

# Bradway Bugle

*In and around Bradway, Greenhill & Totley*

## A Sainsbury's in Bradway

J Sainsbury have bought the former Bradway pub, and plan to knock it down and build one of their Sainsbury's Local stores on the site.

The news has stirred up a strongly negative reaction from some Bradway residents. They fear that the new shop will lead to the closure of existing shops, that the increased number of cars carrying customers to the store will make the traffic problems on Bradway Road worse, and that the deliveries to the store will cause both disturbance to local residents and further traffic problems, including the delivery lorries adding to the problem of large vehicles using Twentywell Lane.

On the other hand, some local people have welcomed the proposal. They consider that the competition is a good thing and will actually stimulate the existing businesses to offer better value. They also welcome the opportunity to be able to shop at a Sainsbury's without having to use their cars.

Plus they point to the fact that the building has been boarded up now for two years. This presents a poor image of Bradway to people approaching from the direction of Greenhill, and is causing problems by attracting youths who congregate on a night at the back of the pub, leading to regular police visits. Empty buildings are not a good thing for

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*Spring came to Bradway at last, if more than a little late, but the daffodils on Bradway Road still managed to put on a splendid show.*

## New lamps for old

More than 1,000 state-of-the-art, low-energy street lights have already been installed in Sheffield as part of the city's £2bn highway repairs programme. Another 8,000 will go in this year with a view to 68,000 lights being replaced over the next five years by the council's 'Streets Ahead' contractor, Amey.

The council says the new lights will not only bring environmental benefits, but also making residents feel safer.

They are designed to give a cleaner, whiter light which is more evenly spread down onto the pavement, eliminating the dark patches created by the older-style yellow sodium lights.

The lights themselves have very advanced optics so are very targeted to the footprint of the highway boundary. This means that light points downward and virtually none is emitted upwards so night glow will be significantly reduced.

Not only do the lights seem brighter but it is easier to recognise colours,

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## Sheffield Masterplan

'Ambitious' proposals for Sheffield city centre's development over the next five years are to be made public at an exhibition in the Winter Garden on Friday, May 17, and Saturday, May 18. As well as the Winter Garden exhibition, there will be a paper questionnaire and online consultation.

Plans include details of how the ruins of Sheffield's old castle\* will be exposed after demolition of the market, and how a new Steel Route pedestrian link will run from The Moor to Victoria Quays, incorporating Pinstone Street and Fargate. The proposals also include improvements and changes to public transport routes, to fit in with how the city centre is due to change.

Sheffield Council's 2013 to 2018 City Centre Masterplan involves projects which could be planned over the next five years and developed during the next decade.

\*Local campaign group 'Friends of Sheffield Castle' are keen to see the ruins properly excavated and displayed as part of an increased recognition of Sheffield's history and a tourist attraction. The castle was the fifth largest in England and famously the prison for Mary Queen of Scots.

To find out more about the castle visit [www.friendsofsheffieldcastle.org.uk](http://www.friendsofsheffieldcastle.org.uk)

## Heart Trail launched

A Heart Trail has been created in Millhouses Park to help people recovering from heart conditions to build up their strength.

Designed by former cardiac patients, the one-and-a-half mile route, with 21 marker posts, is supported by the Friends of Millhouses Park and Sheffield Vulcan Rotary Club.

## Editorial

Somebody said to me the other day that you only need to look at Sheffield to realise "it's a city designed and controlled by amateurs". He wasn't just getting at the professional politicians who supposedly run the country and impose so much on local councils, or at our local amateur councillors, but commenting on the demonstrable sheer lack of general common sense and the simple failure to think things through.

The conversation was about the massive increase in council allotment rents for the second year running. On his site almost three quarters of the allotment holders are thinking of giving up on cost grounds. What happens to their fitness levels as a result is anyone's guess, but they will certainly miss the spirit of community and friendship involved, with implications to health and probably health services – but that is a different budget. On the other hand the council will avoid the previous public pressure to provide more allotments, maybe lose revenue, but have a useful supply of new building plots.

Meanwhile at Millhouses Park the car parks stand largely empty, apart from blue badge holders. The pressure is on to park on the road to avoid the parking charges. I am not going to repeat the arguments for and against charging, but a few weeks ago I watched in horror as a parent allowed her excited children to spill out of a car parked at the side of the road adjacent to the speeding traffic. One step the wrong way and the cost to the child, parent and society would have been horrific – but that's a different budget.

These are just two examples of the thousands of failures to think things through, driven by budgetary divisions, kneejerk policies, and a lack of common

## PUBLISHING DEADLINES

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sense. Every time something goes wrong we hear the phrase "we will learn from this and put management changes in hand to prevent it happening again". Sound familiar? But it still happens, from the Health Service to military procurement. From Ash Dieback Disease to Sheffield town planning. Why do we make so many mistakes in the first place?

Nearer to home, Bradway is threatened by another disease spreading across the county, wiping out local shopping centres and community diversity. Yes it's the mini supermarkets launched by the major supermarket companies. Convenient and homogenous, bringing processed food and hard goods from across the world, to your locality. We know what a new mini Sainsbury's will do to our existing local shops and the disadvantages to people living nearby. Just ask the residents living next to the small Tesco on Abbeydale Road South. They will tell you about the inevitable traffic and access problems created by large delivery vehicles, about the disturbance/noise from early deliveries and the parking overflow on adjacent roads. Maybe we can learn a lesson or two from the residents at Parkhead who petitioned and recently stopped repeated attempts to spread the disease to their locality.

*John Baker, Editor*

## Rail improvements

Plans to electrify the Midland Main Line between Sheffield and London at a cost of £500 million, and upgrade the Hope Valley line between Sheffield and Manchester, have already been approved by the Government. But no specific dates had been revealed – only that work would start between 2015 and 2019.

A report to South Yorkshire's Integrated Transport Authority has now revealed electrification of the Midland Main Line is 'due to reach Sheffield by 2020'. Meanwhile, trans Pennine improvements, which include dualling the track and providing a second platform at Dore and Totley Station plus passing loops for slow passenger and freight trains in the Hope Valley, are to be 'completed by 2018'.

Electrification of the Midland Main Line should reduce journey times between Sheffield and London from just over two hours to around one hour 45 minutes. Work on the Hope Valley line aims to allow a third fast train to run each hour between Sheffield and Manchester, boosting capacity, and saving five minutes on journey times between the cities.

The report reveals improvements between Sheffield and Manchester are to happen more quickly due to 'an expected increase in freight demand'. The line is used heavily by quarry trains, which sometimes cause delays to passenger services.

### *Food for thought .....*

A computer lets you make more mistakes faster than any invention in human history, with the possible exception of hand guns and whisky.

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Thank you to everyone who supported the Society and to those who gave their time to enable this to happen. Don't miss The Society's next concert in July. See The Diary for details.

*Derek Habberjam*

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## Bradway Bowling Club

The club is your local community sports and social club and we try to provide as many activities as we can for our members and also for members of the public.

The bowling season has now started and there are teams for everyone to play in. We have VETS teams, Ladies teams and league teams. Bowls is one of the few sports where gender or age do not matter and it can be very competitive. We provide free bowls lessons on Thursday evenings between 7-9pm, so if you would like to try this very interesting sport, then why not come along and try it.

The Walking Club provides a country walk every month and these are very popular. They put details on our notice board and everyone is welcome.

The Art Club meets on Wednesday evenings 7.30- 9.30 pm. So if you are already an artist or if you would like to learn how to paint then come along and meet your fellow artists and display your work on the club walls. The art club will be holding an exhibition of work on 14/15th September and people will be able to appreciate and buy paintings by local artists.

The Bowling Club will be holding a Fun Day on the 7th July and you can bring your children along to enjoy fun games on the green with plenty of prizes for everyone.

The Social Club provides lots of different entertainment to keep you

## Bugle publication dates

The following are the deadlines and publication dates for the next four issues of Bradway Bugle:

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26 July	21 August 2013
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25 April	14 May 2013

amused and over the last year we have had singers, quiz nights, beetle drives, curry nights, parties and open mike nights.

So if you would like to get involved then come along and join our friendly club. Hoping to see you soon.

*Stuart Wood, Hon. Sec.*

## Three Valleys Festival

The annual Three Valleys Festival takes place this year on Saturday 8th June across 10 pubs and a brewery in the Dronfield and Bradway area. All the venues will offer a range of cask ales and many venues will also offer traditional cider, food and live music. A free bus service will link all the venues every half hour from midday until 11pm, also calling at railway stations at Dronfield and Dore & Totley.

The venues are:

*Castle Inn*, Bradway - beers from Bradfield and Blue Bee, Woodthorpe Hall Cider, BBQ, live music.

*Hearty Oak*, Dronfield Woodhouse - extended beer range, hot pork sandwiches, cider, live music

*Miners Arms*, Dronfield Woodhouse - extended beer range, bar meals.

*Jolly Farmer*, Dronfield Woodhouse - extended beer range served from the glass fronted cellar featuring Abbeydale and Sheffield Brewery with a meet the brewer. Bar meals.

*Rutland Arms*, Holmesfield - Extended beer range with festival bar showcasing Sheffield Brewery

*Horns Inn*, Holmesfield - Extended beer range with festival bar showcasing Acorn Brewery

*Barlow Brewery*, Barlow - Music festival in farmyard! Live music stage, gourmet sausage van and marquee with Barlow Brewery bar.

*Coach & Horses*, Dronfield - Extended beer range with Thornbridge beers on main bar and guest beers on outside bar. BBQ. Live music.

*Green Dragon*, Dronfield - Extended beer range across two rooms in this historic pub.

*Dronfield Arms*, Dronfield - Extended beer range with festival bar supplied by RAW Brewery, live music stage, food.

*Three Tuns*, Dronfield - Spire Brewery showcase on bar, guest ales direct from the cellar, cider, music, bar meals + food stalls (probably pizzas & hog roast).

*Andrew Cullen, Festival co-ordinator*



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It is important to realise that Sainsbury's do *not* need planning permission to operate a retail business from the site. Conversion of pubs into shops is a permitted development under the Town and Country (General Permitted Development) Order (1995). They *do* need planning permission to replace the existing building, and you can see what they are planning by going to the Council's on-line planning portal at the following web address and entering in the search box the planning application number 13/0143/FUL.

The public are able comment on this proposal, but only comments relating to the actual plans for the new building will be taken into account. Planning officials *cannot* take any account of objections based on the argument that Bradway does not need a Sainsbury's Local.

**Stephen George**

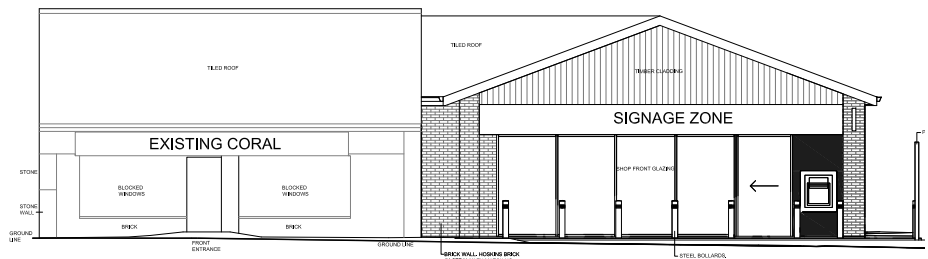
*Ed. You can read what some locals think in our Post Box on page 6.*



## Elderly isolated people

"I think they keep us alive too long these days, don't you?" said an old friend, a retired psychologist, when we were out for a meal one day. We met up quite frequently before he died and he enjoyed visiting a local pub. In his final days he was determined to get out even if he had to rely on friends to push him in his wheelchair to church, a luncheon club, social events or take him to various places by car.

