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EDITORIAL

The Nether Edge Festival has been and gone, and some of the “participants” in the Monster Trail are shown on the cover – what ingenuity! For this month’s edition, following the ICPP (International Panel on Climate Change) we thought we would address one of the most important issues of the day. Some of us may feel hopeless and helpless in view of the enormity of the problem, but a local resident has written an article about what we, as individuals can do to help the planet. To become active in helping the planet, we need to spend time in the natural world. So, there is a piece about Grow, a charity that promotes mental health through working and walking outside, a description of a walk in Derbyshire and information about a council proposal for a more active neighbourhood. There is also information about forthcoming cultural events. Finally, as two of our most active NENG committee members leave Nether Edge, we describe how much work they have done to make our community the wonderful place it is. We do hope you enjoy reading the articles. Comments are welcome

Ruth and Ken

LETTER

House Numbers

As a one-time paper boy, and long-time EDGE deliverer, I’m struck by how many houses don’t display numbers. In these days of doorstep deliveries, it’s even more important than it’s ever been, so a number that’s visible from the kerb is an absolute must. What strikes me is that the people who suffer most are the people without numbers. So, when the expected toy doesn’t turn up and the bawling infant is blaming you, just stop and consider that it might be because the Amazon driver couldn’t find you. It’s up to you - get numbered.

Regards

Jack Massey

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE NENG VOLUNTEERS

This is the time of year when NENG has traditionally held a tea party (honest – no beer) for all those who give up their time as volunteers to help out with the many activities that NENG now supports. Given the rather fluid situation regarding Covid-19, we have decided not to have the event this year, but rather say thank you in the pages of EDGE, which might not quite hit the spot like a cup of tea and a cake, but we are where we are.

The backbone of NENG is perhaps our EDGE magazine. Just under a thousand printed copies are brought to your door by a pyramid network of distributors. The monthly editors deliver copies to six main distributors, who then divide the copies for the “sub distributors” to deliver, come rain or shine or unfriendly dogs. Without these lovely people you would not receive the EDGE.



Then there are all the people who help out at the Farmers Market, the Festival, the History Group, Kenwood Community Growers, Friends of Brincliffe Edge Wood, the Art Group, Open Gardens, Friends of Chelsea Park.

So, not,



but



HOW TO HELP THE PLANET

Rachel, of the On the Brink community housing project on Osborne Road, describes how the community try to live sustainably



One of the big draws towards community life was the opportunity to share resources and live a more eco-friendly, sustainable life. I think we do that in small ways, for example, buying items together in bulk and also in larger ways, such as installing air source heat pumps into our four new properties.

This is a snap shot into how we try to reduce our carbon footprint at On the Brink. Maybe you'll have suggestions for us or maybe we'll inspire you to work together with your neighbours?

Green electricity

Changing energy supplier could be a good way to cut down on your carbon emissions. All of our houses are powered solely by electricity. No oil or gas on site! We also get our electricity from a green energy supplier, so everything is powered by renewable energy.

<https://www.renewableenergyhub.co.uk/blog/the-best-uk-green-energy-suppliers-in-2021-and-how-to-choose-one/>

We now have three electric cars and a hybrid between us. Covid has slowed down our car-pool plans but we haven't given up on the idea. We do share cars when we can and a few of us are on each other's insurance. It does seem a waste to have cars sitting around, especially if you don't need your car every day or you're only making short journeys.

I would really recommend getting an electric car. I was quite nervous beforehand - will we be able to charge ok? Will we have enough range to visit family, go on holiday etc? And while the charging network isn't great, our second hand electric car hasn't let us down!

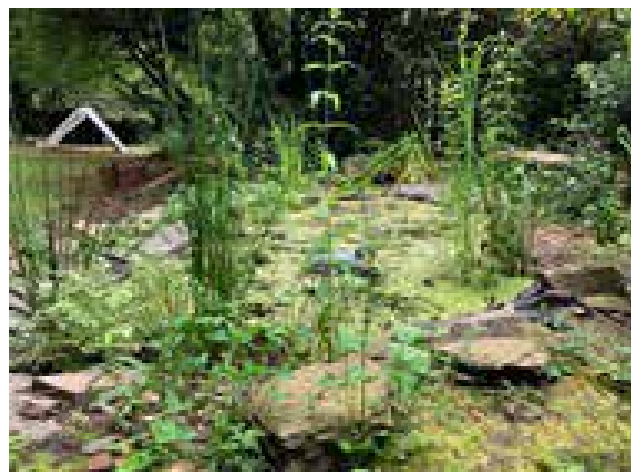
Eco new build

One of our biggest projects has been installing four air source heat pumps into our new builds. These work a bit like a reverse fridge: "Heat from the outside air is absorbed by a fluid in the pump, and then is passed through a compressor to increase the temperature. This hot fluid then passes through a heat exchanger to deliver heat to hot water and central heating systems for the property."

