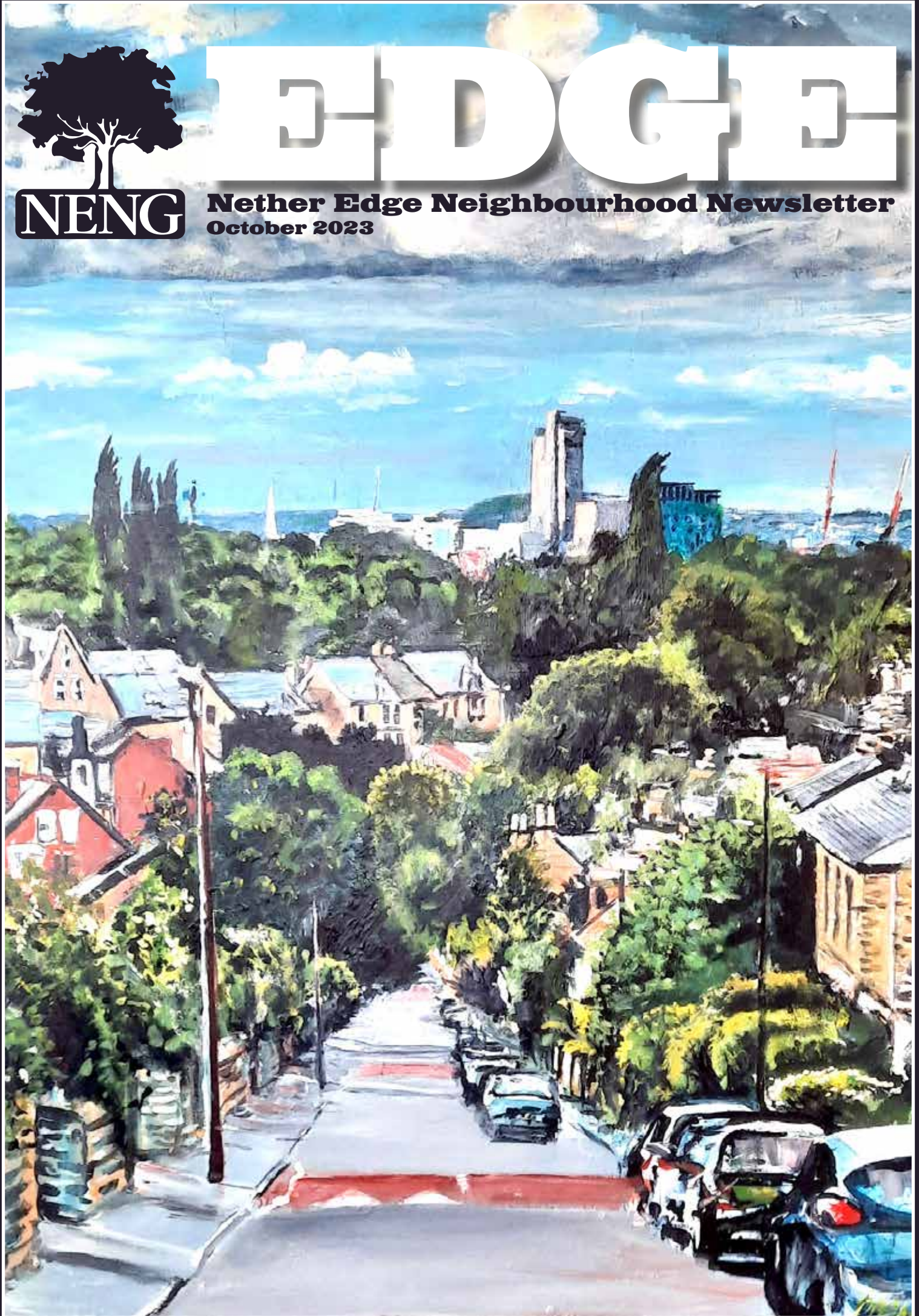




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Nether Edge Neighbourhood Newsletter
October 2023





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 October 2023

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

EDITORIAL

Ruth Bernard



This month's cover is the winner of this year's art competition, which is part of the Nether Edge Arts Festival. Local artists were asked to paint a picture of how they view Nether Edge, and more entries feature on the back page. The competition's theme stemmed from the fact that the Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group (NENG) was formed 50 years ago this year. NENG are also publishing a book to celebrate the anniversary, more of which next month. Unfortunately we have had to cancel the pocket park project, see page 8 for an explanation.

NENG started in 1973 with a campaign to close Turn-Ups nightclub, which used to be on Nether Edge Road. It was noisy and a general nuisance to local residents. NENG is now involved in many different activities, including publishing this magazine, and has several affiliated groups such as the festival, market, History group and Friends of Brincliffe Edge Woods. We are also still involved in local planning issues and have regular contact with the local councillors and Sheffield City Council.

The market raises a lot of money for various local causes, including the Nether Edge Food Bank, whose work features in this issue. NENG does its best to support local businesses and we have interviewed the new owners of Lotte on the Edge, who provide good food and coffee. There are also a couple of reports from stallholders at the NE Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market is a great showcase for local businesses, and there was another busy market on 17th Sept. The next market is on 3rd December, just ready for Christmas – hope to see you there.