He had a good support team in the form of loyal friends, a fairly active and determined wife and above all he had a very positive outlook towards life despite suffering a degree of isolation as a result of his impaired mobility. He occasionally went into respite care which he did not



mind and he valued the company and visits from carers.

Sadly such a situation is not always the case and there may well be people reading this article who find they know people who are struggling to keep in touch with friends, or lead an active social life. They may even have difficulty getting out of the house. There could even be people reading this who feel they are very lonely or wish they could meet people to talk to and enjoy some sort of social life.

The local council is trying to address this problem in spite of limited resources and various groups such as the Bradway Action Group, Totley Residents Association and Totley Rise Methodist Church are seeking ways to help. Volunteers are being sought, a list of possible activities for elderly people is due to be published and social services along with other groups are willing to provide support.

The main problem is identifying just who the isolated elderly people are and maybe accepting that adjustments need to be made to their lifestyle. Once identified, support is available and obstacles can be overcome. It is difficult to remain positive when you find you are lonely and possibly depressed. Sometimes memory starts to fail but most people are willing to help their fellow human beings who may face difficulty in old age.

To find out more in the first instance contact: Rob Wilks on 0114-235-3153 or e-mail: rjandewilks@btinternet.com.

*Upper picture - the sorry sight of The Bradway pub boarded up.*

*Below - the front elevation of the proposed Sainsbury's building.*

## Combating loneliness

People who use the internet are less likely to feel isolated or lonely. According to a report from the International Longevity Centre, a think tank, and the Nominet Trust, a charity dedicated to increasing access to digital technology.

Analysis of the data from the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing shows that over 7.5 million adults have never used the internet, with the majority of non-users being older, disabled or in the lowest social classes.

It recommends internet service providers attract older customers by discounting prices and using images of older people in advertising. The Nominet Trust believes digital technology can play a key role in creating strong networks for people in later life that will help reduce isolation and loneliness.

The report urged service providers to help people get online by, for instance, guaranteeing that individuals could return to a paper service if the online experience did not work for them.

*If you have news or information about local events, or memories you would like to share, then drop us a line or email to the address on page 2.*

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## Days of the week

Although the names of the days of the week are amongst the most commonly used words in the English language, not many people are aware of the fascinating origin of these names. They go back to the earliest times, and remind us of our pagan past.

The Greeks named the days of the week after the sun, the moon and the five planets known to them: which were in turn named after their gods Ares, Hermes, Zeus, Aphrodite and Cronus. They were called by the Greeks "the days of the gods".

The Romans also used the sun and the

moon, but substituted their equivalent gods for the Greek gods: Mars, Mercury, Jove (Jupiter), Venus and Saturn.

The names we use today are based on the Germanic names for roughly similar gods to those of the Romans - Tiu, Woden, Thor, and Freya. Interestingly, they retained the name "Saturn" for the seventh day of the week.

Therefore, the current meanings of the names of the days of the week are:

Sunday: the day of the sun

Monday: the day of the moon

Tuesday: Tius day - Tiu (or Tiw) was the Germanic god of war and the sky

Wednesday: Woden's day - Woden was the chief god, "the leader of the wild

hunt"

Thursday: Thor's day - "thunders day" - Thor was the god of thunder, and is represented as riding a chariot drawn by goats, and wielding a hammer

Friday: Freya's day - Freya was the Teutonic goddess of love and beauty, identified with the Norse god of the same name, the leader of the Valkeries

Saturday: Saturn's day - Saturn was the Roman god of agriculture, believed to have ruled the earth during an age of happiness and virtue.

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## Post Box

Dear Sir,

Please find attached an email that I have sent to Sainsbury's regarding the proposed local store at the Bradway pub.

Dear Mr Wright

I am responding to the letter that you sent me dated 22 February 2013 regarding the proposal to develop a new local store on the site of the former Bradway pub. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal and to provide you with my reasons.

First I must point out that I am a loyal Sainsbury's shopper and use the Archer Road shop for a large part of my shopping. I choose to use Sainsbury's in preference to your other local competitors. In many ways you might therefore expect me to welcome the proposed development. However, I feel very strongly that this is the wrong development in the wrong place for the following reasons:

1. The store will directly cause the demise of several local shops at the top of Twentywell Lane, a mere 200 meters away. The profit margins for these shops must be very small and local competition from Sainsbury's is sure to put them all out of business. The shops that I would anticipate being directly affected include:

a. Spar which hosts the local post office and provides newspapers including a morning delivery service. There is not the demand for 2 newspaper outlets

b. Makinson's vegetable shop- a family run business that would be unable to compete with the Sainsbury's buying power

c. The local pharmacist

d. The butcher

2. Murco petrol station which is next to the old pub relies on the small number of grocery products that they sell to supplement petrol sales. If the small income from these grocery sales disappears I would anticipate that the petrol station would close and we would lose a valued local service. Murco and Spar both sell alcohol and I would be

surprised if they could compete with Sainsbury's on price.

3. Bradway Rd outside the old pub is supposed to be a 30 mph area. However it is just a few hundred meters after the main road which has a 40mph limit, and many vehicles drive well in excess of the speed limit. The road is narrow at this point and there are often irate motorists who are too impatient to wait for traffic to enter the Murco station. Sainsbury's customers entering and exiting would significantly add to the congestion here.

4. In addition, the entrance to Dore and Totley golf course is less than 100 meters along the road. This has an automatic gate that is activated as motorists pull into the drive. Due to the delay in the gate opening cars are stationary and straddle Bradway Road for a considerable time.

5. About 2 years ago a motorcyclist was killed outside the old pub when he drove into a car that was stationary in the road waiting to turn into the golf course. Two weeks ago 2 cars were written off a little further along Bradway Road when one car drove at speed into the back of a stationary one that was waiting to cross the traffic to enter a driveway. The level of extra traffic that would be entering and exiting the shop car park would add significantly to the likelihood of serious accidents in the area.

I am sure that the proposed local Sainsbury's would be financially profitable for your company and it would have some short term benefits to many residents in the area. However this would be at the expense of many other local shops and services. For me and many residents whom I have spoken to, this is an unacceptable price to pay. It would leave the parade of shops on Twentywell Lane empty and cause the break up of a local community resource.

Your letter anticipates that you will create around 20 new jobs, but several more would be lost from the local shops.

I would like to suggest that your team spends some time one Saturday morning talking to the shoppers on Twentywell

Lane and gauge the depth of feeling that the proposals are generating.

**Dr Alick Bush**

*Ed. Bradway is not alone in facing the mini supermarket invasion, as these spread throughout our towns and cities. The letter below is from a resident in Crookesmoor faced with the same threat. What is needed is a strategy to protect all our local Sheffield communities before it is too late.*

Dear Sir,

Sheffield is often described more as a collection of villages than a city. It is this friendly, local and individual identity that has made it my adopted home of 15 years now.

The last seven have been spent in Crookesmoor, a vibrant local community with its own identity - an increasingly rare thing in the age of the chain store, supermarket and replicated high street.

What keeps me living here, amongst other things, is a wonderful collection of local, independent shops and pubs where I am met with a smile, wonderful produce and even a treat for my dog at times.

The news then that Sainsbury's has planned yet another of their local supermarkets on our busy main road could not have been less welcomed by me or by my neighbours.

Sadly though, despite formal objections and a presence at the two council meetings, the alcohol licence and other necessary legal alterations has now been granted and we look set to lose a local pub and to gain a supermarket that we do not need or want.

Decisions like this are slowly killing our community. My much-loved local shops are now under threat and many simply will not survive.

Local businesses will be destroyed as national faceless organisations thrive. We desperately need a linked-up strategy on planning, parking and development to protect Crookesmoor and other communities like it.

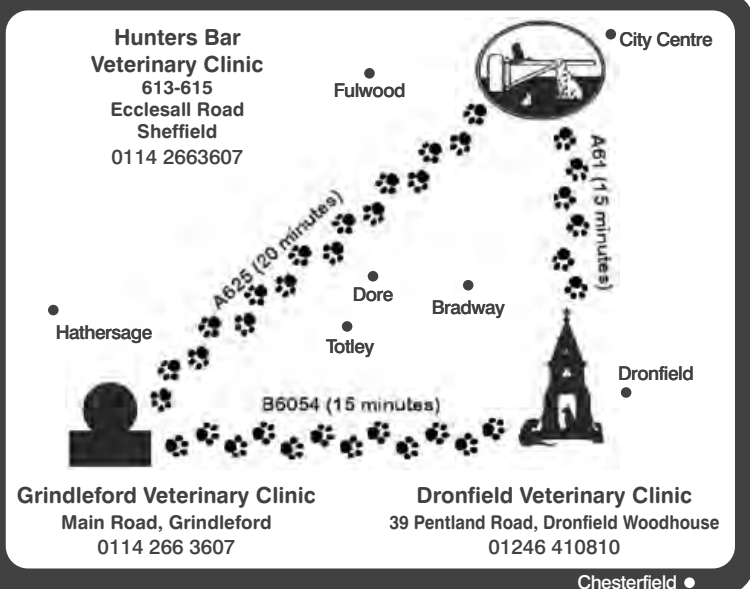
**Lin Harrison, Crookesmoor**

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**Did you know** the summer months you can pick your own soft fruit at the farm; but did you know you can also pick your own vegetables? This activity definitely puts the fun into getting your 5 a day....coming soon.

**Have you ever heard** the expression 'Daylight robbery'? Here is an interesting fact...It refers to the Window tax put in place in 1696. This was a property tax based on the number of windows in a house. To avoid the tax some houses bricked-up their window-spaces...hence

## Fascinating Facts about Whirlow Hall Farm!

the expression Daylight Robbery. On your next visit to Whirlow Hall take a look at the back of the farmer's house in the top yard, you can see three windows have been bricked up to avoid the tax!

**Did you know** Whirlow has one of the highest vineyards in England, at over 1,000 feet. The first eagerly anticipated wine should be produced in 2014 ....fingers crossed!

**Did you know** that Whirlow supplies meat to a food supplier for local schools., so when Sheffield children are enjoying their school dinners they may well be eating Whirlow produce. If, as adults you are feeling left out you can always get to try one of the sausages from the barbecue at the Beer and Bangers comedy evenings, the first one is on Saturday 15th June, so it's not too long to wait.

**Did you know** Whirlow Hall Farm hosts a full weekend of running races in the peak district? If you enjoy running there is a race for all fitness levels; from 60 mile runs to the Whirlow 10k. Check out [www.digdeeraces.co.uk](http://www.digdeeraces.co.uk) or contact a member of the events team at the farm for more details.

**Did you know** the farm Café is in a Cruck barn. A cruck frame is a curved timber, one of a pair, which supports the roof of a building. So the next time you are enjoying a cup of coffee and a bite to eat in the Whirlow cafe, have a look and see if you can spot the horizontal beam which forms an "A" shape. Another of

Whirlow's barns will be put to good use when it is used for a barn dance on Friday 14th June when 'Drop of a Hat' ceilidh band will be shaking the rafters with music and dancing.

So there you have it...some unusual facts about Whirlow Hall Farm...how many did you already know?

For more information about the farm or to book tickets for events, contact the events team on 0114 235 2678 or email [eventsenquiries@whirlowhallfarm.org](mailto:eventsenquiries@whirlowhallfarm.org) or visit [www.whirlowhallfarm.org](http://www.whirlowhallfarm.org)

## Jessop Hospital update

In our last issue we wrote about the people behind the development of Jessop Hospital for Women, just as proposals to demolish the Grade II listed building were going to the Secretary of State. Now it seems that council supported plans by Sheffield University to bulldoze the Edwardian Wing of the former Hospital could be the subject of a legal challenge.