(<https://greenbusinesswatch.co.uk/guides/air-source-heat-pumps>)

So the new houses are very efficient to heat, well insulated and the underfloor heating feels amazing!

<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/air-source-heat-pumps/>



Leaving space for something wild

One of my favourite ways to protect the planet is reclaiming space for nature - resisting temptation to have a tidy garden and let a little bit of wilderness creep in. We've left a large area of young trees and bushes alone, letting creatures shelter in broken branches, allowing weeds to grow where they will. Not only is this a calming area to spend time in (the kids love making dens there) or observe (we have a hidden "pocket retreat") but an opportunity for the earth to replenish itself.

It doesn't take vast areas of land to make space for some wilderness. We've also planted wildflowers, which the bees and butterflies love. Even letting your lawn, or just some of your lawn, grow can help. There are loads more ideas here:

<https://www.rewildingbritain.org.uk>





As part of greening our garden, we try to attract wildlife. For example, by building a pond and setting up various bird and bat boxes at different heights and in different areas, to encourage different species.

<https://conservationoptimism.org/the-bio-diverse-festival-2020-celebrating-underrepresented-and-minority-scientists-in-biology-and-conservation/>

We also compost and use that compost to grow fruit and veg together.

Shop local

We don't rely on our veg patch alone - we use local shops when we can, including sharing deliveries of fresh food and milk from nearby.

We also try to reduce the packaging, for example, clubbing together and ordering in bulk. Places like Bare Alternative on Abbeydale Rd let you bring your own containers. If we do have left over packaging, we try to use it again - could it be a plant pot or a candle holder? We've even had a competition to make the best model car!

Stay hopeful

Sometimes we can feel so small and powerless to make meaningful change. However, if we all made small changes it would make a difference. If most of us made some medium changes, that would also make a difference. And if some of us make big changes, stand up to those in power and demand a greener fairer world, then just imagine what we could do!

Suggested reading:


How bad are bananas? The Carbon Footprint of Everything by Mike Berners-Lee.

This changes everything by Naomi Klein.

The Wall by John Lanchester.

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final farewells in familiar places



THE END OF AN ERA ?

Yorkshire Live in a recent article* glowingly commended Nether Edge as “one of the most desired places to live in Sheffield with people of all ages flocking to the area to enjoy its community spirit, and stunning homes”.

Which poses an interesting question: what is it that turns a geographical area inhabited by a particular set of human beings into a vibrant “community” that has a positive sense of itself, an image that outsiders recognise and a momentum to sustain that essence ?

Clearly facilities help...cafes, pubs, shops. Physical spaces where people can meet and interact...parks, seating areas, points of intersection. Organisations...clubs, societies, causes.

There is however another magical, essential ingredient. A cadre of individuals with the time, inclination, and commitment to drive, organise, nudge and cajole. People who provide the catalyst which enables the other ingredients to interact and spark. Often few in number but with an influence which far surpasses their numerical presence in the community.

Two such people are David and Gina Pierce. And, sad to say, they are leaving Nether Edge after around 30 years.

Now, of the 20,000 or so people in Nether Edge there may be some who do not recognise the names, but you will have come across them and been affected by them.

Have you ever listened to the Master of Ceremonies at the Farmers Market ? That would probably be David. Bought a tombola ticket at the same event ? Most likely from Gina. Admired the flower boxes as you waited for a bus at the cross roads ? Installed, planted and maintained by them. Taken your kids to the Christmas grotto on the Bowling Green ? Both in disguise. David in red with white beard, Gina assisting in her Rosemary Clooney outfit . Visited the splendid open garden on Montgomery Road and enjoyed tea and cake, or prosecco? The Pierces. Been nobbled in or around the shops by a tall gangly loquacious man with a contrived Victor Meldrew demeanour engaging you in conversation on Nether Edge issues ? Or accosted by a petite bundle of energy selling raffle tickets or soliciting prizes ? The same two.

And if you have somehow not come across them in any of the above scenarios you will undoubtedly have benefited from their work behind the scenes: active agents in, and founder members of, the Festival Committee, the Farmers Market Committee, the Tree campaign. Long-standing members of the NENG Committee, David, ex-Chair, and main driver behind the rationalisation of NENG into its current federal form 6 years or so ago. David for many years editor of Edge, more recently a member of the Edge editorial board, and throughout a regular contributor to the journal. Gina a key member of the St Andrews Psalter Lane Church team who regularly provide meals to old folk each Sunday. Both behind the practice of Saturday morning litter picking.

And so and so on...and so on.