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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NEWS

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Collecting annual subscriptions is one of the less pleasant activities for those of us involved in NENG. Subscriptions take a huge amount of time to monitor, administer and chase up. And for those who still pay in annually in cash/cheque, it involves volunteers walking the streets, knocking on doors and asking for payment. Hugely time consuming! All 2023-24 subscriptions have been due since April.

We are asking everyone to pay electronically. Ideally by an annual standing order. Your bank will then pay your subscriptions on the same date every year without you (or us) having to lift a finger or remember to pay.

If you do prefer to pay each year, a bank transfer is preferred but you will need to remember to pay each year.

Both these can be set up quickly and easily using a bank app, online banking, or visiting your local branch.

Our details, needed to set up a standing order, are:

Account name: **Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group**

Account number: **36208368**

Sort code: **30-97-51**

*** Please ensure payee reference is your address.**

If you really do prefer to pay by cheque/cash then please post to Ken Lambert (NENG Chair and Membership Secretary).
32 Thornsett Rd S7 1NB.

If you have any questions please contact Ken on **07518 118789** or email **ken.lambert227@gmail.com**. Additionally details can be found on the NENG website (Netheredge.org.uk, or scanning the QR code on page 2). You can find mandate forms on the website if you wish to print out and fill in forms for your bank.

The annual subscription to NENG is just £10 a year. An amount that hasn't increased since 2020. And for that you'll not only receive 10 copies of Edge each year, but also be supporting our work at the Market, Chelsea Park, Brincliffe Edge, the Festival, and a range of other activities in the community.

STEVE THE NEWSAGENT

We were sorry to hear of the death of Steve who ran the newsagents on Machon Bank for many years. One reader remembers him:

Doing a paper round for Steve around Nether Edge in the mid 1990s was my first job. I remember Steve sending me out with another young paper-deliverer to learn my round and being excited to see it included the big mansion house on Rundle Road. That Christmas on the advice of a friend I put a Christmas card through each door with the copy of the Sheffield Star that I was tasked with delivering and the following day when I went to collect my round, Steve had several of the cards on his desk with money stuck to them by the people I'd been delivering to. Steve said, "Your flyers have come back!" I enjoyed my Nether Edge paper round and remember Steve as being a very kind, reassuring and quietly comical first employer.

Matthew Taylor

WEDDING BELLS

Vicky from Wickwire is celebrating her marriage!!!! Her new husband is called Simon, and they were married on 15th September, which is why Wickwire was closed for a few days. Vicky has always been a great supporter of the Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group and we all send her our congratulations and best wishes.



CAFE AT WHIRLOW BROOK PARK

The old bus shelter and toilet block on the drive down to **Whirlow Brook Park** has been refurbished to become a cafe. It is open between 8.30am and 4.30pm seven days a week.



BBC FOOD AND FARMING AWARDS



Regather, based on Club Garden Road and in the Moss Valley, have been shortlisted for a 2023 BBC Food & Farming Award in the 'Farming the Future category'. The nomination recognises the work they do to promote the cause of good food. Regather campaign for fair access to a food system that is more accountable and sustainable.

"It's amazing news for us here at Regather and we feel incredibly proud to have been shortlisted for such a prestigious, national award. The annual awards have been running since 2000 and celebrate British food and farming, something that is extremely close to our hearts."

WELCOME TO IAYDA AND BERKE ALIYAZICIOGLU THE NEW OWNERS OF **Lotte on the Edge**



Kevin Hickey

They came to London from Istanbul to study; Ilayda did an MA in International Business Management at Kingston University and Berke did a degree in Entrepreneurship at the City of Westminster University. Their studies were interrupted by Covid, and they completed their courses remotely back in Istanbul. They both had careers in Istanbul but did not like the quality of life and Istanbul didn't feel safe to bring up a family. Also because of the poor transport infrastructure and overcrowding in Istanbul, Berke spent long hours in traffic; it takes a long time to go anywhere by car. They married in May 2020, and they have two sons, one two-and-a-half born in Istanbul and one 10 months born in Sheffield. They had decided to find a business that they could buy and enable them to work for themselves. Lotte's seemed to be just what they wanted with lots of potential for development and expansion and in an area that they liked. Ilayda says Sheffield is a great place for young families and a nice area for raising their children. There are very good schools, lots of greenery and plenty of parks to visit as a family, 'Sheffield is more like a British village, and that is why we moved here'. They have plans to further develop some of the outside areas of Lotte's, to provide a safe play area for children. They have just been granted an alcohol licence and they are going to offer a soft alcohol menu including cocktails, wine and beers. The delicious food menu includes a range of locally sourced cakes, croissants, bagels and toasties with meat, vegetarian and vegan options, such as mozzarella and tomato, pastrami, chicken and many more. Speaking to Ilayda and Berke you can't help being impressed by their enthusiasm, determination, and motivation to make a success of their new venture. When I asked Berke how the first months have gone, he says he's so pleased with the warmth and kindness they have received from the people of Nether Edge since they've been here. They have already established new regular customers as well as welcoming customers who have been enjoying Lotte's for some time and continue to do so.



NEW SET OF FOUR SELF-GUIDED WALKS AROUND OUR AREA

The Nether Edge History Group is pleased to announce a new booklet of 4 self-guided walks around our area: *Nether Edge in the Blitz*, *Creative Women of Nether Edge*, *Housing the Upwardly Mobile & Rich, Poor and Middling in Nether Edge*. The new booklet will be on sale at the 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.

