor, he guided the municipalisation and electrification of the trams, and was sitting on top of the first electric tram as it pulled into Nether Edge from Tinsley in September 1899. Like a later Liberal Clegg (no relation) he allied with the Conservatives to thwart the rise of Labour, and led the merged Citizens' Party until the Sheffield voters swept Labour into power and Clegg out of politics in 1926.

Charles led the family firm and followed his father as Official Receiver, but it was football which made him a nationally known figure. Improbably, he was Chairman of both Wednesday and United

at the same time. He became Chairman of the Football Association in 1890, where he remained a dominant figure ('The Napoleon of football', said the press) until the end of his life, a sharp critic of transfer fees ('no player is worth £10,000 to a club', he declared), drinking, gambling and Sunday football. Like his brother he was knighted for his public services, although everyone knew that football was the real reason.

The Cleggs were never far from Nether Edge: for much of his life Charles lived at Clifton House on the corner of Cavendish Road and Chelsea Road, where he died in 1937, and William first set up home on Crescent Road, later moving to Osborn Road before buying a country house near Retford, but later in life spent part of the time with his second wife at George Wostenholm's Kenwood house, which had become a residential hotel.



Charles Clegg's house, Cavendish Rd



SERGEANT ARNOLD LOOSEMORE'S MEDALS SOLD

The medals of a local man, Arnold Loosemore born at Dyson Place, war hero of WW1 who was honoured with a Victoria Cross and Distinguished Conduct Medal, were recently auctioned and sold for £220,000 by Noonans London.

Loosemore's medals were a great achievement, with only 32 men receiving both the Victoria Cross and Distinguished Conduct Medal during the Great War. His DCM is one of only three to be named with the post nominal letters VC, because he won the DCM after the VC. If you win the VC you did not have to return to active service but Arnold did. After being awarded the DCM he went back to France and on 13th Oct 1918, 29 days before the Armistice, Arnold was badly wounded in both legs by machine gun fire. He eventually had to have one leg amputated.

The medals were originally sold by Loosemore's son at Sothebys for £1080 in 1969. They were resold in 1986 to John Manskell of Toronto, then sold again to Wayne Gardiner, an Australian. The medals have now been bought by a private collector in Britain who is known to lend items for display. Before the sale Arnold's grandson, Kevin, got to see the medals for the first time.



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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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.

★★★★★

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2023

Margaret and John Blenkinsopp

Heritage Open Days was a great success this year with about 120 events taking place in the City. We are getting close to the pre-pandemic numbers. Having the Walking Festival involved added to the variety of events.

- It was positive that we had 3 industrial heritage events this year: at Gripple, Wentworth Pewter Works and Ernest Wright Scissor makers.
- We visited St Saviours (High Green) for the first time. They had a really interesting display showing the history of the church but also about mining disasters in the area, including the UK's worst ever at the Oaks Colliery.
- In Walkley the Church told the story of their stained glass windows.
- The library at Walkley told the story of the early trams in Sheffield up until they were shut down.
- Trinity Church had, as usual, an illuminating talk by Clyde Binfield about the Zion Church.
- A bit further away North Lees Hall and Cruck Barn opened and it was possible to look around the Hall. It was designed by the same architect as Hardwick Hall and although on a much smaller scale there were clear similarities.
- Eckington Church had some interesting memorials to the Sitwell family. We learnt two interesting facts about Eckington. Edith Sitwell knew Marilyn Monroe and Mick Jagger's grandmother lived in Eckington. When he visited her he used to stay at Renishaw Hall.
- It was fitting that for the 20th anniversary of the construction of the Winter Gardens one of the architects who designed it gave a talk about it.
- There were many walks including the Nether Edge History Group's about famous women who lived in the area. A walk around Little Chicago told the story of the infamous gangs of Sheffield.
- Dr Andrew Fenton gave an excellent talk on smallpox. The History Group organised a super talk by Jenny Rudd which was about Mary Montague Wortley's importance in fighting smallpox. Sadly her role wasn't recognised as the medical profession were not ready to accept the ideas of a woman -especially when they came from foreign lands like Turkey.
- Heeley City Farm had their archive on display. One aspect was the decade's long fight the community had to stop the building of a bypass through Heeley.
- The Anglican Cathedral had a great tour showcasing their metalwork
- The Yellow Arch Studios is in a building with a lot of industrial heritage, including an 8 feet thick wall which supported the wheels used to drive machinery. We were able to go to the recording studio where the Arctic Monkeys started recording. Another studio was used by Richard Hawley and even Kylie Minogue recorded there.