You might assume from all this, they clearly had nothing else to do. Quite so. Other, of course, than things like David's Thespian activities with Dronfield Light Opera, or Gina's charity work on behalf of Cairn Homes or her involvement in the St Francis of Assisi Dance club.



Still cannot place them? Perhaps because all this work has been delivered discreetly, without fuss, or expectation, and with a modesty and down to earth practicality traceable to their working lives in industry and the health service.

Now we are about to lose them as they embark on a new chapter in their lives though you can bet it will not be "The Do-Nothing Years".

Over the 50 or so years Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group has existed, it has been blessed with a number of individuals who have had a disproportionate effect on the community. Their names are well known to those close enough to know: Joan Flett, Peter Frost, Tildy Lowe, Chris Venables. A virtual 'Honours Board' that must now inevitably include David and Gina. By any stretch the work put in by the Pierces over the last 30 years stands comparison with any of the other illustrious names.

People like these are the essence of community. Not just the hours they put in, the works they do, the hours in meetings. But also the innate impact that comes from a personal display of involvement their projected sense of belonging, of taking responsibility, of engaging with strangers, of being there. Of presence.

If there is any good news it is that they are not moving far and we are assured by them that their involvement will continue if at a less intense level. Our assurance to them is that they will always be welcome. Nether Edge is and will continue to be a better place because of them. The community owes them a great deal. They will be a hard act to follow.

* see <https://www.examinerlive.co.uk/news/local-news/life-leafy-sheffield-suburb-great-21409928>





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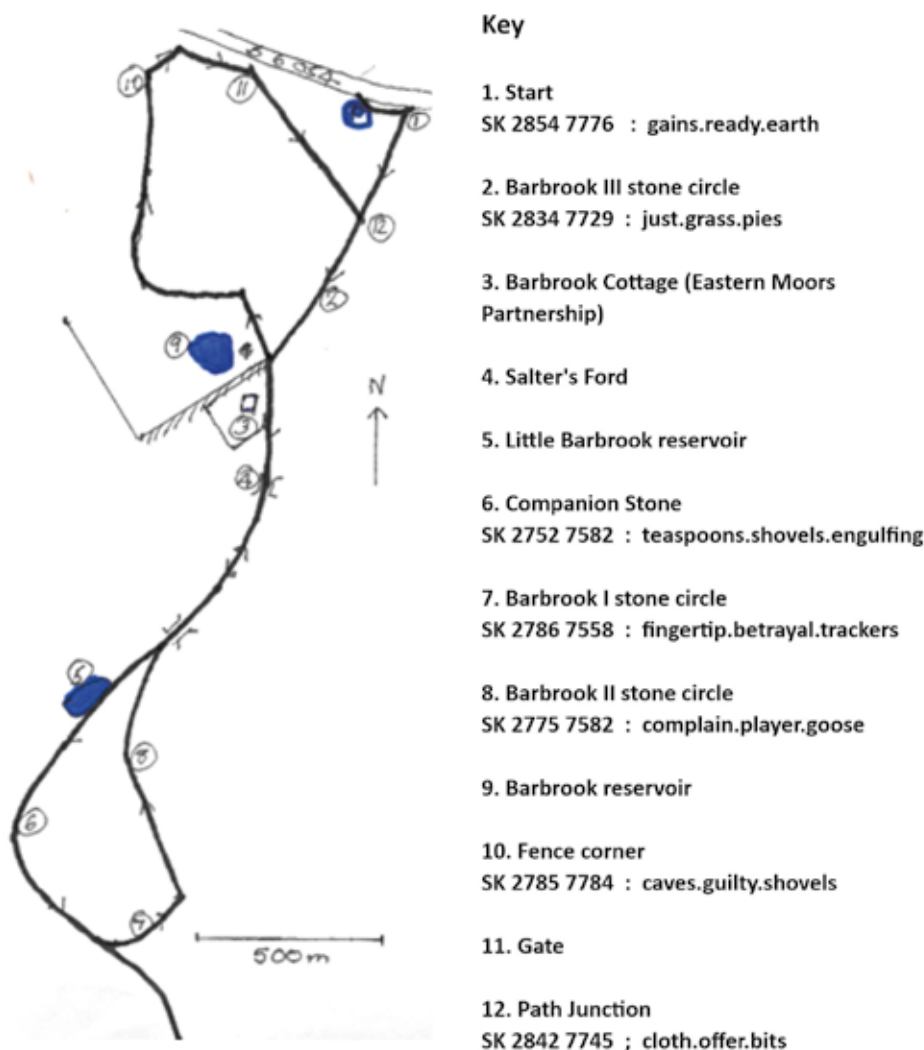
BIG MOOR – A WALK IN THE PAST *by David Levine*

With some 5700 archaeological sites recorded on the Eastern Moors on the edge of Sheffield there's no need to travel to Orkney or the Hebrides to see a rich collection of stone circles and prehistoric sites. The walk on Big Moor is about 4.5 miles and takes in three stone circles, (Barbrook I, II and III named after the nearby brook) two abandoned reservoirs and several prehistoric cairns.