Introducing Nether Edge/Abbeydale FOOD BANK



Giles Holloway & Rachel Wilson

Since its inception on Valentine's Day this year, Nether Edge/Abbeydale food bank has distributed over 500 food parcels, feeding an average of 33 local people each week. Part of the S6 Foodbank network, and run by King's Centre Church, the food bank is held at Common Ground community centre, a venue easily accessible by bus and walking distance from a number of temporary accommodation hostels.

There are many different reasons why people come to us for help. Sometimes it is simply a one-off visit, whereas other clients are on a longer journey with us.

We exist to do more than just feed people. In the first instance, we provide a safe space, welcoming environment, and a listening ear. Clients are invited to have a chat with one of our friendly volunteers whilst going through the food parcel to choose which items they need.

As well as emotional support, we also offer practical help. We have an experienced Citizen's Advice worker on hand each week to ensure that clients are receiving any benefits they may be entitled to and to help



with issues such as debt and housing. We also have monthly visits from a work coach for clients who want assistance seeking employment.

Our first six months have been extremely rewarding. We have grown together as a team and enjoy spending time getting to know clients, but the most encouraging moments are when we hear people no longer need us because they have found work or have moved from temporary accommodation into a permanent home.

The Nether Edge/Abbeydale Food Bank team is made up of people from different faiths, or no faith, and we welcome anyone who is interested in helping people who need support through a difficult time. Everyone brings different skills, with some volunteers sitting and chatting with clients whilst others

make hot drinks and others carry boxes of food to tables. There are also behind the scenes roles such as delivering food parcels to clients unable to attend in person.

It is our hope for each client that they will eventually reach a point where they no longer need us. However, the need for food banks is sadly increasing, with demand across the S6 Foodbank network increasing by around 20% in 2022, as compared to the previous year. As winter approaches, when 'heat or eat' becomes a daily issue for many families in Sheffield, it seems likely that we will only be seeing an increase in people needing our help.

If you want to contribute to our work, you can donate via <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/S6CityWide>. To find out about volunteering, visit: <https://sheffields6.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/volunteer/>. If you need to use the food bank, please contact 01143 210733. Unfortunately, we are not able to take walk-ins, but a referral can be made on your behalf by a support worker, GP or local Citizens Advice.

Martha Bragge



Photo courtesy of Picture Sheffield

Pril Rishbeth

I've written in Edge previously about William Bragge who lived at Shirle Hill, Cherry Tree Road from 1865 to 1877. At that time he was the Managing Director for John Brown at the Atlas steel works. Before coming to Sheffield he'd been in Brazil as an engineer for the Emperor Dom Pedro II. In articles in 2018/19/20 I wrote about William Bragge and the visit of Dom Pedro and his wife to Shirle Hill in 1871.

It is said that a good woman is behind every great man. Now thanks to a new

booklet published by the Sheffield General Cemetery Trust, I can build a picture of the good woman behind William, an engineer, and one time Lord Mayor and Master Cutler of Sheffield. He was a keen collector and involved in a variety of philanthropic works.

Previously I knew that she was called Martha. As William's wife she had entertained the Emperor, his wife and entourage when they visited Shirle Hill in August 1871. A letter by William's brother said that the visitors were very interested in the house and its modern features especially

the plumbing and kitchen, and Martha, speaking French, had shown them all over their home.

The letter went on to say that 'after saying goodbye, the Empress came back to have one more shake of the hand with Martha, and to say how much her visit had gratified her- Martha came in for many compliments about the order and beauty of her house.'

The booklet 'A Woman's Place' includes Martha amongst many other women buried in the cemetery. Martha was born in 1816 to Martha and James Beddow, staunch

Congregationalists. Her father is described as a druggist. Martha met her husband Henry Bragge when she was employed as a governess in Birmingham. When they married he was working on new railways in Cheshire and their first two children were born there. It was after that that William accepted work in Brazil, where he had responsibility for new gas and sewage works and railways. Martha with the two children followed him there in 1852 and stayed for three years.

The article tells of many letters, now in the Sheffield Archives, that Martha wrote home to her mother. 'They reveal someone who was in many ways the ideal of a Victorian middle-class wife - deferring to her husband, managing home and servants, caring and dutiful - but who was also an independent thinker'.

The letters tell of her life in Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. 'She had to contend with the difficulties of language, extreme heat, and vermin of all kinds'. William's salary was good but servants were expensive and they had to make many moves, some just brief to take account of the seasonal weather. Two more children were born, only their fifth was born in Sheffield, and governesses needed to be brought over from England to teach the elder ones. Many supplies had to be sent out from England, including some medicines as medical assistance was very basic.

Throughout this time William was often having to work away from home. Post was bad but Martha managed to write to him with news of the children but also saying how much she missed him and felt so lonely.

She was 'accustomed to managing servants in England, but she was shocked and depressed by the injustice of the system in Brazil'. She wrote to her mother that she would say more about slavery another time. (By 1852 slaves were no longer being brought into Brazil and Emperor Dom Pedro II abolished slavery in 1888).

Martha did tell her mother that Buenos Aires was a better place to live than Rio de Janeiro but did find trying the small community with its gossiping ways.