There was strong opposition from local history groups initially, but now another conservation organisation, Save Britain's Heritage, has sent a 'pre-action letter' to the council saying it had 'misinterpreted' national planning policy by failing to meet a requirement of the National Planning Policy Framework that the public benefit of knocking down a listed building must 'outweigh the harm'.

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## Echoes of the past

Recently I bought £10 of credits for a genealogy research site. Each credit enabled me to search a wide variety of databases such as the Census going back to 1841 but also including registries of births and deaths going back to the seventeenth century. Armed with a very out of date family tree that my aunt had put together 20 years ago I started searching the website for long lost relatives.

To my surprise, within an hour I had the name of my great, great Grandfather, a Mr William Loft of Trusthorpe Lincolnshire who was born in 1798. According to the 1851 census he was 'landed proprietor and farmer of 500 acres employing 28 labourers'. He had four daughters and six servants living in his house at the time comprising a cook, nurse maid, under nurse maid, house maid, dairy maid and groom. The daughters are described as 'scholars' and had a governess to keep them in line!

All this provides a tantalising glimpse into a dim and distant past and one can only surmise what their lives might have been like at the time using historical references from that era as all other records are presumed lost.

Fortunately I do have one sepia picture of my great great grandmother, Eliza, who was about 80 when the photograph was taken in the late nineteenth century and her daughter, Fanny, who was my great grandmother.

It got me thinking about ancestors and how, from small beginnings, families tend to burgeon exponentially and spread all over the country. It is amazing to think that there are now thousands of people living, including myself of course, who are direct descendents of that one man William Loft. I wonder what all those people are doing, particularly the distant

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relatives; where they are living and whether they know anything about William Loft who was living on his farm in Lincolnshire 162 years ago when the census was taken in 1851.

As a Primary School, Bradway (previously known as Sir Harold Jackson) will have had over two and a half thousand different pupils through the school doors since it opened. Most of those pupils who attended the school when it first opened in 1969 will be over 50 years old now.

Like the members of an extended family, they all have the common root of going to our school as a child. This experience will have shaped their early lives and will have influenced their later

choices in life. They may have followed careers, raised families or perhaps travelled the world.

It is fascinating to think about what all those people are doing now, years after attending this school. What are their memories of school life, what people and characters do they remember from their school days; what have their successes and their challenges been since they left?

So if you are an ex pupil and would like to tell us about your memories of being at Sir Harold Jackson school, or your adventures and achievements since leaving, we would be delighted to hear from you. We are particularly interested in any old photographs of the school so that current pupils can see how it has changed.

With your permission your stories and anecdotes will be shared with the children in assemblies or, even better, perhaps you would be willing to come in to school to talk to the children directly about your experiences.

**Mr Paul Stockley (Headteacher)**  
Bradway Primary School



*This Mayday photo must be either 1948 or 49. Judy Tidy is the May Queen but I don't know who the Captain is. Jeanne Blantern (me) is the child standing next to the Captain, on the left. The girl on the end (front row) is Jill Mitton of Hemper Lane. The girl on the end of the front row, on the right, is Pamela Ingram of Bradway Road (the stretch of road nearest Tinker's Corner).. I don't remember any of the other names. Can any of our readers help with these? Jeanne Blantern Hughes, Kirkcudbright, Scotland.*

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## Retirement expectations

Women retiring this year expect their annual retirement incomes to be more than a third (36%) lower than men's, adding up to a "pension gender gap" of £6,500, according to research from Prudential insurance.

The study shows that the gender gap is 13% wider than it was in 2012, with women's expected retirement incomes for 2013 falling by £500, while men's expected incomes have increased, on average, by £250.

The average annual expected retirement income for 2013 across both sexes is £15,300, including income from private,

company and state pensions. Women's expected retirement incomes are at a five-year low.

Websites such as The Pensions Advisory Service ([www.pensionsadvisoryservice.org.uk](http://www.pensionsadvisoryservice.org.uk)) provide information about the options available to women in the run-up to retirement.

Prudential's study also found that 43% of women retiring this year feel financially well prepared for retirement, compared with 52% of men.

Just 32% of women believe they will have enough income to enjoy a comfortable retirement, compared with 41% of men.

## Punographics

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Broken pencils are pointless.

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Since my last article in the *Bugle*, we have seen the completion of one major project – the improvements to the playground on the Old School Field – and initiated another in Poynton Wood. We have become involved with efforts to prevent elderly people from becoming isolated, raised questions with the contractors for the Streets Ahead programme about the removal of a mature tree, objected to an application for a license to sell alcohol, and tried to raise awareness about the plans for a Sainsbury's Local store on the site of the former Bradway pub.

**Playground:** As reported on the front page of this edition of the *Bugle*, the improvements to the playground on the Old School Field were completed in March. The play area has been extended, three new pieces of play equipment added, and the whole area resurfaced.

This was only made possible by grants from the Sheffield Town Trust and the Graves Trust and by generous financial support from the South West Community Assembly (SWCA) and from Sheffield City Council's Parks and Countryside Department, who also did the work. In addition to the financial support, BAG got advice and assistance from our three local councillors, and from Tammy Barrass, the Manager of the SWCA.

Thanks to all of them, and to Peter Smithson, who handled the negotiations with the Council on behalf of the BAG Committee (with assistance from Fiona Vallely) and especially to Dorothy Astle, who was the driving force behind the original playground project and the motor that propelled this work forward.

Finally, and not least, thanks to all those BAG members who have made donations, to all those who spent money at our Fun Days, and to Village Publications, the publishers of the *Bradway Bugle*, who contribute every quarter to our funds. You can all now see where your money has gone.

**Poynton Wood:** BAG has taken the first steps to extending the footpath work in Poynton Wood that we began last year. The steps that we installed running down

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from the top of the hill to the railway triangle have been very well received by runners, walkers, and commuters heading on foot for Dore and Totley station. Now we want to tackle the muddy pathway approaching the hill from the direction of the Castle Inn. Part of this path was surfaced a couple of years ago by the Council, but there is still a messy section between where the paths run up onto Rosamond Avenue and where the steps are.

On 17 April members of the BAG Committee met on site with Tony Andrews, the SCC Rights of Way Officer, and agreed a programme of improvement work. As with the steps, the Council will provide materials – plus this time some assistance from a mechanical mini-digger – and BAG will provide the labour. We shall be looking for volunteers, so if you think you can help please contact me (my email address is at the end of this article) or any member of the Committee.

**Elderly and Isolated Residents:** Over the last few months BAG has sent representatives to meetings about the position of elderly people in the South West of Sheffield who are at risk of becoming isolated. We are not the sort of organisation that can provide direct assistance with this problem, but we are very aware that there are a lot of older people living in Bradway who are often living alone and find it difficult to maintain social contacts.

If you know of anyone who you think might be in that position, or if you yourself feel that you are at risk of becoming isolated, please let someone on

the Committee know. While we cannot help directly, we can put you in touch with someone who can.

**Streets Ahead:** BAG was urged by some residents who attended the Open Meeting on 26 March to object to the proposed removal of a horse-chestnut tree on Bradway Road as part of the Streets Ahead programme of improvements. The Committee had earlier decided not to object to this proposal as we were inclined to accept the judgment of the tree expert who had made the decision.

In the light of the comments at the Open Meeting, I did email Streets Ahead to query whether removal of the tree was necessary. Amey responded that the tree had been weakened by a bacterial pathogen that would cause its health to decline over the next five years or so, and that essential work on the footpath would inevitably weaken it further because it would damage the root system, which was close to the surface. The tree has now been removed.

**Sainsbury's:** BAG objected to an application for a license to sell alcohol by Sainsbury's who are proposing to open a Sainsbury's Local store on the site of the former Bradway pub. We objected on the grounds that there are already off-licenses at the Spar and the Murco petrol station, and another is not necessary. Also, while Sainsbury's themselves might not intend to sell heavily-discounted alcoholic drinks, the increased competition is likely to lead to lower prices in the immediate area. When cheap alcohol has been sold in the past, it has led to significantly increased vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the immediate area.

Of course, the objection to the application for an alcohol license is only the tip of the iceberg. The real issue for many people is whether we need a Sainsbury's Local at all. There was a strong demand at our Open Meeting on 26 March that BAG should organise a campaign against the development. However, the point was made that the people who would turn out on a bitterly cold night, when conditions underfoot were treacherous with ice and the car park at the school was closed, were those who felt strongly about the development, and that their strong feelings were more likely to be negative than positive. We agreed to test out opinion in Bradway more generally, by email surveys and via the *Bradway Bugle*.

Two initial surveys by email, asking some 200 residents spread across the whole of Bradway whether they were for or against the Sainsbury's store, produced a divided response with 39 per cent for, 48 per cent against, and the rest Don't Knows.

The main arguments for and against the Sainsbury's Local store are summarised in a separate article in this edition. When you have read this, BAG would like to know *your* view. You can let us know by email to the address in the box at the top of this article, or if you prefer you can

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write a note, seal it in an envelope addressed to Bradway Action Group and either give it to Vicki, the Manager in the Spar, or to Tom in Makinsons greengrocers (both on Twentywell Lane), and they will pass it to me when I am next round there.

BAG will be responding with comments to the planning application, but we would urge individuals to do so as well as letting BAG know your views.

**Forthcoming Events:** Finally, and as advertised elsewhere in this edition, we have three public events coming up. On Sunday 19 May, there is our annual Whit walk round the bounds of Bradway, with commentary by local historian Tony Smith: meet at top of Twentywell Lane at 10am. On 2 July we have our next Open Meeting at Bradway Primary School starting at 7.30. Finally, our annual Fun Day this year will be on the afternoon of 23 August from 1.30 to 4.30 on the Old School Field.

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PS. Following the last edition, the editor received a letter from a reader who lives in Hemper Lane. The letter was not signed, and in common with normal practice in journalism, the editor will not publish letters without knowing the identity of the sender. It was, though, passed to me because the comments in it seemed to refer to my discussion of HGVs in the last BAG article.

The writer of the letter berated BAG for wanting to solve the problem of HGVs on Twentywell Lane by lifting the ban on them using Bocking Lane. Please can I make clear that this is NOT the position of BAG (nor indeed of the Bugle). In my article I was reporting what we had been told by City traffic planners: that in their opinion the lifting of the ban on Bocking Lane would solve the problem of HGVs using Twentywell Lane.

As I said in the original article, we doubt that this will be the case. BAG has never commented on the position on Bocking Lane as it outside of our area, but we would not wish the blight of HGV traffic on anyone, and certainly not on our near neighbours in S8.

### St Luke's Golf Day

Over the past 15 years, the popular annual sporting event, which is organised by the Rotary Club of Sheffield and the hospice Action Group and held at Abbeydale Golf Club, has raised a total of more than £70,000. The 2013 day, supported by Elevation Recruitment for the third year running, will be on Friday, June 14.

Open to teams of four players – from scratch to 24 handicap golfers – the event also includes dinner and a prize-giving ceremony. Anybody interested in booking a team should contact David Green of the Rotary Club of Sheffield at: [davfgreen@aol.com](mailto:davfgreen@aol.com)

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I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

I joined a health club last year, spent about £150. I haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there!

Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

I do have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years,.....just getting over the hill.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a pub with a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine.