In Britain most stone circles date from between 3000 BCE and 2000 BCE. Their origins and purpose have long been a matter of debate and include astronomical uses and ceremonial gatherings such as cremations. There is evidence of cremations at Barbrook II following excavations in the 1960's.

The walk starts from the B6054, the road between Owler Bar and Longshaw, at the first layby on the left-hand side travelling from Owler Bar, opposite a green metal gate. There is limited parking at the layby. (Although the 218 stops at Owler Bar there is no pavement alongside the busy B6054 so doing this walk using public transport is difficult).

(The walk can be easily shortened to 3.5 miles by going directly from Barbrook Cottage [3] back to the start [1] on the return leg).



Go through the gate at the layby and head SW, passing a path junction [12] after 400m. **Barbrook III stone circle [2]**, which is marked erroneously on OS maps on the west side of the path, is actually on the east side (on the left hand side) 200m further on from the path junction. A faint path leaves the main path to the stone circle (at **input.salads.pipe**).

Barbrook III consists of 21 small stones, and can be hard to find when covered with grass. It is one of the largest stone circles (in radius) in Derbyshire.

Return to the main path and head SE for another 250m to reach a fence surrounding **Barbrook Cottage [3]**.



Barbrook Cottage, formerly the reservoir keeper's house, contains the offices of the **Eastern Moors Partnership**, a joint venture between the National Trust and the RSPB. Their website <https://www.visit-eastern-moors.org.uk/> has details of several walks covering this area.

Turn left and follow the fence heading south for 300m, crossing a tarmacked lane, then along a grassy track, to reach a gate and bridge across **Salter's Ford [4]**.

From Salter's Ford it is 800 m (0.5 miles) along the main track heading SW to reach Little Barbrook reservoir [5].



Little Barbrook Reservoir

Barbrook, **Little Barbrook** and the nearby Ramsley reservoirs were built by Chesterfield Water Board in the 1880's and are no longer used as a water supply. Little Barbrook reservoir is a favourite swimming spot for both humans and canines.

About 350m further down the path is a companion stone [6] for the guidestop at Deadshaw Sick Bog which is 200m across the valley and difficult to access.



Companion stone

The stone is a modern sculpture with an inscribed poem and is one of 12 in the Peak District. Each of the 12 sculptures is a companion to a Derbyshire guide stoop. (<http://www.companionstones.org.uk/>). The guide stoop is one of a series erected in the early 18th century to show the way to market centres.

From the companion stone it is 400m heading SE to **Barbrook I stone circle [7]**. Look out for the turnoff on the left, heading NE, just before the path veers to the right. The largest stone in Barbrook I, a metre high, is visible from the main path.



The largest stone in Barbrook I

Keep in a NE direction for 100m to a reconstructed cairn and turn left, just past the cairn, to head NW for 300m. You will pass several cairns before reaching **Barbrook II stone circle [8]**.

Barbrook II stone circle, which is not shown on OS maps, was reconstructed in the late 1980's following vandalism, to look like it did 4000 years ago. It has 9 stones that are set into a drystone wall.

Carry on in a NW direction on the path for about 500m until you return to the main path close to the bridge north of Little Barbrook Reservoir. Retrace your steps back to Barbrook Cottage (about 800m). Cross back over the tarmacked lane and follow the path with the fence on the left, enclosing Barbrook Cottage, to reach a gate. Turn right on the path, heading NE, to get back to the start (this shortens the walk by 1 mile).

Alternatively go through the gate and follow the path that passes the side of **Barbrook reservoir [9]** for 800m to reach another gate. Go through this gate, following a barbed wire fence for 200m (this section can get very muddy) before turning right at a fence corner [10], and with the fence still on your right, going uphill to reach the dry stone wall by the road.

Barbrook reservoir originated in 1882 when a dam was first built. It was enlarged in 1910 and provided water for North Chesterfield until the mid-1970s. In 2003 a project was carried out to decommission the reservoir for safety reasons. It was drained over a period of 4 weeks by breaching the main embankment wall. Pools were created in the reservoir basin as wildlife habitats.

Turn right, to go through a gate, walking parallel to the road for 200m and at a gate to the road [11], walk in a SE direction along a grassy footpath to the path junction [12] (which you have already crossed) where, just after passing 3 hawthorn trees, you turn left to get back to the start.