Returning to England they first lived in Collegiate Crescent, Sheffield before buying Shirle Hill from John Brown. They immediately enlarged the house into the building we see today. Here they settled into family life. Martha acted as hostess to the Emperor but would also have been at the side of her husband when he was serving as Mayor or Master Cutler. William continued to travel abroad, spending time pursuing his collecting, but now Martha was sometimes able to go with him.

Martha was to die in 1877 and was buried with her mother in the General Cemetery. Clearly William missed her, for he soon sold the house, and with failing eyesight moved to Birmingham and died seven years later.

I am indebted to David Bournsall for his research and recommend the Sheffield General Cemetery Trust booklet for further information on Martha Bragge and other Victorian women. Called 'A Woman's Place' it is available at £7.99 from the the Cemetery Gatehouse or through the website gencem.org

A BIT OF COLOUR



Nether Edge is looking a bit more colourful this autumn. Some bright new road graphics have been painted on Glen Road outside Nether Edge School. And we noticed this striking wall graphic on Sandford Grove Road - very bright and colourful.

However, just 20 metres up the road from the latter, we found a car forcing pedestrians into the middle of the road!



We have also noticed a colourful addition to an alley near Psalter Lane



....and the Millie Bright mural at the bottom of London Road celebrating the England football team.

NETHER EDGE POCKET PARK FUNDRAISING APPEAL



It is with great regret that the Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group (NENG) have cancelled the campaign for the Pocket Park on Machon Bank Road/Violet Bank Road for several reasons.

We didn't attract the number of donations to the crowdfunder page that we anticipated. Although our research suggested that the idea was popular amongst the local community, this didn't translate into donations. This might be because people felt that the park was in the wrong place, or that Nether Edge doesn't need a pocket park, or just the problems caused by the cost of living crisis. People have other, more personal, things on which to spend their money. Some might favour donating to, what they see, as more deserving charities, rather than a pocket park in a relatively wealthy neighbourhood.

Another problem was the lack of volunteers to help build and maintain the park, although we did attract a few for which we are grateful. This is something that NENG has found to be an issue in other projects in which we are involved. The Arts Festival has struggled to recruit volunteers, which meant the festival organiser has had to do an enormous amount of work on her own, and was one of the reasons for the cancellation of Party in the Park. The History Group and the Farmer's Market are also struggling, with few volunteers, many of whom are fairly elderly. On a brighter note, the NENG committee itself has just recruited 3 more members. However, the chair has served 5 years, and the secretary 7. We need younger, more energetic members with new ideas in all groups associated with NENG.

An issue that also affected the project was the lack of positive response from Amey and SCC. We couldn't proceed with chopping up old tarmac, for fear of disturbing of hidden services beneath, without their go-ahead. We had to use Amey for the preparatory groundwork, as it is council property, and they are very expensive. We do, however, plan to proceed with applying for a licence as we hope to build a park in the future.

The Pocket Park was to celebrate 50 years of the Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group. NENG makes a valuable contribution to making Nether Edge such a great place to live, overseeing such activities as the Arts Festival, the Farmer's Market and this magazine, amongst many other things. We are sorry we couldn't make the park happen because that would have been a great way to mark the occasion.

We would like to thank those who did contribute very generously. Your donation will be refunded in due course. If not, please let us know.

It was a beautiful idea, and we do have a great design in place for the park (see right) – we hope to revive it in the future when times are easier.

We would love to hear your comments on any of the issues mentioned.

Machon Bank Road

Wildlife friendly pocket park

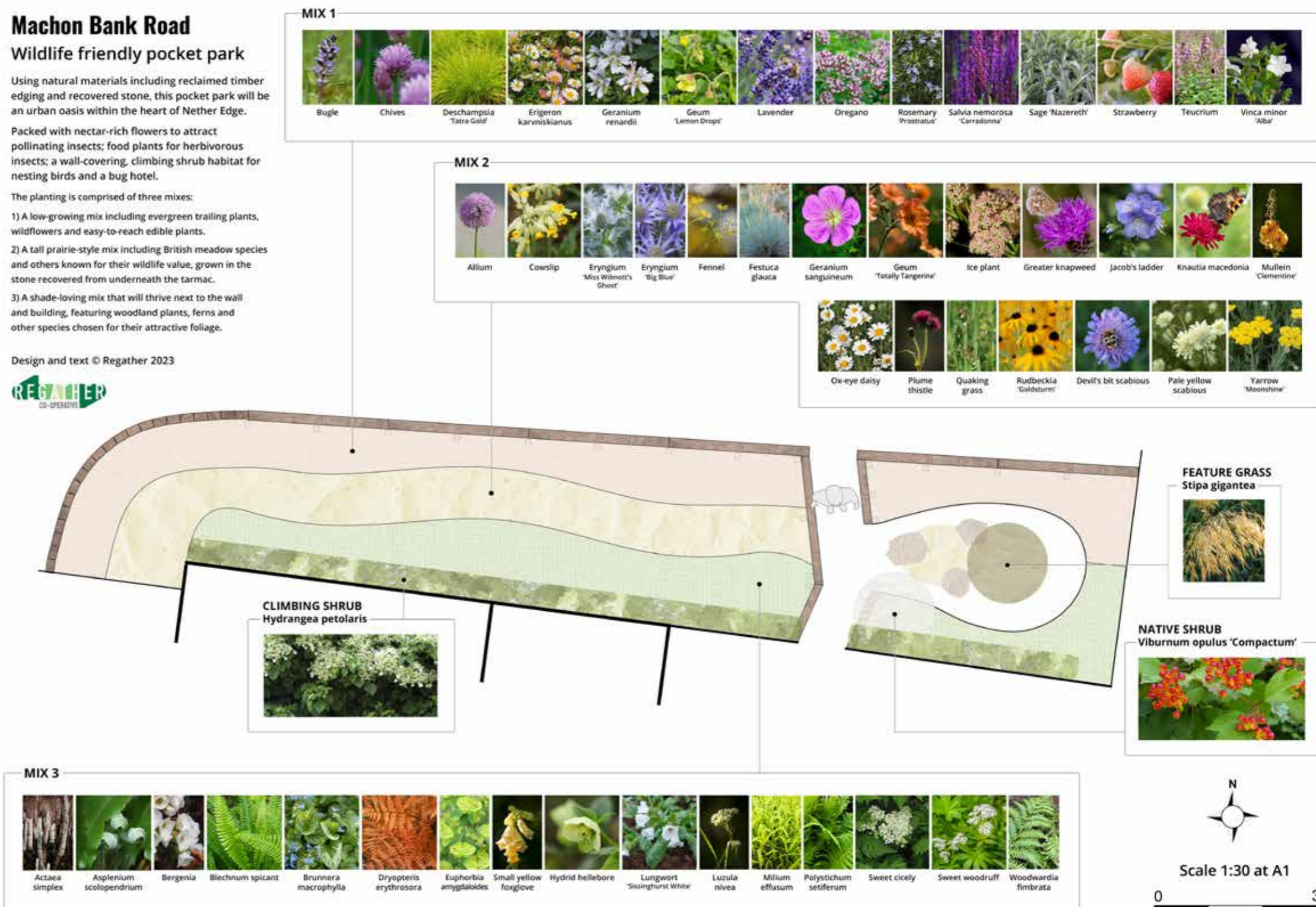
Using natural materials including reclaimed timber edging and recovered stone, this pocket park will be an urban oasis within the heart of Nether Edge.