*Anon*

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## Sir Henry Bessemer

Sir Henry Bessemer (Jan 1813 – March 1898) was an inventor, engineer and businessman who made the inexpensive mass-production of steel possible, helping to create the wealth upon which the City of Sheffield is founded.

Leaving his village school at the age of seventeen, Henry begged his father to learn about engineering. Henry's father responded by purchasing a lathe and Henry began to create anything he could imagine with his shiny new machine.

This attracted criticism from locals who thought that Henry was only "wasting his time". Two years later, tired of village life, Henry moved to London. He found London fascinating and ever changing - the different people, the speed of life - and he learnt a lot, but soon began to feel the isolation of a big city.

Henry's first invention was a special stamp. He had learned that the government had been defrauded of thousands of pounds and this new stamp could be used to help prevent fraud. This was the first of Henry's 129 patents throughout his life.

It was at this point that Henry began to learn about steel. He knew it was possible to create steel in small amounts using the crucible method, but he noticed that this was quite a slow and inefficient process. Iron was widely used at this time to build



Sir Henry Bessemer (1813 – 1898)

everything from ships to bridges.

Due to its brittleness, iron was not an ideal material, and a large number of bridges collapsed. Henry saw an opportunity to make a big improvement, and set to work, it took many attempts and relocation to Sheffield, but eventually he cracked it.

Sir Henry Bessemer was somewhat exceptional. He had developed his process from an idea to a practical reality in his own lifetime and he was sufficiently of a businessman to have profited by it. In so many cases,

inventions were not developed quickly and the plums went to other persons than the inventors.

Henry decided that Sheffield was the place to set-up his new steel-making business, as Sheffield was already producing more crucible steel than anywhere else. This local expertise would be invaluable to him when introducing his new and improved steel making process.

Henry's new process was unique and unheard of at the time; it involved blowing air into molten iron, with startling results! People then laughed at such an idea. One boy even said, "But you'll have a pot full of solid iron!"

The revolutionary aspect of Henry's invention was the oxidation process - it burned off the impurities such as silicon and manganese and reduced the carbon content. The impurities would escape either as a gas or be removed as a solid in the form of slag.

This new process proved that quality steel could be made in thirty minutes rather than several days using the old crucible method. It could also be made in large enough quantities to be used in ships, bridges and railways. This was a much needed development.

Not wishing to hinder the adoption of his new process, and showing Henry's business insight, he would sell a licence to anyone who wished to produce steel using his new method.

Bessemer also obtained a patent in 1857 for the casting of metal between contra rotating rollers - a forerunner of today's continuous casting processes.

Henry was knighted for Services to Science in June 1879 and made a fellow of the Royal Society in the same year.

He spent his last years working on a telescope at his home in London with his grandchildren

Marc Duffy



The Bessemer Converter on display at Kelham Island Museum, only one of three surviving examples in the world.

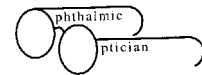
It was used by the British Steel Corporation in Workington until 1975, and was brought to the Museum in 1978 as an example of the revolutionary steel making process which first took off in Sheffield.

The Bessemer process, patented by Henry Bessemer in 1856, converted iron into steel. The egg-shaped converter was tilted down to pour molten pig iron in through the top, then swung back to a vertical position and a blast of air was blown through the base of the converter in a dramatic 'blow'. Spectacular but dangerous flames and fountains shot out of the top of the converter. The converter was tilted again and the newly made steel was teemed or poured out. The first converters could make seven tonnes of steel in half an hour.

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The gallery is named after Sir Henry Bessemer, the 19th century British inventor who devised a process for the mass production of steel from iron and is therefore partly responsible for revolutionising steel production in Sheffield.

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## Bradway Birds

The first information is out on the effects of last year's weather on the breeding season of our country's birds. We all remember how wretched much of it was; the wettest year on record for England, second wettest for the UK as a whole. Temperatures were down, and 20C was rarely achieved. Clouds prevailed, as expected from such high rainfalls, and April, June, July and August were all much less sunny than average.

The information comes from two long-term and wide-ranging studies carried out by volunteers for the British Trust for Ornithology. One is the nest record scheme, where eggs and nestlings are visited and checked during the season. The other is the Constant Effort Site ringing scheme, which studies the proportions of young and adult birds caught for ringing, year after year. You would expect the share made up of young and juveniles to be lower than usual in 2012.

My impressions locally are pretty similar to the results nationally. February and March were unusually good months, the latter especially, in warmth, dryness and hours of sunshine. Early breeders took advantage and had young in reasonable shape, enough to confront the horrible weather of April, with at least average success.

Two local species fitting this pattern were the tawny owls and those little beauties, the long-tailed tits. As I write, in March, there has been no early spring. Plenty of hooting issues from Poynton Wood or the top of Prospect Place, but I doubt that there has been much mating. The tits were still in their double-figure winter flocks in early March, and no breeding takes place until they pair off and disperse; a late season this year.

Then it was migrant time. Locally, house martin, swallow, swift and willow warbler travel here (amazingly) from South of the Sahara, some from as far south as the Cape. Europe was having the same slow-moving chilly weather systems as us, so the birds were held up, arriving in Sheffield later than usual. They then had weeks of cloud and rain, struggled to find insects and, though arriving in average numbers, had a poor breeding season. Fewer than usual set off back to Africa in late summer and autumn.

Two warblers that are doing well in Britain, and in Sheffield, are the blackcap

## BRADWAY ACTION GROUP

### Walking the Bounds of Bradway Sunday, 19th May 2013

Meet 10am outside the Spar at the top of Twentywell Lane for a short easy-going walk of about 3 miles around the bounds of Bradway, with historical commentary by Tony Smith

and the chiffchaff. You will hear them both in the woods, on the steep section of Twentywell Lane top, Toley Lane and on the railway triangle. The former burbles a long throaty tune, the latter tells you who it is.

They winter at a lesser distance than swallows, in southern Europe and northern Africa. Although arriving on time and in good numbers, they bred badly, for they build open-cup nests, with young exposed to the sky. Adults were torn between sheltering the young when they were naked or only in down, and trying to find food in the rain and under dark and stormy skies. They did neither very well, so raised fewer young than usual. Juveniles leaving the nest were smaller than was comfortable, and had poor plumage, and then had in their inexperience to find food in almost impossible circumstances.

A final category to struggle was the caterpillar hunters, the blue and great tits and the chaffinch. These birds laid small clutches, and lost young en route to fledging. Adults were struggling to feed themselves, and the babies inevitably suffered. Consequently, if you feed the birds, it is vital to do so all year, so the parents can feed well and quickly, and concentrate on their young.

Research showed that no species had a better than average year in 2012. However, as you doubtless noticed, invertebrates that live on or just below the surface, had a good year. Worms, soil beetles, snails and slugs all had a fine old time, and remained easily accessible in wet soft ground.

As a result, song thrush, blackbird, rook all nearly maintained numbers. These are with us all year, and are mostly musical, so disaster was not complete.

Lots of these birds can have large broods, and all but the tits, martins and swallows, will lay several times, so good years can allow a rapid recovery of

numbers. Wrens even increased in 2012 as adults survived well from the year before.

As Arctic ice continues to melt at record speed, however, we might find the jet stream fails to move north as it used to do. If so, expect more cloud and rain, and a slow fall in numbers of many of the birds mentioned in this article. The future of the jet stream is highly uncertain, however, so the outlook could be brighter.

*John Kirkman*

## Recipe Corner

### Irresistible Fish Pie

*Ingredients:* (Serves 4)

200g cod fillet skinned & cut into chunks (or any white chunky fish)

200g salmon fillet skinned & cut into chunks

200g smoked haddock fillets skinned & cut into chunks

2 tbsp of chopped flat parsley

*Sauce:*

Butter 50g

Plain flour 50g

White wine 125ml

Fish stock 500ml (or a stock cube)

English mustard 1tbsp

Henderson's relish 1 tsp

Anchovy essence ½ tsp

Juice of 1 lemon

Seasoning

*Topping:*

King Edwards potatoes 1kg peeled, cooked & dry mash

Butter 50g, milk 50ml, white breadcrumb 20g, freshly grated parmesan 10g

*Method:*

Preheat the oven to 190 degrees / gas mark 5

Sauce: Melt butter in a saucepan over a low heat, add flour and stir gently. Gradually add wine, stirring well. Slowly add fish stock until you have a silky smooth sauce. Bring to the boil and simmer for 15 minutes. To finish add cream, bring back to boil, add mustard, Henderson's relish, anchovy essence, lemon juice. Check seasoning.

Gently fold fish and parsley into sauce and pour into a large pie dish, leaving a space of about 3 cm from the top of the dish. Leave to cool slightly so the topping will seat well when applying.

Mix butter and milk to the mashed potato until soft enough to spread over the fish. Season.

Pipe or gently fork over to cover the fish.

Bake for 25 minutes. Sprinkle over the breadcrumb & cheese, and bake for a further 10 minutes until golden.

Serve with buttered peas & green beans.

Bon appetite !

*Serge, le chef de Bradway*

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## Totley Rise Shops

.. a plea for your memories

Members of Totley History Group are researching the shops now known as The Rise, originally used to house the navvies building Totley Tunnel at the end of 19th century. Just one or two shops at that time served the needs of the residents but there is a fascinating story to uncover about the growth of The Rise, the changing character of the shops, the families who owned them often through more than one generation, and on to the present day.

Have you any memories of the shops, getting sweets as a child, rationing in the 40's, photographs, the owners etc. and more recent times? If so, we'd love to hear from you and perhaps include your memories in a forthcoming book.

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### Archaeology in Action - Sun 14 July

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The Totley Rise shops from a photo that must have been taken during the 1950's.

## Blood donor sessions

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## Take a Break

### Madrid - Viva La Vuelta!

With cycling fever gripping the UK in 2012, I wasn't going to be left behind so when Neil and I entered the 'Tour de France Fantasy Competition' run by Halfords and partnered by Garmin, we had no idea it would lead to a trip to Madrid to see the Spanish equivalent; La Vuelta.

Winning by just 4 points was enough to get Neil the grand prize and a trip to Madrid. So on the final weekend we headed out to Spain's capital and largest city to not only enjoy what it had to offer, but the conclusion of this great bike race. We were beyond excited!

Where to start was our next dilemma, as Madrid is Europe's 3rd largest city, behind London and Berlin, so with only a day to explore we headed towards the Hapsburg District filled with enchanting palaces and convents, dating back to the 17th century. Strolling through narrow streets we stumbled across San Miguel Market, located in the heart of the tourist



*Plaza Mayor Madrid*

outside was impressive, with a vast courtyard behind elegant iron fencing, leading to an unexpected panoramic vista across the countryside and beyond – breathtaking.

Once inside you have access to the lavish halls, banqueting rooms, throne room as well as the Royal Armoury, but all have to be etched into your memory, as photography is not allowed, not even for me!

Feeling a bit peckish we headed back to Plaza Mayor a grand arcaded square full of eateries and entertainment for tourist and locals alike. A great place

for people watching and relaxing with an ice-cold drink and selection of tapas ... this was the life!

All too soon it was time to return to the hotel to freshen up before heading back out for a few drinks and of course some lovely tapas. So, with recommendations from the hotel our first stop was a local bar, Taberna la Dolores complete with canapés or raciones, yum,

yum!

Onwards to Restaurant Cervantes a tapas lover's paradise – needless to say after trying so many different dishes we were bursting, but the night was still young, so off we went in search of sangria ... hic!