Andrew Walker - Ceramicist

Andrew Walker is an independent pottery maker from Sheffield creating handmade contemporary ceramics with a unique identity. Working from his pottery studio in Works 57, he constructs hand-built stoneware pottery vessels using a series of fins made from clay slabs to give the illusion of a solid form. Inspiration comes from our industrial landscape, mainly the iconic block-like geometric buildings from the mid-century where he's drawn to their simplistic, graphic like quality. 'I like to look at these structures and break their components down, the shapes and symmetrical lines form the basis for creating a starting point in my construction. I also draw inspiration from the shadows these structures create, often taking into consideration how these impact on the negative space'. His simple approach to pottery design and form, often combines geometrical shapes to construct ceramic vessels as a way to bridge the gap between functional handmade pottery and contemporary handmade ceramic sculpture.



Andrew also runs daily hand building pottery classes from his large studio on Chippinghouse Road. Classes start at 2 hour taster sessions -to 6 week courses; all offer an insight into hand building pottery. Also available are bookable Intermediate Flexible Hours, Open Studio Spaces (hand building and wheel) plus Pottery At Home Kits as well as Kiln Firing Hire.

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Saturday 20th will feature a memorial concert by the Black Velvet clarinet quartet for the much-loved Steve Dumbleton who died this year. The concert will include music written for the quartet by local composer, Ray Kohn, in collaboration with Steve. Steve was an inspiring musician and all who played with him will miss him. The festival's penultimate concert will be a celebration of Steve and the music he loved.

The Delphi Trust organises the festival and keeps seat prices down to just £5 (children free). Full details of the concerts can be seen at <https://www.samfest.uk/> where the full festival brochure can be downloaded.

SPRAT'S TREASURE ISLAND CROSSWORD

This crossword is based on a much-loved and popular book. If you've read it, that's a definite advantage. If you haven't, get a copy. It should be on everybody's bucket reading list. If you don't want anything to do with it, it's so well ingrained in popular culture that you'll probably be able to guess. The starred clues have a Treasure Island connection. Good luck

Across

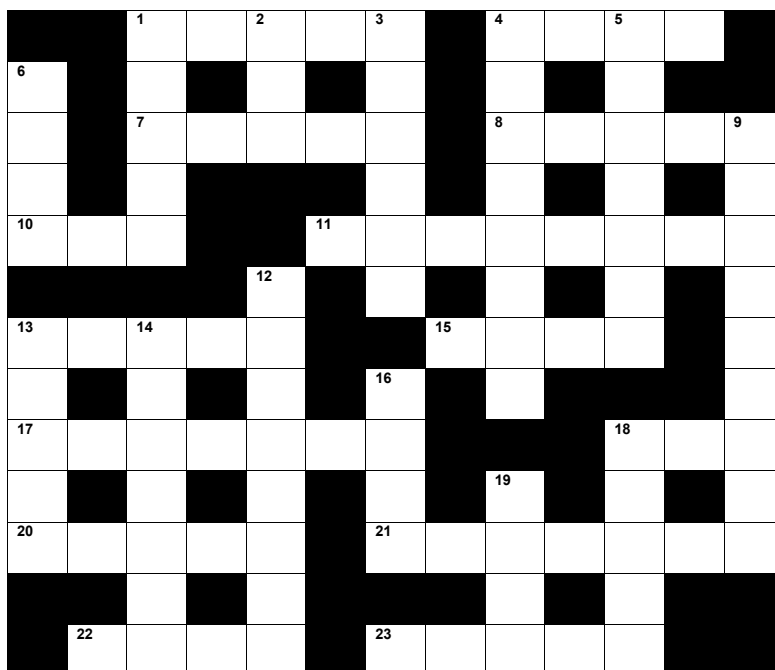
- Assistants (5)
 American name for a timber wolf (4)
 7. Fit for a monarch (5)
 8*. Name of the parrot, and the pirate who buried the treasure – Captain _____ (5)
 10*. The blind beggar who terrified Jim Hawkins (3)
 11. Thin, pliable sheet of material (8)
 13*, 18D The old buccaneer who lodges with the Hawkins family at the Admiral Benbow inn. (5,5)
 15*, 3D Leader of the pirates – Long _____ (4,6)
 17. Become more mature, advanced or elaborate (7)
 18*, 19D The maroon who finds the treasure (3,4)
 20. Makes less serious (5)
 21. Branston's is a good example (7)
 23* The villainous coxswain who pins Jim

Hawkins to the mast with his dirk – Israel _____ (5)

Down

- 1* The drunken boatswain who falls overboard on the outward voyage (5)
 2* The first buccaneer to visit the Captain at the Admiral Benbow – Black _____ (3)
 3* See 15A

4. Life preserver or soap! (8)
 5. The island we all live on (7)
 6. Stinging insect (4)
 9*. One of the leaders of the treasure seekers – Squire _____ (9)
 12. Bikers (8)
 13. Small piece of metal, plastic or cloth with a design or words (5)
 14* The ship's doctor – David _____ (7)
 16. Long heroic poem (4)
 18. See 13A
 19. See 18A



PROPOSALS FOR A NETHER EDGE ACTIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD *by Ken Lambert*

The points below are taken from the website <https://connectingsheffield.commonplace.is/proposals/nether-edge-active-neighbourhood> :-

Why we're introducing an Active Neighbourhood.