Packed with nectar-rich flowers to attract pollinating insects; food plants for herbivorous insects; a wall-covering, climbing shrub habitat for nesting birds and a bug hotel.

The planting is comprised of three mixes:

- 1) A low-growing mix including evergreen trailing plants, wildflowers and easy-to-reach edible plants.
- 2) A tall prairie-style mix including British meadow species and others known for their wildlife value, grown in the stone recovered from underneath the tarmac.
- 3) A shade-loving mix that will thrive next to the wall and building, featuring woodland plants, ferns and other species chosen for their attractive foliage.

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This was the planting plan we had hoped to introduce to the Pocket Park. We will keep it, and hopefully, at some point in the future, we may be able to make it happen.

Peer Support at Sheffield Mind

Sheffield Mind is an independent local charity which has been based in the Sharrow or Nether Edge areas for over 40 years. We offer a wide-range of support for people with mental health needs, including a variety of peer support groups.

Simply put, peer support is where people use their own life experiences, to help each other. Sheffield Mind offers a range of peer support groups, which enable people with mental health needs to get together in a space where they feel accepted and understood. The benefits of a peer support group is that people don't need to undergo an assessment or be put on a waiting list to attend, but it's important to note that the groups are not a substitute for one-to-one therapy and the staff and volunteers who facilitate don't usually have the time for in-depth one-to-one conversations.

Our Wellbeing Centre, situated at 110 Sharrow Lane (opposite the Tesco Express) is welcoming and accessible. All of our peer support groups are free, but we charge for drinks at our coffee morning.

On Mondays between 1 and 3pm, people can drop in to our Springboard session. Like the title suggests, the Springboard group is for people who have mental health issues and would like a 'lift up' (help and advice) to achieve goals, develop confidence and try new things.

Wednesday morning is Coffee Morning. Between 10.30 and midday, our reception

area turns into a café where a great cup of coffee can be bought for the very reasonable price of 65p – and that usually includes a biscuit as well!

On Wednesday evenings, people aged 18 and over from the LGBTQ+ community can drop in to our Rainbow Minds group, which meets from 5.30-7.30pm. The group is relaxed and informal, sometimes attendees cook together, or watch a film, but often they will just share a coffee and talk.

Friendly Friday does what it says on the tin! Hosted by one of our trustees, Tim, Friendly Friday runs from 10.30 - 12.30 p.m. It's open to anyone who feels isolated and / or has mental health needs. It's a friendly and informal group and there's always a warm welcome.

Tim's very busy on Fridays, as he also runs our ManKind men's group which meets on Friday afternoons. The guys have toured local parks, organised walks and are also pretty partial to a brew and a good natter, so they like to arrange meetings in city centre cafes and coffee shops.

If you would like to access any of our peer support groups, you can just drop in, or you can email our Information Officer, Aroose, who will be happy to give you more information about any of the groups and what to expect. info@sheffieldmind.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you in the near future!



SHOWTIME AT ARCHER LANE

With three exceptions – blame Covid and bad weather, Archer Lane Allotment and Home Garden Society has held its show every year since 1939. Even Hitler did not stop us! This year's event took place on September 2nd at the Archer Lane Pavilion.

The weather was kind and when the entries closed at 11.00 hrs, 28 entrants – well up on last year's figure and including several first timers – had submitted 297 entries for the Judges' consideration.