Sunday morning began with a leisurely stroll around El Retiro Park, part of the city's historical heritage and botanical patrimony, once a recreation area for the Royal Family, now an extremely popular place for the masses. Here you can meander around the pathways watching the street musicians, sidewalk painters, fortune-tellers, jugglers and street performers animate the crowd or rent a rowing boat and head out onto the lake. There's even a beautiful glass pavillion and a multitude of statues and fountains to keep the most avid photographer happy ... and I was.

As we made our way back to the hotel to check-out the main event was being constructed along the Paseo del Prado and it would soon be time for the cycling fraternity to gather and watch the final stage of La Vuelta ... excitement was beginning to build!

It wasn't long before we took our place in the hospitality tent and watched the big screen as the athletes came into town. Much like the final day in Paris for the Tour de France, the cyclist take the 10 laps of the urban route, as the sprinters



*The Glass pavillion in El Retro Park*

centre. This emblematic building is actually a traditional market, which has been reinvented into a totally modern venue full of vibrant stalls with a whole host of delicacies and a chance for a most welcome snack.

Next stop the Royal Palace, the majestic official residence of the Spanish Royal family, although these days only used for state ceremonies. Just walking around the



*La Vuelta cycle race*

seize their last chance to win, excitement building on each circuit.

Soon the crowds were at a frenzy as the riders took the bell and the final circuit of the 3-week tour. We watched in awe as they sped passed to the finish and the overall winner announced. We were then whisked off to meet Team Garmin, collect our goody bag and signed shirt before collecting our luggage and returning to the airport! Wow, what a weekend!

*Lindsay Allen*

*The Co-operative Travel Bradway*

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*Ed. Love them or hate them ? We would like to hear what you think of the new lights and of the disruption caused by their installation.*



*The new LED lights direct light down onto the road surfaces and so reduce light pollution.*

On the right, a photograph taken at Bushey Wood Road junction showing a view of the top of the LEDs lantern. Once all of the lights have been connected up, engineers will then adjust the lighting levels of each lantern, to the required level. This is carried out centrally, by signals sent to the pointed unit on top of each lantern. The same unit will report any faults to the control room.

My appreciation goes to the Amey engineer who kindly used my camera.

**Roger Hart**



*All the fun of the fair as crowds enjoy themselves at Lowedges Festival last year.*

### **WRVS needs men**

The WRVS charity is calling on men to join its ranks in a bid to shed its “women only” image.

Launched in 1938 as the Women’s Voluntary Services, WRVS attracted over one million female volunteers on the home front during the last war.

Today WRVS supports older people and wants more men to volunteer. Less than a fifth of its 40,000 volunteers are men, despite research showing an appetite among them for volunteering. According to a survey, 29% of men are either currently volunteering or plan to start.

They are needed to tackle the loneliness experienced by many older men. WRVS research shows that 190,000 men over the age of 75 suffer from feelings of loneliness.

Olympic games makers influenced many to decide to volunteer - with nearly a quarter of men saying their role during the Olympics had made them think more favourably about volunteering.

Others recognise the health benefits of volunteering (34%) with 13% saying it will help them gain invaluable new skills.

“WRVS has had male volunteers since at least 1949, but with an ageing population we now need more men to join the charity to provide practical help and companionship to the older people we support,” said chief executive David McHullough. Call 08456014670 or visit [www.wrvs.org.uk](http://www.wrvs.org.uk)



### **Lowedges Festival**

This year’s festival is on Sunday August 11th, 12 noon to 5pm in Greenhill Park.

Over the last 5 years the event has grown significantly with over 15,000 visitors in 2012. Entry is free with over 200 stalls; mini funfair; 250 classic cars and bikes; dog show; Escafield full 1 hour medieval show; living history show; plus the Chase pop group; Dronfield brass band; b vox choir; Pheonix falconry; stepping out dancers etc. Show sponsors are Stagecoach bus co; Sheaf motors; and the Sheffield star.

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*New lights for old at the top of Twentywell Lane.*

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If you do find a lump on your pet, there are several possible underlying causes. These include: abscesses (particularly common in cats), bee and wasp stings, hernias (often seen in younger pets) and tumours. Tumours are understandably the most worrying and are either benign - which tend to be slow growing and remain in one place, or malignant - which can be fast growing, invade the surrounding tissue and have the potential to spread to other parts of the body.

If you do find a lump on your pet, it is very important that it is examined as soon as possible. Speed is of the essence and a delay in appropriate treatment can be the difference between a small mass that is easily treatable and one that is far more difficult to treat - or is sadly sometimes untreatable.

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## Fitness drives falter

One third of New Year fitness drives falter by February according to a survey by Arthritis Research UK and the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP). They found that over a third of people (34%) in Great Britain who started a fitness drive in January last year had stopped or reduced the amount of exercise they were doing by February, just one month into their new regime.

The most common reason for giving up or scaling back on fitness was a loss of interest (37%) followed by lack of time (33%) and the fact that it was cold outside (32%). Only one in three people (33%) who started a fitness drive last January are still exercising.

Most survey respondents said they would feel more motivated to keep exercising with warmer weather.

Arthritis Research UK and the CSP are keen to highlight that maintaining an exercise regime need not involve expensive equipment or extreme fitness drives and that the simplest stretching, strengthening and fitness exercises such as walking are often the best.

Regular exercise is vital to keep joints healthy and flexible and can help ease stiffness and strengthen muscles, as well as reducing the risk of major chronic disease such as coronary heart disease, stroke, diabetes and cancer.

You can find some top tips to make it easier to keep exercising on the website at [www.arthritisresearchuk.org](http://www.arthritisresearchuk.org)

## Blacka Moor Nature Reserve

### Conservation Work Days

Regular volunteer days take place, both during the week and on weekends. Tasks can include footpath improvement, walling, and fencing, or habitat and vegetation management, such as bracken pulling, birch bashing, and rhododendron control.

All volunteer days start at 10am and finish at 3pm; come along for the whole day or join us for an hour or two in the morning. Tools and gloves are provided (as are tea and biscuits on weekends!) Please wear warm, waterproof clothing, and sturdy footwear.

If you are able to join us for the whole day, please also bring a packed lunch and drinking water.

The dates are the third Thursday and the first Saturday of the month.

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This walk starts and finishes at the Stony Ridge car park. Please wear suitable outdoor clothes and boots, and make sure to book your place before Friday 12th July.

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On the 20th March Eyam Hall and Centre opened its doors to visitors for the first time under National Trust management. Situated in the historic Peak District village of Eyam, the Hall and Centre have been leased to the Trust by its owners, Robert and Nicola Wright, following their retirement. Eyam Hall is a Jacobean manor house built by Joseph Wright for his son for John and his new bride Elizabeth in 1672, and has been in the Wright family ever since then.

The Trust will tell the story of the Wright family from the Hall and gardens while the Centre, housed in the Hall's former stable yard, offers a vibrant visitor hub from which to explore the plague story around the village.

The Centre has a National Trust shop, a number of craft units where visitors can see local craftspeople at work and buy their products, together with a cafe.

Four new walks have been created to help visitors explore some of the remarkable accounts of Eyam and its colourful characters. The walks - The Two Survivors; The Three Decisions; The Lone Mother, and The Lovers - aim to give visitors a new vantage point and each offers its own 'Walk Thought' to get visitors thinking about the events and experiences of the plague. Each walk starts from the Hall and is accompanied by a free a map available from the National Trust Shop in the Centre.

Four hundred years ago the community of Eyam made the ultimate sacrifice. It began with the arrival of some cloth from London, received by Eyam's tailor. The cloth contained fleas which would soon infect the village with the deadly plague. Rather than run away from the danger, taking the plague infection with them, the villagers pulled together and made a decision for the greater good. They



*Eyam Hall and Centre now leased to and run by the National Trust.*

closed all entrances to the village and decided to sacrifice themselves in order to save others.

The Trust is working closely with all corners of the local community to help tell Eyam's story together and has set up the Eyam Community Forum for all the village's different organisations and businesses to take part. Find out more about Eyam's history at <http://www.eyamplaguevillage.co.uk/>

Eyam Hall and gardens are open to visitors Wednesday to Sunday, March through to November while the Centre will be open all year round. For more information please call 01433 639565 or email [eyam@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:eyam@nationaltrust.org.uk).

For details of all that's new in 2013, including events and opening times, visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/midlands](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/midlands)

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Throughout the spring and summer, a succession of old Derbyshire villages put on well dressings, often associated with a week of village festivities.

These are just some of the dates and venues for 2013. You can find out more at [www.welldressing.com](http://www.welldressing.com).

### May

25-27 Wirksworth

25-2 Middleton-by-Youlgrave

25-2 Ashford in the Water

25-3 Monyash

### June

8-15 Cressbrook

22-27 Youlgrave

22-29 Litton (nr Tideswell)

22-30 Over Haddon

22-30 Hope

22-30 Tideswell

28-5 Old Whittington (Chesterfield)

29-6 Rowsley

29-7 Bakewell

### July

6-12 Coal Aston

6-13 Whitwell

6-13 Hathersage

6-14 Dore

7-15 Buxton

8-13 Harthill

11-18 Pilsley (nr Bakewell)

12-19 Dronfield Woodhouse

12-21 Cutthorpe

12-22 Millthorpe

13-20 Little Longstone

13-21 Great Longstone

14-21 Bamford

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### August

3-10 Wingerworth

3-10 Bradwell

14-20 Barlow

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The other week, I noticed my car key on the hall table. Nothing strange in that, you might think. But it was MY car key. The one I'd lost over two years previously! Since the cost of a replacement was not far short of £200 (complicated things, these car keys) Mrs Bodger and I had been managing with just one key between us for the whole of that time.

This was not without its inconveniences. If we went out shopping together but needed to visit different places, arrangements had to be made to be back for a certain time, always a bit of a challenge for Mrs B! And then there was the constant worry that I'd lose the remaining key and we'd be left stranded (Mrs B would never do such a thing, of course!)

How was I so sure it was my key on the hall table and not the spare? Surely one key looks pretty much like another, especially when they fit the same car? Indeed so. The thing is though, my key had a green fob attached to it. It was a present given to me years ago by one of the kids. It used to have a little light in the end. Although the light hasn't worked for ages, that key-fob still holds some sentimental value for me. Where had it been all this time, and how come it had mysteriously re-appeared?

My thoughts went back to the day I lost it. It was a snowy morning, and I'd been down to the supermarket for the weekly shop. When I got back, there was a centimetre or two of snow lying on the ground, and as our drive slopes quite steeply down towards the house, I'd decided to park on the verge crossing at the top of the drive and unload the car from there. Having taken all the bags inside, I'd locked the car, gone inside, and started to put the food away.

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I can't remember why, maybe I'd left something in the car and needed to go and retrieve it, but within just a few minutes of having the key in my hand, I couldn't find it anywhere! I searched through all my pockets, and scoured the hall table and all the worktops in the kitchen. It was nowhere to be seen.

I retraced my steps up the drive. There was no Desperate Dan style key-shaped hole in the snow, nor could I find any trace of it in the shrubbery at the side of the drive. Going back inside, I noticed a couple of bags of stuff next to the hall table waiting to be taken to the charity shop. Thinking maybe the key had fallen into one of these, I emptied them on the floor and examined the contents in minute detail. Nothing.

My next theory was that I'd dropped the key on the footway and someone had picked it up, so a few days later I both phoned the police and visited the Spar shop to see if anyone had handed it in, all to no avail. I managed to convince myself that I must have dropped it somewhere on or beside the drive and resolved to have a more thorough search once the snow had cleared, but this too was fruitless. Even a quick scan with a metal detector by a passing water company employee proved negative!

And thus we soldiered on without it, making sure our insurance policy covered the loss of keys so that if the remaining one disappeared at least we'd be able to replace it at reasonable cost.