By introducing measures in an area to create an Active Neighbourhood, the following benefits can be seen:

- *Safer roads and streets as traffic is slowed down in some areas*
- *Increased confidence to safely walk or cycle to get around a neighbourhood*
- *A reduction in through traffic*
- *A nicer environment for people to spend time outside*
- *Reduced pollution, improving air quality and the health of local people*

Access to Active Neighbourhoods by car would be maintained for residents or businesses located within the area. Some traffic may be redirected to main routes.

There are a number of measures that could be used to create an Active Neighbourhood, they include the following:

- *Narrowing the mouth of a junction to slow down traffic.*
- *Putting in dropped crossings and creating step-free routes.*
- *Closing a road to motor vehicles using a 'traffic filter'.*
- *Closing a section of a road to motor vehicles using two 'traffic filters'*
- *Making a road one way.*
- *Banning turns into or out of a specified road*
- *Installing cycle parking in the right location*

As a personal view, Howard Fry and I attended a (virtual) consultation meeting, and were bemused to hear that one of the reasons that Nether Edge had been chosen was because it was "relatively flat". They seemed to be unaware that many of the roads already have speed bumps and that Brincliffe Edge Road is totally unsuitable as a "main road". Our main thoughts were that whilst the principles are hard to disagree with, there could be areas with more pressing needs, notably regarding walking to schools that require crossing Psalter Lane or Osborne Road. We also questioned why the City-Nether Edge cycle route stopped at Wostenholm Road.

It looks like a fixed amount of money and the scheme will press ahead regardless. We will continue to liaise with the Connecting Sheffield Team.

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GROW – YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CHARITY

IN NETHER EDGE *by Steven Cotton and Wendy Flemming*



Grow is a Sheffield youth development charity, based in Nether Edge that combines coaching with nature based projects

The Potting Shed

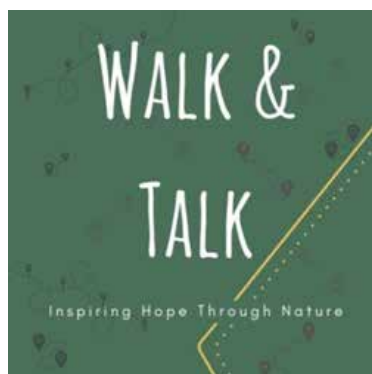
opened in March 2021

and it's been a very busy year. For those who don't know... we are a micro plant nursery based in Nether Edge. We sell a range of small-medium sized plants including Herbaceous perennials, small shrubs, edibles and some annuals. The thing that makes The Potting Shed unique is that it is actually a programme as part of the youth development charity Grow (www.growuk.org)

It has been brilliant to have such a warm response from the local community and it's been exciting to see our trainees develop lots of new skills!

We are currently just focussing on online order and offering a click and collect service through our website (www.thepottingshedsheffield.com) We have exciting plans for the rest of the year and will be settling into a new home in 2022 - we'll let you know more soon!

When they're not working at The Potting Shed, our trainees are developing a whole host of skills as part of the **Grow Gardeners programme**. This is effectively a garden maintenance business that offers gardening services locally. We work in a team with one experienced gardener and at least one trainee who is developing skills. If you'd be interesting in hearing more about our gardening services, check out www.growuk.org/grow-gardeners



Our Walk and Talk programme established during the pandemic has continued to run successfully throughout the summer. A total of 175 walks have taken place since the programme started in October 2020 and this number is increasing each week.

We have 28 trained volunteers and have received funding to increase our capacity to support young people across the city, but have a focus in Nether Edge, Broomhill and Sharrow areas.

We are open for referrals for young people aged between 16 and 24, who would benefit from meeting a mentor, once a week for 8 weeks to 'walk and talk' and explore their next steps towards work, employment or education. Enjoying 'mentored' walks in green open spaces also boosts wellbeing, builds confidence and reduces isolation for those who may find it difficult to leave their home on their own.

Many of the young people who participate in the programme go on to other Grow programmes, return to education or take positive steps towards achieving their own personal goals.