The various categories – Vegetables, Flowers, Fruit, Domestic and Children's were well filled and the Judges' task in selecting 1st, 2nd and 3rd places was not an easy job.

The Graham Cup for most points in the Show went to Marc Brew for the second year running. The runner-up, again for the second year in a row, was Bill Atherton.

At the end of a long, tiring day we all reflected on an immensely enjoyable event which once again cemented its position as one of the highlights of the Horticultural Year in Nether Edge.

For more information, please contact archer-laneallotments@gmail.com

Gareth Powis, Treasurer of Archer Lane Allotment and Home Garden Society



Bannerdale Osteopaths

Happy Patient!

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.

★★★★★



Final farewells in familiar places



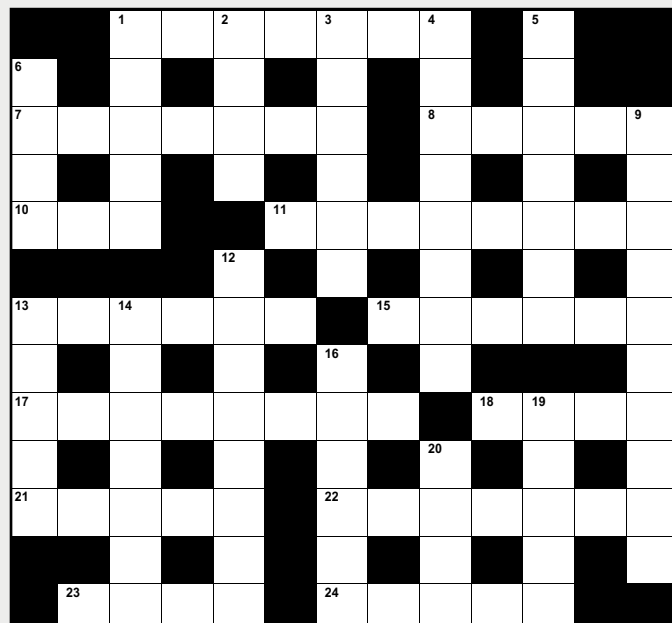
Pets at Rest
home euthanasia vet

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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SPRAT'S 137th CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Sword belt (with a cunning plan!) (7)
7 Early machine gun, with a multiple barrel (7)
8 Punctuation mark or intestine (5)
10 Moose (3)
11 Purple precious stone (8)
13 Cuban dance (6)
15 Principal meal (6)
17 Blond policeman makes legitimate arrest! (1,4,3)
18 Small duck (4)
21 Cereal (5)
22 Branch of maths, with letters for numbers (7)

23 Portent (4)

24 Pointed weapon (5)

Down

- 1 Dyed fabric, with lost wax pattern (5)
2 Joint of meat (4)
3 Form of government (6)
4 Mixed drink (8)
5 Kingfisher (7)
6 Shivery fever (4)
9 It powers your boiler (7,3)
12 Granite City (8)
13 Kingdom (5)
14 Radioactive element (7)
16 Boggy ground (6)
19 Glowing coal (5)
20 Man-eating giant (4)

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Refugee from Ukraine

Ruth Bernard

Maria is a Ukrainian refugee who has been staying with a family in Meersbrook since September 2022. I interviewed Maria earlier this year.

I am from the Kharkiv region, and the situation there was bad from the very beginning of the war. My hometown was approximately 50 kilometres from the occupied territories. And Kharkiv, the city where I studied and lived before the war, was bombed daily.

In March 2022 my parents asked me and my sister to flee the country and stay in safety for a while. So, we were staying in Poland before I decided to come to the UK. At that time I realised the war would be longer than we thought and we should settle down abroad. It was hard for me to stay in Poland, since I don't speak Polish, this is why I was thinking of going to an English speaking country.

I came to Sheffield in August 2022. The reason why I have chosen Sheffield is quite simple. First of all, I understood that it would be easier for me to live in a city. And my friend had moved to Sheffield a few months before me. I thought it would be better if I had someone I knew by my side.

Sheffield is a comfortable city to live in. Even though it has nothing in common with Kharkiv, I still enjoy living here. In my opinion, people here live in a more "relaxed mode", if I can call it that. They don't rush anywhere; this is the reason life here seems more relaxed.

People here are very nice and supportive. A lot of them are curious about the war and the current situation in Ukraine. We really appreciate their support.

I am a part of the Sheffield Ukrainian student society and recently, we were busy with our latest events. All of these events were made to draw attention to Ukraine and make donations if it's possible.

In my spare time, I like to walk around Sheffield, but I can't get used to the hills here. Also, I like visiting museums and galleries here. But soon I'll start working, so I won't have much time.

In my opinion, I've had everything I needed since I first arrived, although sometimes I have struggled because I (and my sponsors) didn't know what to do. But I'm grateful to my sponsors for their



Joe, Nastia, Maria and Roz at a party for Ukrainian refugees

support, it was very important to me when I first arrived.

To be honest, I don't have a clear plan for my future, especially for the further future. If I will be able to settle down here, I think I'll stay here for a few more years at least.

COMMENTS FROM MARIA'S HOSTS

Joe & Roz

Maria has been with us for one year now, arriving early August 2022. The experience overall has been stress free and interesting.

We have learned a lot about Ukraine through talking to Maria and watching documentaries she has recommended. She is very passionate and knowledgeable about the history and culture of Ukraine. Maria has cooked Ukrainian food for us on a number of occasions which was great. Borscht and Varenky (dumplings) were a highlight.