My first thought when I realised that my key had surreptitiously returned was that it had somehow found its way into the mysterious depths of Mrs B's handbag. She'd been out in the car the previous day, and I suspected that in returning the key to its rightful place, her hand had alighted on the missing key instead of the other one. But I was being unkind!

It transpired that in a sudden flash of inspiration, she'd decided to look for the missing key in the garage. This is attached to the house with an adjoining door between the two, and as well as having our vegetable rack in there, it is also where we keep a bag in which we store all our recyclable items. I would have gone in there on the day in question both to store the vegetables and to return the recycling bag to its rightful spot having emptied it at the supermarket.

Sure enough, lurking beneath the vegetable rack was the missing key! Rather than tell me she'd found it, she'd cleaned it up and just left it for me to find on the hall table. I eventually noticed it

three or four days later, by which time needless to say I'd already used it on several occasions!

*The Bradway Bodger*

## Profile of carers

A range of national charities will unite behind people providing care for friends or family during Carers Week 10-16th June.

In the UK 6.5 million people care for someone who is ill, frail or disabled. Around 6,000 people start caring every day. This can significantly affect their life. It takes time, requires energy, can lead to isolation and can lead to money problems.

Carers Week will recognise carers and encourage them to access the support, advice and information they need. It will highlight the impact of caring on daily life and, with an ageing population and higher incidence of disability and serious illness, and encourage the public to think about whether they could manage a caring role.

The campaign will also focus on how the UK's current carer population is coping, how effectively government is supporting the growing numbers of carers, and whether we are prepared for future caring responsibilities.

In addition to the publication of a report highlighting changes that could improve quality of life for carers, around 10,000 associated events are planned UK wide.

Charities involved include Age UK, Carers Trust, Carers UK, Independent Age, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, the MS Society, Parkinsons UK and The Stroke Association. More information is available at [www.carersweek.org](http://www.carersweek.org)

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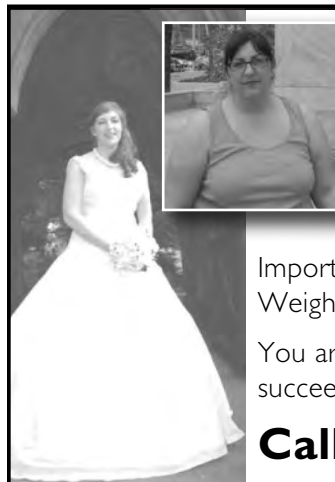
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## The Wildlife Garden

'Invasion of the giant alien slug!': It sounds like it should be the title of a 1950's science fiction B movie, yet in fact this is exactly what many gardeners in the south of England had to face last summer.

Thought to have come to our shores by hitch-hiking on salad crops, 'giant' - actually up to 15cm long - Spanish slugs have become the latest in a long line of continental pest species to become recently established in the UK and just like the Harlequin ladybird it is not only thriving over here, this slug is spreading quickly northwards and as it does so decimating both crops and native gastropod species.

That being said, I am sure there are few gardeners which would lament the loss of native slugs and snails from their plots, for if there is a universal truth about British gardeners it is that we all rate gastropods as our number one pest.

Slug pellets have been by far and away the most popular method to control slugs and snails for many years. If used correctly these molluscicides are undoubtedly effective, but when they are not, these poisons are a hazard to children, pets and wildlife. So how do you apply slug pellets properly?

According to the manufacturers you should spread them thinly over the area needing protection, with about 10cm between each pellet. If used thickly, they will actually repel the molluscs and dogs in particular have been known to tuck into a mass of pellets; which is not surprising as the cereal filler in pellets is actually the same as that used in a number of dog foods.

Slug pellets act as an irritant, causing the mollusc to produce lots of slime which in turn stops the creature moving and eventually kills it through dehydration. If you leave the poisoned slug or snail on the soil surface, there is always a chance that the animal will re-hydrate if it rains later that day, allowing it to continue on its destructive path. Care should also be taken not to get these chemicals on the fruit or vegetables you are trying to protect. If you do, the crops must not be picked for at least a week.

The safest way to use pellets is at night



*Summer. Time to relax and let nature do her best (or worst !)*

and by fencing off the plot that needs protecting, children and animals are denied access. The following morning you must clear away any dead or dying gastropods into the bin and not fling them onto a public footpath or over the fence into a neighbour's plot, however tempting that might seem...

In an attempt to deter these pests without using noxious chemicals I have tried surrounding my delicate plants with barriers of sharp grit, egg shells or diatomaceous earth granules, for instance 'Slug Stoppa' but to be honest I have found all these measures to produce only indifferent results.

For plants growing in pots, a more successful method is to put a band of sticky copper tape around the rim. This repels any mountaineering gastropods, supposedly due to the tape generating a very small electric current.

I also place groups of potted plants on blocks in a large growbag tray and surround them with water - just like the moat around a mediaeval castle. Even the largest gastropods are reluctant to cross this barrier.

To control slugs living within soil, for example to protect potatoes, a drench of

the parasitic nematodes *Phasmarhabditis hermaphrodita*, available under the trade names of 'Slugsure' or 'Nemaslug', is both very easy to use and as effective as any chemical method. Nonetheless, there are a number of key steps you have to follow to ensure success. The soil must be kept moist, as nematodes move in the thin film of water between soil particles and its temperature has to be at least 5°C. Also, they are only active for up to six weeks, so if you wish to control slugs throughout the growing season, you need to use further regular applications of these parasites.

As nematodes just kill soil-living slugs, in conjunction with this method, I use traps filled with a beer- (non-alcoholic is best) or yeast- based bait to control surface-living slugs and snails. The issue with these traps is that they have to be emptied and re-filled regularly and also, to make any real impact on mollusc numbers, they need to be placed quite close together, with no more than 1m between each trap.

As to the Spanish slug, southern gardeners have been reporting that one method above all seems to be the most effective at controlling them: go out at night armed with a torch and a sharp knife and cut in half, or squash any you find. That then is something to look forward to when they eventually slime their way up here...

*Maggie Pie*

## Totley Music Festival

This summer will see the fifth Totley Music Festival, which promises a week of concerts and musical events with something for almost everyone's musical tastes.

The organisers, Phil Harris and Sue Hare, would like to remind 'Bugle' readers that, as always, they're seeking local musicians to perform during the Festival.

The dates for this year's Festival are 14th to 20th July. Keep an eye on the website [www.totleymusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.totleymusicfestival.co.uk) for further details of the programme as it evolves over the coming weeks. You can also contact Phil and Sue directly through the contact details on the website.

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## Spring Delights

The birds are starting to sing, the mornings are getting lighter and all of a sudden snowdrops are peeking through the ground. It must mean that we've come out of the dark days and into the first glimmer of Spring.

When that happens we all start to think about Spring cleaning, redecorating our homes and sprucing up our gardens. And what better environment to ponder your next project than the Hidden Gem cafe?

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Our students have been very busy in the workshop and textile room, creating some beautiful handmade items that are on sale in the gift shop, and we also have a great selection of homewares for you to choose from.

### *"It's all about Botanicals this season at WORK"*

Katie Taylor is one of the arts and crafts tutors at WORK Ltd. She's been working in small groups with students with learning disabilities, creating gifts and garden and home accessories in the workshop. She says,

"It's all about Botanicals this season at WORK.

"From birds and bees to plants and flowers, Spring has definitely sprung. Our students portfolio of work features vintage style bird houses, hand printed cards and handmade bags in beautiful organic florals.

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## Gilbert & Sullivan Society

A big "thank you" to all who came to see our production of Iolanthe at The Montgomery Theatre in April. The feedback was excellent and it was obvious that everyone I spoke to enjoyed the show. We certainly enjoyed performing in it. It was a delightful week and worth all the hard work we put into it. Some thought it better than last year, an accolade indeed.

Next year we are breaking with our usual tradition and putting on a non-G&S opera although not for the first time!

We have decided to regale you next April with "The Merry Widow" with music by Franz Lehar, a popular and fun filled operetta concerning a rich widow and the attempts to keep her money in the hard-up principality by finding her the right husband - but more about this in future issues.

We are now starting rehearsals for our summer concert which will be, as usual, in the Church Hall on Townhead Road in Dore. The concert will include the usual eclectic mix of music and words which we have entitled "Ballads, Songs and Snatches" and forms part of the Dore Festival.

There's a rumour that I will be involved in an instrumental trio - I will say no more! It will begin at 7:30m on Saturday 6th July and the ticket (price £6, available from me - ring 0114 236 2299) will include refreshments.

If you enjoy singing, why not come and

see us and maybe join us. We rehearse at Intake Methodist Church on Wednesdays and we could do with more tenors! This event is always well attended so get your tickets early and if you've never been to hear us before, give it try, we think that you'll find it worth the effort.

*Derek Habberjam*

## Police helicopter

In an earlier issue we lamented the loss of our South Yorkshire Police helicopter service as part of government reorganisation. Now as part of a deal between the South Yorkshire Police Force and the National Police Air Service, a police helicopter will be based in Sheffield for 10 hours a day. The rest of the day will be covered from outside.

## Corporate Tax avoiders

In our last issue we questioned whether we should be putting away our Kindles, using a different search engine and satisfying our caffeine addiction somewhere new, in protest at Amazon, Google and Starbucks avoiding paying their fair share of corporation tax on profits made in the UK. Now Npower have also been rumbled. It seems they have funnelled their UK profits through a shell company in Malta and avoided £60 million in tax over the last four years.

You would have thought that the

government would do something about this, especially given our current financial constraints. But no, they have other smaller fish to fry and remain inactive in the hope this issue will drop off the political radar. So that leaves it up to us consumers to take action. By boycotting these companies we not only voice our anger, but hit them where it hurts. And any credible government will have to respond to public outrage at unacceptable tax avoidance. So I will be buying my books and presents from honest tax payers in future.

You can find plenty more information on the internet. Try [www.ukuncut.org.uk](http://www.ukuncut.org.uk) for starters.

## Park and Ride

The new free park and ride car park at Dore and Totley station is finally completed and open for use. Within days the 130 spaces were full with a small overflow onto adjacent roads.

It seems that just like with motorways, the new facilities are generating additional traffic. After all, why pay a lot to park in town when you can park here for free and go in by bus or train.

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Parents can enrol their child in the club for a subscription and will then receive a series of three DVD membership packs through the post one every four months—that's a year's worth of stories, to listen to, songs to sing, games to play – all helping them to learn lifesaving messages! To see what you get when a child registers to the club, please visit [www.childrenstrafficclub.com](http://www.childrenstrafficclub.com)

## On The Road Again

Have you ever wondered why your little ear phones are always in a tangle when you get them out and plug them into your smart phone?

Of course this only applies to people like myself who have come to rely on the modern technologies to get us through our working day. Somehow I have arrived at the stage where the little black box of tricks that I used to call a mobile phone allows me to communicate with the world through text or email wherever I am.

The same box is a diary, sat navigation system, and calculator. I make phone calls on it sometimes, but even then it communicates directly with my car and allows me to call people via a little microphone in the car's roof while the phone resides in my bag.

It gets even better. When I stop for coffee I can watch live news broadcasts or catch up TV programmes, which is of course when I need those dratted tangled up ear phones.

So why then is your lead always tangled? The answer is surprisingly simple. There are literally hundreds of ways that your leads can be tangled but there is only one way that they can come out of your bag untangled. It's simply a question of odds and the odds are against your leads coming out of your bag in a way that is not a tangle.

So why then would a driving instructor be interested in this sort of faintly interesting fact? It's because getting the odds on your side are very relevant to getting home safely.