A date for your diary: next year's Heritage Open Days are taking place between the 6th-15th September 2024



New Wildflower Meadow in Chelsea Park

Paul Selby

In April 2023 Chris Venables suggested that Nether Edge and Sharrow Sustainable Transformation (NESST) should link up with the Friends of Chelsea Park, to discuss how we might work together to create a more biodiverse habitat in Chelsea Park. To cut a long story short, the Friends of Chelsea Park and the owners of the Park (Sheffield Council) were both very happy with our suggestions for the creation of a wildflower meadow at the top end of the park.

So, on the weekend of the 7th and 8th October, NESST volunteers, including myself, spent a total of 12 hours creating the meadow. This involved removing the nutrient rich top inch of turf, scarifying the resultant lower nutrient bare soil, seeding the area with wildflower seed, and then fencing it off. The meadow is a perennial wildflower meadow, which requires much less maintenance than the alternative annual wildflower meadows sometimes seen in the media. Clearly, the patch will remain mostly bare during the winter, but the seed will begin to grow in March, and it should flower pretty well in summer 2024. The meadow will be mown once a year each September.

Note that the first year of any perennial wildflower meadow will include bare patches, as individual plants take time to establish. These bare patches in themselves are valuable habitat for insects such as Mining Bees. From Year 2 onwards, the meadow will look better and better each year. For example, the seed mix used includes native orchids, which can take 5 to 8 years to establish, such is the complexity of the relationship of orchids with mycorrhizal fungi in the soil.

NESST will also be planting a nectar rich wildflower hedge along the wall of the park with Brincliffe Towers later this autumn. Our hope is that, should these two Chelsea Park initiatives be successful, we may be able to create other more biodiverse areas in the park too. In addition, we hope that both Chelsea Park initiatives inspire others to try something similar in their gardens or in other public spaces.

NETHER EDGE FESTIVAL 2023 ROUND-UP



I-SPY TRAIL: ANSWERS

- 1) Plaque on Bluecoats School, top of Psalter Lane
- 2) Grass verge on Brincliffe Hill
- 3) Withdrawn
- 4) Large Wall Tile on 251 Brincliffe Edge Road
- 5) Gate to Chelsea Park off Brincliffe Edge
- 6) Stone plaque on 80 Brincliffe Edge Road
- 7) Tower on 41a Ashland Road – Corner of Herbert Road
- 8) Edge Bank
- 9) Wickwire – Nether Edge Shops
- 10) Fire Escape, Sandford House, 70 Machon Bank corner of Sandford Grove
- 11) Pole at junction of Woodstock and Empire Roads
- 12) Cross on Mother of God Church, Abbeydale Road
- 13) Flag in Mount Pleasant Park
- 14) Mural on yard of Sharrow Junior School, Vincent Road
- 15) Small library outside Brincliffe House, Brincliffe Crescent
- 16) Children playing sign Shirle Hill, Corner of St Andrews and Cherry Tree Rd
- 17) Wisteria cottage, Union Road – near and opposite the Union pub
- 18) Phone box in grounds of Kenwood Glen, Meadowbank Road
- 19) Stone plaque on Salvation Army Building, Psalter Lane – opposite the Stag
- 20) Chimneys of Gatehouse, Kenwood Hotel – corner of Kenwood & Rundle Rd
- 21) Bridge Club – bottom of Thornsett Road



Photos from some of the Festival events this year.

From top: Creative Women walk with Nether Edge History Group; Nether Edge Market activities; Piano recital by Daria Golovchenko; Peter England's evening of old film reels.

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WHAT'S ON

in and around Nether Edge in November 2023



UNION HOTEL

Union Road, Nether Edge

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

Wednesday 1st November 9 00 pm. Monthly Pop Quiz. Union, Nether Edge.