We have met a handful of other Ukrainians living in Sheffield through different events that have taken place and Maria's friends that have visited. We would love to visit Ukraine sometime in the future but this is difficult to plan at the moment. We have watched videos on Youtube of cities we would visit when we do eventually travel there.

A CLOSER LOOK AT Nether Edge Market stallholders

The Nether Edge market is a hugely popular event, running four times every year. Many of the stall-holders come back time and time again. Here we profile just two of the regulars



BLESSONE'S KITCHEN

Hi, I'm Paulina, the founder of Blessone's Kitchen. We are a Sheffield-based catering service specialising in West African and Caribbean cuisine. Through the years we have provided catering services for the likes of Sir Elton John and Watford F.C, as well as winning on ITV's Chopping Block. In 2020 I won the Kathleen Roberts Award for Grit at the Inspirational Women of Sheffield Awards, and in 2022 I was nominated for the Simply Business Boost Award and came second out of 21,000 businesses. I now also host for BBC Radio Sheffield's cooking show.

The above has only been possible because everyone at Blessone's Kitchen and I prepare food we cater with love. No recipe or ingredient is a substitute, which brings me to my next adventures with the incredible Nether Edge Farmers Market. They have been part of my journey for the past couple of years and I was so happy when I was given the chance to feature at their event. I have managed to build and establish a beautiful connection and I lovingly support their work, what they stand for, and what they do for the Nether Edge community. I believe it is such a beautiful project to be involved with, and I recommend to all for a fun-filled family day. There are so many other incredible small businesses on the day, as well as entertainment; the vibe is all right at Nether Edge Farmers market and I love it!

From reading that I received the Kathleen Roberts Award for Grit, you may have gathered that my success was hard won. This is true. If you want to know this story - and that of Blessone's Kitchen - and learn about how I went on to achieve these accomplishments then please take a look at our website

www.blessoneskitchen.com

SHEFFIELD COUNTRY MARKET

It Tastes Homemade Because It Is!

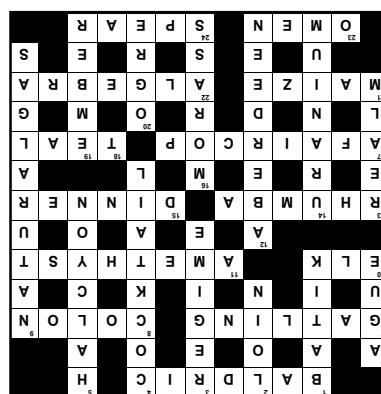
We make a wide range of sweet and savoury dishes, jams, marmalades and pickles which are made to trusted recipes in local homes by talented cooks who are members of our small co-operative. Sheffield Country Market also brings together handcrafted goods, unique cards and gifts for sale, along with seasonal plants and produce from Sheffield gardens every Saturday morning at the Scout HQ on Spooner Road in Broomhill and at local street markets, including Nether Edge of course, throughout the year. You can find out more about us at <http://sycountrymarkets.co.uk/market/sheffield-country-market/8/>.

We are always on the look out for new members, especially cooks.



**NEXT NETHER EDGE MARKET
- THE CHRISTMAS MARKET -
WILL BE ON SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER**

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



WHAT'S ON

in and around Nether Edge in October 2023



Kirsten Adamson. Photo by Douglas Robertson

Union Hotel

Union Road, Nether Edge

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

Wednesday 4th Oct 9 00 pm. **Monthly Pop Quiz**. Union, Nether Edge.

Café #9

9 Nether Edge Road S7 1RU

Thur 5th Oct. Christine Alden and Alex Patterson are songwriters and multi-instrumentalists from Norwich.

Fri 6th Oct. An evening with **Samuel Moore**, hailed as a fantastic flamenco guitarist by Radio 3. Tickets £16.50 including booking fee.

Sat 7th Oct. Devon based duo **Jacob and Drinkwater** have been called 'stand out new Folk' by BBC6.

Thur 12th Oct. An evening with **Ellie Gowers**, a singer/songwriter from Warwickshire.

Fri 13th Oct. An evening with **The Often Herd**, who transcend boundaries of bluegrass music. Tickets £16.50 including booking fee.

Sat 14th Oct. Singer/songwriter **Kirsten Adamson** (daughter of rock legend Stuart Adamson) summons up the same heart-stopping purity as Sandy Denny.

Sun 15th Oct. Gideon Conn, described as De La Soul a tussle with Badly Drawn Boy, his brand of folkish hip hop emulates everything from Outkast to Beck.

Sun 22nd Oct. Chris Brain renders songs embedded in folk tradition and the pastoral, with a contemporary resonance.

Thur 26th Oct. The Grace Smith Trio, wielding the distinct voices of fiddle, concertina, and double bass.

Fri 27th Oct. Ma Polaine, have a sound that is their own with Beth's effortlessly distinctive vocals and evocative

lyrics, coupled with Clinton's understated guitar style. Tickets £16.50 including booking fee.

Sat 28th Oct. Adam Beattie, Scottish singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, has roots in Scottish folk music as well as old time jazz, blues and other folk styles.

All performances start at 7.00pm and tickets from WeGotTickets are £13.80 (unless specified separately) which 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.