If you think about it there are hundreds of individual points in a journey that have a potential to go badly or even fatally wrong. A badly judged bend or ill timed junction can lead to disaster. A missed safety check could result in you missing the idiot that is going to kill you all.

More to the point, there is only one way that you and your passengers are all going to get home in one piece and

hundreds of ways that you may not. So you have to constantly and systematically untangle all of the potential things in your journey that could go wrong.

If we are all to be safe on the roads I would hope to be able to persuade you that it is essential we all learn to improve our odds in whatever way we can. Firstly we should all keep on top of our vehicles maintenance and regularly check the condition of tyres, particularly before undertaking a long journey.

We should all pay particular attention to creating space between ourselves and other vehicles as a habit. When things go badly wrong, particularly at speed, space is a life saver. Lastly we should all have a realistic view of our personal skill level and take any opportunity to improve our driving skills. Sadly so many drivers only realize how close they are to the limit of their skill level when it's tested on the road.

Please keep the odds on your side over the Summer driving season.

Safe driving until next time.

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## A Snowman's account

Usually I wouldn't have been invited or even welcome on the Opening Day at Hathersage Pool but this year things were very, very different.

The atmosphere building up to this special day had been very tense; the new boiler had been installed and was performing really well, the water was warming up to a wonderful 82 degrees but the weather forecast was predicting huge amounts of snow – not the spring sunshine that everyone had dreamed of for the opening of this very special pool.

Volunteers were drafted in the day before to help Mike and his team complete their final preparations – pathways were cleared, the pool was made pristine and children from the village were invited to build more snowmen to be ready to pose for photographs on the Big Day but there was an air of anxiety regarding the weather and the big question was: "Would the event have to be cancelled?"

The day finally dawned – the weather forecast had been right – the deep snow had indeed arrived. It was time to make the Big Decision .....

Well, the enthusiasm of the staff was not to be beaten! Mike managed to drive from Matlock but got stuck in Grindleford where he was rescued by Jez Wilman; and the rest of the team struggled in wearing warm coats and snow boots. Facebook had a record number of hits from people desperately

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hoping to take a wintery dip and by 8am there were already 30 people waiting in the queue. One keen swimmer even arrived on his skis!

What community spirit! Hot chocolate and home-made soup were served and delicious cakes had been baked for the hungry swimmers coming out of the pool.

Local band "Millstone Grit" provided great music from the bandstand – including hits from Snow Patrol (ha ha!). Matt Norris demonstrated Triathlon coaching and children accompanied by Village Parish Councillor Peter Mander rolled in the snow before jumping into the lovely warm water. Many passing visitors popped in for a hot drink claiming that it was certainly the "In Place" to be! Swimming is certainly good for the spirit and we are so lucky to have this wonderful facility in the heart of our village.

We saw over 400 visitors on the day and we were seen on BBC, ITV and Sky News and reached 17 local, national and international newspapers and radio stations. Season tickets are proving to be very popular – they now also can be used to get very generous discounts from local traders (details on the website).

Well, that's it from me – I don't suppose I will still be around for the first Late Night Swim on Friday 19th April but I would certainly like to be invited back for the Opening Event next year!!

*Best wishes, Frosty*

## Shine On Ladies Choir

The Shine On ladies choir is going from strength to strength based at the Dore and Totley United Reformed Church, where they meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm onwards.

Now they are starring at a Big Night Out at the Dronfield Civic Hall on the 5th July starting at 7.30pm. The Ladies Choir, the Shine Academy for 9-16yr olds, coach Liz Mack herself artist Steve Edwards and special guests the Hype Dance Company + Hallmark of Harmony will all be performing.

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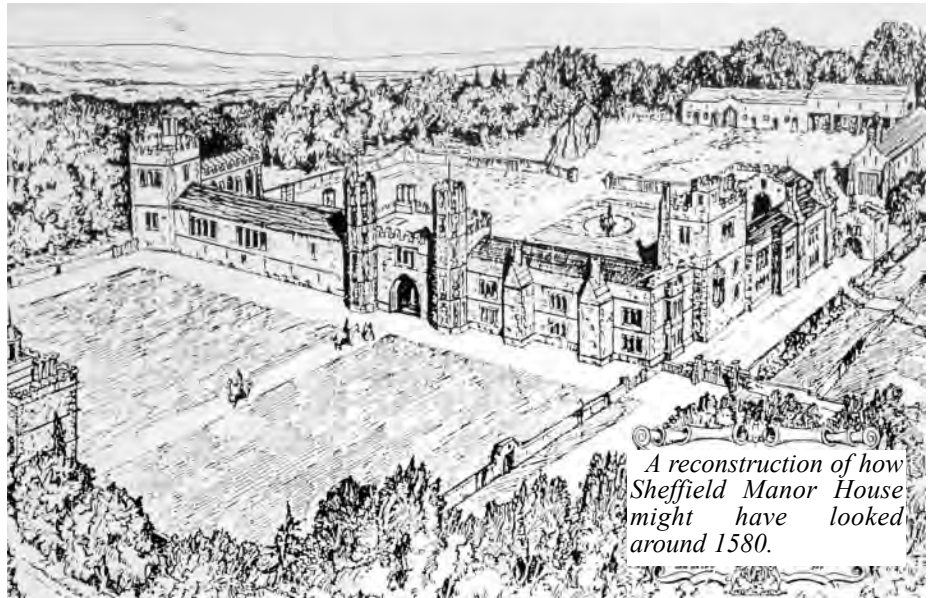
## Time Travellers visit Manor Lodge

South West Sheffield's local Archaeology Group, 'The Time Travellers' paid a visit to Sheffield's Manor Lodge in April. This community group has an absorbing programme of walks, talks, visits and, when we get the opportunity, practical 'trowel work' organised for the rest of the year. Have a look at our website: [www.thetimetravellers.org.uk](http://www.thetimetravellers.org.uk) for details.

The facilities and breadth of historical information displayed in the comfortable Discovery Centre at Manor Lodge impressed us all. Much of the site comprises ruined buildings; however the Turret House has been restored to how it would have appeared in Elizabethan days and most of us found this to be the highlight of our trip. It was built in 1574 to serve as a gatehouse and a hunting tower where guests at the Lodge could view hunts taking place over one of the largest deer parks in England.

Visitors today can spend a fascinating time looking around the Turret House looking at pictures, furniture, plastered ceilings, ornate windows; we even 'met' Bess of Hardwick! There is a new Exhibition featuring the exciting discoveries and future plans for Sheffield Castle.

The Turret House has been in almost continual use either for its original purpose or since then as a farmstead



*A reconstruction of how Sheffield Manor House might have looked around 1580.*

during the 18th and 19th centuries. It was lived in as a domestic dwelling up to the 1960s and more recently served as a museum prior to its restoration.

The title 'Lord of Sheffield Manor', along with the Castle and the Hallamshire estates came into the possession of the Earl of Shrewsbury in 1406 but the site of the Manor Lodge wasn't used as a permanent home until George Talbot, the 4th Earl of Shrewsbury build a grand house early in the 16th century. That house was partially demolished and rebuilt on an even larger

scale in the 1570s by the 6th Earl and his second wife Elizabeth (Bess) Hardwick.

Ownership of Manor Lodge then passed through marriage to the Duke of Norfolk, who being rather spoilt for choice, opted to make his home away from Sheffield, hence Manor Lodge began to decline through lack of maintenance until much of it was demolished in the early 1700s.

The next decades saw a rise in industrialisation particularly across the north of England and this corner of Sheffield was a base for pottery firing, coal mining and farming, all with associated housing on that site, there was

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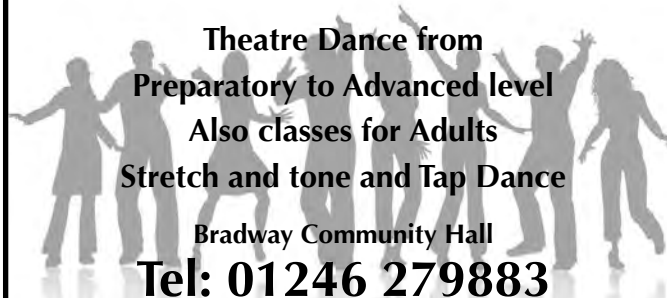
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There are many good reasons to pay a visit to Manor Lodge; it is easily accessible via City Road or Granville Road, has interests for the whole family, not just us history buffs. Perhaps amongst the most compelling is that it was the place, along with Sheffield Castle, where Mary Queen of Scots was detained for 14 years on the orders of Elizabeth I.

Another 'guest' of Manor Lodge was Cardinal Wolsey who spent 18 days here shortly before his death in 1530. Wolsey was on a journey from York to the Tower of London to facing trial for High Treason when he became ill whilst at Manor Lodge. He died a few days later at Leicester Abbey and the tower at the end of the Long Gallery in which he stayed was later named after him!

The Manor Lodge site is not just a collection of ruined and restored buildings however. Visitors can also find within a fairly short stroll the Manor Oaks farm, craft studios plus, as many Time Travellers did, call into the delightfully named Rhubarb Shed café. It is also well worth taking time to look round the newly created Apothecary's garden and the Jacobean plantings – especially in June and July when they are looking their best.

**Forthcoming events at Manor Lodge:**

In addition to free family activities every Friday and Saturday:

*Saturday 25th May* The Star 'Retro' History Fair. Come along and find out about heritage projects and groups from your local region. 11am-4pm Free entry.



*Visitors outside the Turret House at Manor Lodge.*

*Saturday July 20th* Day of Traditional Dance with traditional dance teams from all over England. BBQ & real ale. 11am-4pm Free entry.

*Saturday 29th June* Summer Flower Festival incl plant sales and well dressing.

To find out more about events, opening times, and guided tours visit: [www.manorlodge.org.uk](http://www.manorlodge.org.uk)

**Forthcoming programme for The Time Travellers includes:**

*29th May* Visit to Wortley Forge including a guided tour with much of the machinery in use.

*1st June* A stall at Sheffield & District

Family History Fair.

*10th June* Visit to Laxton village in North Nottinghamshire with presentation and guided tour.

*16th July.* Historic Walk around Holmesfield including Millthorpe well dressing.

*21st July* Archaeological discoveries at Whirlow Hall Farm. The Time Travellers will be hosting an event on the farm as part of the Annual CBA Festival of Archaeology.

For more details visit the website at: [www.thetimetravellers.org.uk](http://www.thetimetravellers.org.uk)

**THE TIME TRAVELLERS**

**Ding Dong!**

Monday was a lovely day,  
The world could do no wrong.  
I was having toast for breakfast  
When suddenly, Ding Dong!  
"I've come to read your meter",  
Said the man who rang my bell.  
Yes, he took the meter readings  
But he took my purse as well.  
So if you get a caller  
Make him take this quiz.  
Has he proof of what he's there for?  
And a card saying who he is?  
If he doesn't give you answers,  
If he can't or will not say,  
Tell him "Sling your hook mate!"  
Or, politely, "Go away!"

Alan Marshall, Ex Sheffield Transport Sheffield 50+ Member

*Losing someone is difficult enough, without having to deal with stressful legal matters.*

Full age and sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament and annuling any and all Last Will And Testaments or Codicils at made by me. I direct that all my just debts, secured and unsecured, be paid as so h, provided, however, I direct that the Executor may cause any debt to be c its repayment as my Executor may c advisable taking into consid ries hereunder.