CAFÉ #9

Wed 1st Nov. Award-winning **The Ciderhouse Rebellion** with acclaimed singer Kirsty Merryn. Tickets £16.50.

Thur 2nd Nov. An evening with **Mikey Kenney**, a passionate and well-respected advocate of traditional music- a brilliant Liverpool-style fiddler. Tickets £16.50.

Wed 8th Nov. **Hannah Aldridge** (above) who encapsulates the essence and true range of Americana like Muscle Shoals. Twice named by Billboard magazine as one of the Top Country Songwriters of the year. Tickets £16.50.

Thur 9th Nov. **Old Spot- Joe Danks and Rowan Piggott** share a passion for Appalachian music. Expect foot stomping old time music on fiddle, banjo, gourd banjo and guitar. Tickets £13.80

Fri 10th Nov. **Anna Pancaldi** is a singer/songwriter from Colchester who draws inspiration from Carole King, Jeff Buckley and Joni Mitchell. Tickets £16.50.

Sun 12th Nov. Toronto-based folk duo **Basset** are acoustic songwriters Sam Clark and Yasmin Shelton. Tickets £13.80.



Thur 16th Nov. An evening with **Daniel Rodriguez**, the founding member of the band Elephant Revival. Tickets £16.50.

Tue 21st Nov. **Siger**, known for their innovative instrumental compositions rooted in Flemish traditional music, siblings Ward & Hartwin Dhoore have been performing internationally for over 15 years. Tickets £16.50.

Thur 23rd Nov. **Michelle Stodart** is a solo artist as well as bassist, vocalist and co-songwriter with the much-loved, Mercury-Prize-nominated and double platinum sellers The Magic Numbers band performing together. Tickets £16.50.

Sat 25th Nov. **Misha**, a global folk collective with strong roots in UK folk and Indian influenced original music. Tickets £13.80.

Sun 26th Nov. **Lucy and Hazel** are a Sheffield-based folk duo who perform original, provocative, occasionally heartbreaking and often spirit rousing songs on the melodeon, guitar, clarinet with rich woven vocal harmony. Tickets £16.50.

Wed 29th Nov. **Jack Warnock** is a multi-instrumentalist and singer from Maghera, Co Derry. Tickets £16.50.

Thur 30th Nov. **Alistair Anderson**, internationally acknowledged as the master of the English concertina and northumbrian pipes. Tickets £16.50.
All performances start at 7.00pm and tickets from WeGotTickets, fee includes booking fee and byo/corkage fee should you want to bring alcohol.

BYRON HOUSE

Nether Edge Road, S7 1RU

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

SHEFFIELD GENERAL CEMETERY

Thur 2nd Nov. 8pm-11pm. Folk at The Chapel with **Charlotte Ridsdale and Sam Carter**. Cost £10+ booking fee.

Fri 10th Nov. 8.30-1am. **Rip It Up**, DJs Joe and Harry present a night of not so dark 80's, post punk, new wave and synth pop sounds in the Samuel Worth Chapel. Cost £10 + booking fee. All tickets sold online via TICKET SOURCE, no tickets on the door. Bar with card machine.

Sat 11th Nov. 2pm. **I am a Potato**- a comedy performance with John Hegley, whose sense of humour and view of the world is delightfully off beam. Cost £12- age 16 and over, £8 age 16 and under. Part of the proceeds from this fundraising event will go to SGCT. All tickets sold online via TICKET SOURCE, no tickets on the door.



Thur 16th Nov. 8pm-11pm. Honey Bees Blues Club & Sheffield General Cemetery present Jake Mann, lead singer and guitar player in Firegarden, now playing mediaeval inspired acoustic music. Tickets £10 plus booking fee. All tickets sold online via TICKET SOURCE, no tickets on the door. Proceeds from this fundraising event go to SGCT.

Sat 18th Nov 8.30-1pm. Sinners and Saints with Graham Wright. Music from the 1950s and 1960s, mixing mostly Rhythm & Blues. Tickets £7.00 plus booking fee. All tickets sold online via TICKET SOURCE. For further information about events contact sgct@gencem.org.