Nether Edge Bowling Club

13th October - God's Goat - God's Goat takes a deep dive into Roly's Songbook, acoustic loveliness with big tunes and a smile! This will be a charity fundraiser

27th October Ashley Jordan Sherlock - Manchester-based singer-songwriter. His original material has been recognized internationally. His latest EP represents a modern take on the blues and country sounds of the Deep South combined with his distinctive vocal range and songwriting style.

Sheffield General Cemetery

Sharrow Festival Fringe at The Samuel Worth Chapel.

Fri 6th Oct, Silk & Custard, more bands to be added, and **Sat 7th Oct Tsarzi, Chrystine Moon, Jemma Rosenthal and Liana Condor.** Doors open at 7.30pm, Music and Performance.

Two evenings of great music featuring 5 artists and supporting both The Sharrow Festival and Sheffield General Cemetery. Tickets £5 individual day plus booking fee. £8 for both days plus booking fee. All tickets sold online via ticketsource.co.uk, no tickets on the door.



Chemtrails

Thur 12th Oct. Cemetery Sessions present **Chemtrails** plus support Richard Carston. With plays on BBC Radio 1, 6 Music and KEXP under their belt the unstoppable garage-punk and acid-corroded new-wave machine will entertain you. Tickets £10 via ticketsource.co.uk.

Fri 13th Oct. doors open 7.30-11.30pm.
Jazz in The Chapel with Blue Seven Jazz. Tickets £10 via ticketsource.co.uk.

Thur 19th Oct. 6pm-9pm. Sheffield General Cemetery Trust are excited to host the third **Chef's Counter event** at The Samuel Worth Chapel, celebrating Antiguan Street Food. There will be a bar available selling local beers, wines, spirits, non alcoholic and hot drinks. Tickets £16.00 via ticketsource.co.uk.

Sat 21st Oct. Cabaret Boom Boom at The Samuel Worth Chapel, with top turns from comperes Sid Bowfin, Stewart Lodge and Maynard Flip Flap. Tickets £15 online only from ticketsource.co.uk.

Sun 22nd Oct. Then and Now Photographic Book Launch Activity. Exhibition of photographs of Sheffield General Cemetery over the years, a walking concert with Sonority Choir and a Q&A with contributors of a new photographic book about stories and memories of the site. Free event, times and updates to follow.

Sun 22nd Oct. 1.30pm. **Guided Tree Walk.** Learn about the trees in a fun and informal way in the cemetery. Join Sheffield Woodland Connections and learn about the trees, the woodland history and Victorian tree symbolism. Cost £8.30, children free.

Thur 26th Oct 7.30pm Close 11.30pm.
Cemetery Sessions present Jim Ghedi and Toby Hay who are both prolific, praised and established artists in their own right. Tickets £15.00 only from TICKET SOURCE.

Tue 31st Oct 8pm. **Cemetery Cinema presents The Rocky Horror Picture Show** for Halloween in The Samuel Worth Chapel which will be transformed into a magical candlelit cinema, plus prizes for best costumes. Tickets £12, 18+.

For further information about events contact sgct@gencem.org.

Lantern Theatre S7 1NF

Tue 10 - Sat 14 Oct 2023

The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists

Neil Gore presents a one-person version of the classic novel by Robert Tressell featuring projection, political conjuring tricks, live music and song.

Tickets from: ticketsource.co.uk

Abbeydale Picture House

387 Abbeydale Road S7 1FS.

Sat 28th Oct 18.00-21.00. **Reel Steel presents a 'radioactive' Zombie double-bill**, The Living Dead at Manchester Morgue (1974) and Nightmare City (1980) screening for Halloween weekend. Doors open at 5pm. Tickets £9.80

Hallam University

Pearson Building Broomgrove Rd S10 2NA

Thursdays 1pm - 2pm **Walking Netball**. For more details contact patrirog@gmail.com

Nether Edge Women's Institute (W.I.N.E.)

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 7pm at Nether Edge Club and ask for a committee member.

Common Ground Community Centre

Woodstock Road S7 1GR

6th and 20th October. Ammi's Kitchen 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.

13th October. Ammi's Kitchen Community Lunch

12.00 - 2.00 pm. Eat in only and free, if on benefits. Otherwise pay as you feel.

St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

31 Psalter Lane S11 8YL

Sat 7th Oct. 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.

The Tuesday Café A café for those living at home with memory loss or dementia and their carers. 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. Tuesdays 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Hot drinks, cakes, biscuits, music, singing, and more. For further information please contact the Church Office Telephone 0114 2678289

Nether Edge Folk Club at Nether Edge Bowling Club,

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

25th October. Folklinks. Folklinks are a group of musicians who sing and play traditional music, creating beautiful harmonies, accompanied by fiddle, guitar, harp and double bass.

LOCAL COUNCILLOR SURGERY WITH CLLR IBBY ULLAH



**SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH 2023
10AM TO 11AM
KING'S CENTRE (S11 9EH)
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.
OAKDALE ROAD SIDE ENTRANCE.**

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NENG 50th Anniversary 'NETHER EDGE' PAINTING COMPETITION

The Art Group asked you to paint a picture of any size in any media portraying how you see our beautiful village. Judging was by the public at the Market on 17th September. The winning painting by Dave Akehurst, who lives on Montgomery Road, is shown on the front cover. Here are some of the many other entries. We hope to feature some more entries in the next Edge.