Anyone can refer, just fill in the referral form on our website, where you can also watch inspiring videos from young people who have completed the programme.

We are also currently accepting Volunteer applications to become a Walk and Talk mentor, details and the application form are on our website.

If you would like to talk about whether the programme is right for a young person you are supporting, or you would like more information about volunteering with us please email wendy.flemming@growuk.org programme co-ordinator or call 07729248661.



THE LANTERN THEATRE RE-OPENS !

by Kevin Jackson

It's been a year since we first wrote for The Edge about The Lantern closing its doors. At that time, our lovely theatre had been dark since March 2020. The only light that remained on being the lantern itself shining out over Nether Edge.

Being closed without any income has been incredibly difficult, and at times very worrying that we might not have a community theatre to come back to. But we're delighted to bring you good news; we survived!

The magical opening date of the **1st October 2021** means our doors were closed for 1 year, 6 months and 15 days to help protect our community.

Throughout the lockdown, the charity board has been working hard to secure the theatre's future for our members, audiences and to keep the historical importance of the building thriving for many more years.

We've used the difficult time of closure to make some positive changes. You may have already seen our new branding, website and YouTube Channel. If you've visited us online, you'll also know that we let our followers into a bit of secret - we've made exciting improvements to our front-of-house so that we can welcome you back with a bang. We looked to Dilys Guite and her friends for inspiration who, with minimal resources, worked hard back in 1957 to restore the theatre. We tapped into their determination to help us create a fresh and welcoming front-of-house that is critical to our long-term success in bringing in income to support the future of The Lantern.

We have new measures in place to keep our volunteers, performers, crew and audiences safe. These initiatives support our reopening plans and are in line with theatres across the country. Being such an intimate space means these changes are necessary, making your next visit a little different. The shows, though, will be just as exciting, highly creative with a welcome as warm as ever and the auditorium as beautiful as you remember. We thank you in advance for your cooperation during your next visit to help us make sure everyone has a great night.



Thank you as well to everyone who helped us get through this unusual time - for your donations, words of support, interacting with us online and holding on to tickets! Thanks to the volunteers who helped shape the new-look bar and foyer, plus those who gave their time to get the grounds ready after months of not being able to tend to them.

It's been a long time and we've missed our community so much. There's nothing like live theatre and it's so much more than what you see on stage. Our members and supporters remain at the heart of The Lantern. It's not just a building. It's a place for actors, directors, writers, crew, volunteers, set builders, lighting designers, sound engineers, audiences, musicians, learning, laughter, creativity, socialising and friendship.

It's a unique venue that brings us all together. We appreciate you so much and we can't wait to see you again.

WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND NETHER EDGE IN OCTOBER 2021

The Lantern Theatre is Sheffield's oldest and smallest theatre and is proud to host new and unique productions as well as live music, comedy, and film. For telephone bookings call TicketSource directly on 0333 666 3366 (Mon to Fri 9am-7pm/ Sat 9am-5pm. Also book in person at the theatre box office on event nights between 6.30pm-7.30pm. For more information, visit the website, Facebook Page or Twitter Feed. The Lantern Theatre, Sheffield, S7 1NF

Fri 1st Oct 7.30pm. Doonican's Big Neet Out will see Scott and Amanda's army of puppets taking to the stage for three hours of fun. www.ticketsource.co.uk/thelanternsheff.

Sat 2nd Oct 7.30pm. The Bar-Steward Sons of Val Doonican band, hailing from Barnsley have played over 1000 side-splitting shows to date. They continue to wow audiences across the UK with their anarchic live shows and fine selection of their greatest hits. www.ticketsource.co.uk/thelanternsheff.

Sat 9th Oct 7.30pm. Steve Pilgrim brings an intimate acoustic set to the Lantern Theatre. Well known as a musician with Paul Weller and shared the stage with Noel Gallagher, Roger Daltrey and many others. www.ticketsource.co.uk/thelanternsheff.

The Graves Gallery reopens with brand new displays, Following a six- month programme of refurbishment and redisplay, Sheffield's much-loved Graves Gallery has reopened. Visit the website to see order of events, workshops and tours available.

The first new exhibition celebrates the work of the acclaimed sculptor Mark Firth called 'Precision as a state of Mind' and is on display until 15th January. Firth's practice reflects a long family connection to Sheffield's engineering history and his great grandfather was the steel magnate and philanthropist Mark Firth whose generosity helps found the University of Sheffield.

Café#9. 9 Nether Edge Road, Sheffield S7 1RU

Fri 1st Oct 7.00pm. Ned Roberts plays Café#9. Ned is a wonderfully accomplished folk musician with a timeless quality to his Laurel Canyon-esque songs delivered with a poetic turn of phrase and excellent musicianship. Tickets £13.75 including booking fee. WeGotTickets.