ST ANDREW'S PSALTER LANE CHURCH

Sat 4th Nov. 9.30 - 12.30 but drop in any time. All are very welcome to help tidy the garden around the church. There will be a coffee break around 11.00.

The Tuesday Café

Shirley House, (St. Andrew's Psalter Lane Church) 31, Psalter Lane, S11 8YL
Next door to MHA Southcroft. Parking in the church car park. Access by ramp.
A café for those living at home with memory loss or dementia and their carers.
Tuesdays 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.
Hot drinks, cakes, biscuits, music, singing, and more..

For further information please contact the Church Office: Telephone 0114 2678289

LANTERN THEATRE

Kenwood Park Road S7 1NF

Tues. 14th - Sat 18th Nov 7.30 pm

Breathing Corpses by Laura Wade

Amy's found another body in a hotel bedroom. There's a funny smell coming from one of Jim's storage units. And Kate's losing it after spending all day with the police.

There's no going back after what they've seen.

£14.98 concessions £12.84, including booking fee, from TicketSource.

NETHER EDGE BOWLING CLUB



10th November 7.30 - 11.00 pm

Rachel Raynor and Lewis Nikitman

Rachel has fantastic vocals and sings a wide range of covers. This combined with Lewis's excellent keyboard skills will make for a great evening

Julian Jones - Another Side

Fri 17th Nov 7.30 - 11.00 pm

Not only do we get the excellent singer songwriting skills of Julian we also get Piero Tucci, Nicola Farnon and Phil Johnson.

Fri. 24th Nov. 7.30 - 11.00 pm

Blues Sevens Jazz

Jazz quartet comprising trumpet/flugel, bass, guitar, drums and vocals.

All November gigs are £10 tickets from

Michelle 07742627839

email tickets@nebc.uk

THE CITADEL SALVATION ARMY

Sat. 25th Nov 10.00am - 2.30 pm.

Christmas Market Day

The café will be open from 9.00 am, serving all day breakfasts, snacks and hot drinks. Throughout the day there will be a musical festival with entertainment provided by local musicians, schools and dancers etc. Free entry but there will be a basket to receive donations of non-perishable food and toiletries that can be added to the food bank or used in parcels distributed to people in need.

NETHER EDGE FOLK CLUB

At Nether Edge Bowling Club Nether Edge Road S7 1RU

Wednesday evenings at 8.00 pm

Come and enjoy acoustic music of many genres. All are welcome, whether experienced or beginners, to play, sing or listen.

There is no admission charge but everyone is asked to contribute £2 to the guest booking fund.

For nights with a guest singer (see below) please buy tickets in advance. £8 from: folkclubnetheredge@gmail.com or at the folk club. (£6)

22nd Nov. 8.00 - 10.30

Steve Turner

Steve is a pioneer of highly sophisticated English concertina accompaniments, stretching the boundaries of traditional forms, with one of the best voices in the business. He also accompanies himself on the cittern and also plays mandolin and tenor banjo.

COMMON GROUND

Common Ground Community Centre, St Peter's Hall,

Woodstock Road S7 1GR

10th and 24th Nov.

Ammi's Kitchen Friday Takeaway

Please visit the website for details of the delicious meal on offer.

Preorder at: ammiskitchensheffield.org.

Collection between 3.00 - 6.00 pm. Delivery available.

3rd, 17th, 24th Nov.

Ammi's Kitchen Community Lunch

12.00 - 2.00 pm

Eat in only and free, if on benefits. Otherwise pay as you feel.

NETHER EDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (W.I.N.E.)

Nether Edge Club, Moncrieffe Road S7 1HR

Enjoy lively, interesting speakers and activities on the first Tuesday evening of the month.

Meet like minded women at our dining, theatre, craft and walking groups.

Contact us on facebook for a chat or pop into the club on our meeting evening at 7.00 pm and ask for a committee member.

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AND PEOPLE OF NETHER EDGE DURING
THE LAST 50 YEARS AS SEEN THROUGH
50 YEARS OF EDGE ARCHIVES.
INCLUDING NETHER EDGE HOSPITAL,
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