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## More local events

### Bradway Agewell Leisure Club

Bradway Agewell Leisure Club meet on selected Tuesdays in the month at The Castle Inn. Coffee and biscuits are served from 09.45am to 10.10am, followed by a talk or other activity between 10.15am and 11.30am. Visitors £2.50 incl. admission. Specially priced pensioners lunches can be ordered - served 12noon.

New members welcome.

*May 17th.* (Friday) Group visit to Manor Lodge- talk, tour and buffet lunch

*June 4th.* Safe and sound -Talk by Nicola Dalby

*July 2nd.* The White Peak way - illustrated talk by Andy Firth.

*Aug 6th.* Getting it wrong again - illustrated talk by Sid Fielden.

More information from Stuart Sawyer. Tel. 236 9830

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### Bradway Community Association

*May 24th.* Crucible and Lyceum Backstage Tour

*June 2nd.* June Ramble

*July 6th.* Salmon & Strawberry Evening

*July/Aug.* TBA Treasure Hunt

*Aug 4th.* August Ramble

Badminton 8.30pm Bradway Scout

Centre Thursdays. John Child 237 6577

Walks: Peter Smithson 236 9876

Social Secretary Jean Hunter 236 4922.

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### Tuesday Afternoon Group

Meets at the Parish Centre of the Church of St Peters, Greenhill at 2pm on the second and fourth Tuesday.

*May 21st.* WRVS - talk by Mrs C Manbey

*June 11th.* The Abdication - talk by Mr K Loxley

*June th.* St Vincent's Furniture Store - talk by Mr R Dickens

*July th.* Strawberry Tea

*July 23rd.* Friends of the Peak District - talk by Mr Anderson New Members & visitors welcome. Annual subscription £12, visitors £1

Contact: Mrs S Holbrey 235 1670

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### Totley (M) Townswomen's Guild

The Guild meets at 10am on the third Tuesday of each month (except August) in Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall.

*May 21st.* Chesterfield canal, talk by Peter Wild

*June 18th.* Blue John, talk by Ellen Outram

*July 16th.* Can we afford the doctor? Pre NHS, talk by Joanne Brunt.

There are also separate meetings of the Social Studies Group, the Choir, the Walking Group and the Scrabble Group. New members and visitors are assured of a friendly welcome.

For further information, please contact Mrs Eileen Mason, (Chairman) tel: 236 7190 or come along and join us.

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### Sheffield & District Orchid Society

*May 19th.* Annual Show 2013 at Chatsworth. Contact: Jim Charlesworth 01773 745591

### Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

*July 6th.* "Ballads, songs and snatches", a musical mixture at Dore Church Hall, Townhead Road, Dore at 7:30pm.

Tickets £6 incl refreshments from Derek Habberjam, Tel 0114 236 2299.

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### The Great Sheffield Art Show

*July 5th-7th* Octagon Centre, University of Sheffield, Western Bank, S10 2TQ. Fri 10am-8pm, Sat & Sun 10am-6pm

Adults £4.50, cons £4, under 16 free

www.gsas.co.uk

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### Sheffield Bach Society

*June 15th.* THREE CENTURIES 16th, 18th and 20th Century Choral Masterpieces 7:30pm St Mark's Church, Broomhill. Tickets: £12, Cons £10.

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### Holmesfield Flower Club

The Club is celebrating its Sapphire Anniversary - 45 years since it was formed by Holmesfield resident, the late Betty Haller

*June 19th.* Demonstration by Lesley Smith (NAFAS National demonstrator) entitled "A Man For All Seasons"

*Aug 21st.* Demonstration by Glenda Bream entitled "From Small Beginnings".

Venue: Holmesfield Village Hall (off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield - ample parking. 7:30pm Tickets available at the door £7 (Members £3.50).. Arrangements raffled at the end of the evening. All are welcome

Contacts: General info - Diana 0114 237 7601 or Sandra 01709 541187 for workshop information.

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### Totley History Group

*May 22nd.* Tour of Cutlers' Hall 2pm

*June 22nd.* Totley's History. A guided walk around Old Totley. Meet at the Cross Scythes at 2pm. Stout shoes essential - dogs welcome on leads.

*June 26th.* Open meeting, A chance to share and discuss recent research. 7:30pm Totley Library

*July 13th.* Visit to the General Cemetery. Meet at the Gatehouse in Cemetery Avenue 2pm.

www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

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### St Peter's Church Greenhill

*May 19th.* Pentecost (Whit Sunday) 10.30am

*June 14th.* Themed tea 2-3.30pm Talk about Sheffield Fulwood Cottage Homes Entrance free

*June 15th.* Summer Fete 11am - 3pm

*July 12th.* Themed tea 2-3.30pm. Talk about Support Dogs Entrance free

*August 9th.* Themed tea 2-3.30pm. Talk about the history of afternoon teas.

*May 25th, July 27th* Coffee and Chat in the Parish Centre 10am - 12noon.

*May 27th June 24th, July 29th.* Table Top Tea Time 2-3.30pm Play games like Scrabble, draughts and dominoes

For social events, tel Carole Wattam 274 9661 or Margaret Kohler 274 7203; Church Hall bookings, tel Michelle Hayes 237 7102. Pastoral needs, tel Rev Harry Steele 327 3103 or 0794 9470178.

Sunday Services (except on 19 May) 8 am Eucharist (said)

9.30 am Traditional Sung Eucharist

11 am Contemporary Worship

Weekday services: Morning Prayer at 8.45 am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays

Eucharist at 10 am on Wednesdays

Other regular activities

Bubbles for Mums and Toddlers, from bumps to pre-school, for playtime, singing and snacks from 10 -11.30am on Mon & Tues in term time (Ring 07729 200215 for more information)

After school club for years 5 and 6 from 3.45 to 4.45 pm on Wednesdays (Ring 07535 688996 for more information)

Occasional Men's Snooker Nights on Tuesdays ( Ring 07949 470178)

St Peter's church choir New members welcome Contact David 237 4874

Parish Office (for enquiries about baptisms, weddings and other matters)- please telephone the Vicarage on 327 3103 or 0794 9470178 to make a mutually convenient appointment

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### Leonard Cheshire Disability

*June 29th.* Summer Fayre, Mickley Hall, Mickley Lane, 11am to 3pm. Cakes, Preserves, Plants, Jewellery plus Entertainment and much much more,

Entrance 50p Children FREE

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### Totley Market

*7th July.* (Sunday) The next street market at Totley Rise..

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### Friends of Ecclesall Woods

*May 18th.* May Bird Song Walk, led by Paul Medforth. Meet at Wood 3 entrance opposite Beauchief Gardens, on Abbeydale Road at 8am

*June 29th.* Beating the Bounds. A walk round the Woods followed by a bring-your-own BBQ on the Sawmill site.

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# Don't FALL IN LOVE

We've identified the ten most common mistakes investors make when buying and selling stocks and shares or other investments and look at the top five in the first of two articles.

## It Costs Money

Despite the internet driving down charges, buying and selling shares still costs money. If you're buying a share for £2 the true price is £2 plus the dealing cost: if you're selling for £2 a share, you receive £2 less the cost of the transaction. Make sure you shop around and compare the costs. If you only invest £500 in shares, don't go for an online service that specialise in much larger transactions..

The same is true when buying investments funds from a fund manager – there'll be an upfront charge and an annual management charge. Again, do your research. There are some intermediaries who will reduce the initial charge significantly: but that will be on an 'execution only' basis – if you want advice, then expect to pay for it.

## It's Your Money, Not the Taxman's

Simple maths dictates that if you are not paying tax on your investments then they'll grow much more quickly. The Individual Savings Allowance for the current tax year is £11,520. This means that a husband and wife could invest just over £23,000 in stocks and shares and do it tax efficiently. Over the years, the difference between paying tax on your dividends and capital gains and not paying tax compounds significantly.

There is simply no point in giving money away, so make sure you minimise the amount of tax you'll have to pay.

## Following the Trend Won't Make You Rich

There's an old investment maxim which runs along the lines of "buy on bad news; sell on good news." The theory behind it is that if everyone wants to buy something the price will be artificially high. So if you're making an investment ask yourself a simple question: am I buying this just because everyone else is buying it? As we saw with the dotcom boom, this may work for a while – but it is not a viable long term strategy. It's hard to go against the conventional wisdom – but sometimes it can pay healthy dividends.

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### Listen to your Grandmother

"If you don't understand something, don't buy it." "If it seems too good to be true it is too good to be true." Two sayings your Grandmother would have been familiar with – and as true today as they have ever been, particularly in the world of investing. You need to do your research before you make an investment and remember that if you are investing in a foreign country then the investor protection may not be the same as it is in the UK.

### Don't Fall in Love

You may own a particular share or other investment which has performed very well for you in the past. However, if it has started to perform badly then you should think about selling. Don't fall in love with your investments – ask yourself, "Would I buy this share today. Remember 'past performance is not a guide to future performance.' Similarly, investments do not 'owe you money.' If you bought a share at £2 and it has fallen to £1.50 it doesn't owe you fifty pence. Don't be afraid to cut your losses if something is clearly going wrong.

We will be back with another five common investment mistakes in the next issue. In the meantime if you have any questions on any of the points above – or on any aspect of your financial planning – then please don't hesitate to contact us. We're only a phone call away.

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## Old School Field Playground upgrade

Since the Playground was opened in the Old School Field, Bradway in 2006, it has proved a popular choice for children of many ages, passing the time en route to or from nursery or school or simply accompanying parents for shopping.

As a result of all this pressure on the surfacing and equipment it has started to show signs of wear and tear, not helped by last year's wet weather that produced many pools of water in the entrance gate and under the swings.

The BAG Committee has long been aware that refurbishment was required and we have been trying to increase our resources through the Fun Days and other fund raising efforts. Applications for improvement grants were successfully made to the Sheffield Town Trust, the J G Graves Trust, and the Sheffield SW Community Assembly.

Eventually enough funds had been raised to resurface the original playground and enlarge its area to line up with the Bradway Road hedge. New fencing was also needed to protect the area but there was still sufficient money left to install three new pieces of equipment. The spinning cone is intended for slightly older children than the remainder though the see-saw will prove popular for a range of ages.

We hope that the new surface, the enlargement and the new equipment will continue to attract our children and keep them off the road.

*Peter Smithson*



*The spinning cone, one of the new pieces of equipment in the playground.*

## The Changing face of Bradway

### Community Assemblies where now?

As expected, Community Assemblies became defunct at end of March, putting community engagement with Sheffield Council in limbo. A public consultation has been launched to discuss options for the future, with closing date on 3-June. Details are now on the Council website.

It's proposed to set up ward-based

structures led by local councillors, which could cooperate in partnerships with adjacent wards on wider common interests. Proposed funding would be based on an "Index of Multiple Deprivation", which is likely to be controversial. But much of this is still open for discussion, so it's up to individuals to respond to this consultation with their own views, before a decision is made.

During the consultation period, the Council plans public meetings in each of the former CA areas, including 7-May in Ecclesall for the South-West area. A city-centre drop-in session is also planned on 20-May. These should provide information and opportunities for discussion before the consultation deadline.

Local campaign group 'Sheffield for Democracy' will be taking an active independent role, and is planning to host a cross-party public meeting in late May to discuss the ramifications of this from all viewpoints. Details should be on [www.SheffieldforDemocracy.org.uk](http://www.SheffieldforDemocracy.org.uk) and in local media.

Alan Kewley

*Left. "Now you see it" - the majestic horse chestnut tree on Bradway Road in winter livery.*

*Right. "Now you don't" - the space left now that it's been felled by Amey.*



*New signage outside the Shepley Spitfire on Mickley Lane. Another example of national branding and the loss of local heritage links ?*