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Fri 15th Oct 7.00pm. Ruth Theodore a seasoned British songwriter is a truly unique artist and performer, creating charming and humble yet challenging and compelling pieces. Tickets £16.50 including booking fee and BYO/corkage fee. WeGotTickets **The Union Hotel, Nether Edge.**

Mon 4th Oct 9.30pm. The popular Monday Night Pub Quiz at Nether Edge's Union Hotel is back. It starts at 9.30pm. All welcome.

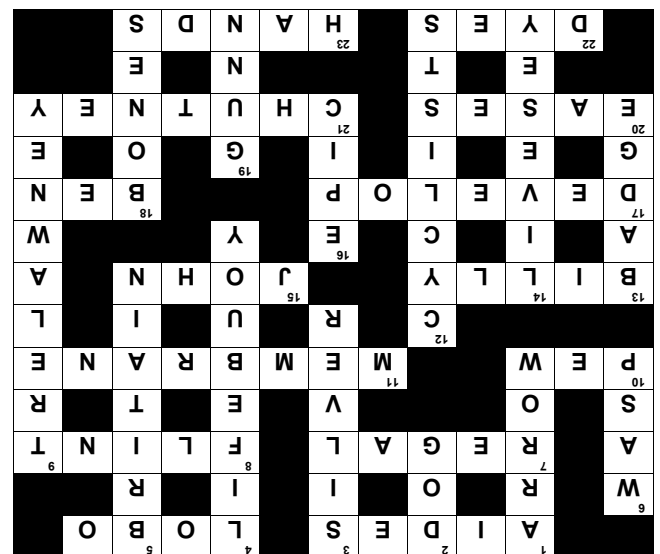
Wed 6th Oct 9.30pm. The monthly pop quiz is back at Nether Edge's Union Hotel, get there early to get a seat.

Abbeydale Picture House. 387 Abbeydale road. S7 1FS

Wed 6th Oct 7pm- 10.30pm. Peggy Seeger and Callum MacColl, The first Farewell Tour. The charismatic Peggy Seeger- singer, songwriter, feminist, icon, Ewan MacColl's partner and muse- is the undisputed queen of folk and political song performing with their son, Callum MacColl. Tickets. <https://fixr.co/events/684272133>.

Mon 25th Oct 7.30pm- 11.00pm. Alex Rex+Sister Wives+Victor Herrero returns to Sheffield in support of his fourth album, Paradise. The show is happening in the newly refurbished Fly Tower at the Abbeydale Picture House. Tickets £13.09 from Eventbrite.

Fri 29th/Sat 30th 7.30pm. Young Hangman Productions Present Blood Hounds (18+). Set in a world suffocating from darkness, evil now lurks in every shadow. Not for the faint-hearted perhaps! Tickets available from Eventbrite.



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Sheffield General Cemetery Trust (SGCT) proposed events for October 2021. History walks on the first Sunday of each month. Minimum donation of £5 to help support the trust. Meeting place for all events is the Gatehouse, 1.00pm at the end of Cemetery Avenue off Ecclesall Road unless otherwise indicated.

Sun 3rd Oct 1.00pm, 1.30pm & 2.00pm History Walks. Ever wanted to learn more about Sheffield's Victorian history? Why not start with a fascinating guided tour of the Grade II listed historic cemetery. Meet the residents who shaped Sheffield's history, from Mark Firth and Samuel Holbery to the Cole Brothers and George Bassett, and many more. Contact **sgct@gencem.org** for updated information. Tel 0114 268 3486

Fri 29th Oct 1.00pm-3.00pm. Fungi Walk. Join fungi expert and enthusiast Ziggy on a foray of the Cemetery's mushrooms and toadstools. At this time of the year the Cemetery is host to many varieties of fungi for you to view. Contact **sgct@gencem.org** for updated information. Tel 0114 268 3486

Nether Edge Folk Club meets every Wednesday at 8.30pm. Complete novices and experienced performers are all very welcome at the Nether Edge Bowling Club, Nether Edge Road, Sheffield S7 1RU. The club enjoys acoustic music in a wide variety of genres and about ten times a year have guest performers whose music will range from traditional roots, blues, jazz, folk and country and Americana. For further information see website **<https://www.nebc.uk/>** or telephone 07763 932778.

Festival I-SPY Trail – Answers

Unfortunately there is not enough space left in this edition of EDGE to publish all the photos and answers.

But fear not, the answers that you have all been waiting for will be published on the Festival website at the start of October.

The link below will get you there, but it is not yet active.

<https://www.netheredgefestival.co.uk/i-spy-trail-answers/>

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<https://www.netheredgefair.com/>

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