



Golden times at Pye Bank

Story by Tania Marsden and Steve Barnard | Photography by Tania Marsden

Olympic champions Jessica Ennis-Hill and Nicola Adams took time out from their busy training schedules to meet children from Pye Bank C of E Primary School in support of healthy living programmes.

Jessica Ennis-Hill met Year 1 students at the 'Road 2 Rio' Mini Olympics in the English Institute of Sport in Attercliffe. She presented a trophy for their fantastic team spirit and inspired the children to become better athletes as she talked about how hard she trains.

Nicola Adams visited the school to launch 'Get Set to Eat Fresh', which encourages children to eat healthy, fresh food.

She said:

"This is a fantastic initiative to get children making healthier choices and to think twice before picking up junk food."

Ahmed Hussain, a six year old pupil at the school, said:

"We'd all like to say a huge thank you to Nicola for visiting us. We'll be doing lots of healthier and active projects soon and will be cheering on Team GB all the way to Rio."

The school has also received a Big Lottery Fund grant to fund a project called 'Learning Together, Learning to be Together' which aims to



Jessica Ennis-Hill meets Y1 boys.

improve the health and wellbeing of pupils and the community.

Miss Drake's Year 4 class runs the 'Golden Mile' every morning after break-time. This is nine laps of the playground. She has noticed a positive effect on concentration in class, leading to better learning, greater drive, determination to do well and to beat their personal best. It has also improved class cohesion and working as a team.

The 'Walk, Jog and Run Club' every Wednesday morning is for all the children, their parents or carers, and encourages everyone to do the 'Golden Mile'.

Other fun activities include the smoothie bike, Change 4 Life workshops, healthy snacking and 'what's in your lunchbox'. Interactive Zumba is held in the



Nicola Adams promotes healthy living.

Sports Hall.

One Y4 pupil commented:

"This was amazing, we danced to music and got fit at the same time".

'Learning together, Learning to be together' has given the children sporting opportunities by creating links with Arches School Sport Partnership, Sheffield United Football Club, Sheffield Sharks, Sheffield Wednesday Ladies Football Club, Trampoline Central and Sheffield Eagles.

Each half term every child has the opportunity to attend the free lunch and after school club. These clubs offer activities like creative dance, gymnastics, table tennis, futsal, handball, tag rugby and trampolining.



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Apple trees have simple leaves (picture above) that are arranged alternately along the stem. The leaves are bright to dark green in color and the margins of the leaf are toothed. The underside of most apple leaves are silver in color and fuzzy.

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Burngreave Cemetery Chapel

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May 7th:

10am - Introduction to Permaculture weekend day 1.

12 noon - Launch of an Exhibition by Christine Steers about the flora and fauna in the grounds of the cemetery. Followed at

1.30pm by an Environmental guided walk around the grounds led by Christine Steers, also including some of the interesting graves.

8.30pm - Short talk about bats followed by a walk led by Robert Croxton from Sorby natural history society. Moth identification with Richard Harris city council Ecology officer.

May 8th

10am Introduction to permaculture - day 2

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Busageddon - Fairness on the 83 and 83a

Story and photography by Graham Jones



'Fairness on the 83' was the title of a documentary film which highlighted the difference in living standards along this cross-city bus route. However, to many local people, the changes to the 83/83a routes reflect all that is unfair with the ill-considered 'bus improvements' of November 2015.

The 83/83a bus routes serve Firhill Estate, home to many elderly and infirm people. The diversion of these routes away from Burngreave Road deprives residents of the

estate direct bus access to GPs, dental surgeries and shops. It seems that the route changes were drawn up by people with little knowledge of how the bus routes provide a lifeline to many communities.

Maureen Scott of Crabtree was quoted as saying,

"Those making decisions should put themselves in the shoes of passengers."

12,000 people in Sheffield signed a petition on Change.org to reverse the bus cuts. But this seems unlikely in light of the projected £8.5m reductions to South Yorkshire's public transport budget by South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTX). Instead it looks like there will be more cuts in services and more fare increases.

So what can we do? We can demand that all our local council candidates make clear where they stand on local public transport before the May local elections.

Controversial plans for a new mosque

Story by Steve Barnard

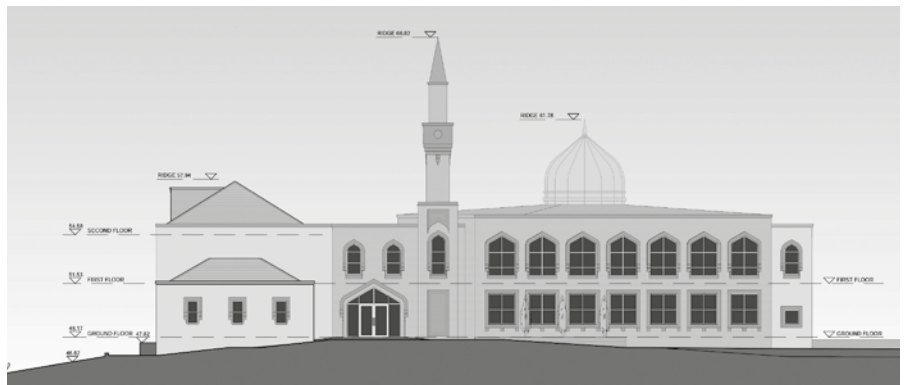
Plans to build a new mosque have met with local opposition. The Umar Mosque on Barnsley Road wants to knock down the house next door to add a prayer room.

Abdul Khayum, the representative from the mosque, told the Messenger,

"This will be a new landmark building for the area and it will replace a building in poor condition."

However, one local resident told the Messenger he has objected,

"The new prayer hall looks to be a significant expansion. This will increase numbers using the mosque and it will cause noise disruption due to its location within a residential area."



Mr Khayum said,

"We do not want to increase the capacity of the mosque but just better accommodate those who already worship here."

"We will increase car parking and move the main entrance to Barnsley Road. This will ease the problems for local residents."

The madrasah and larger events will continue at our Petre Street site so local residents should not worry about increased noise or disturbance."

The plans will be decided by Sheffield City Council Planning Committee and can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/jjedzgz>.

New Fir Vale primary needs improvement

Story by Steve Barnard | Photography by John Mellor



School inspectors labelled the Oasis Academy Fir Vale 'inadequate' in a recent report. They identified many areas needing improvement. Ofsted also stated that those who attend the school face significant personal, social and emotional barriers to learning.

Principal Helen Round commented,

"Thanks to the hard work of all of our teachers, and the support of parents, we are making progress. This Ofsted report is a reminder of the work we have left to do."

The full report can be read at <http://bit.ly/1UprLQz>

Somerset Park opens

Story and photography by Osama Magdar Mortifort



Burngreave has a new park. The former Catherine Street Open Space has been renamed and officially opened as Somerset Park after a public consultation.

Members of the Burngreave TARA and staff from Arches Housing, joined children from Pye Bank C of E Primary School and local councillor, Ibrar Hussain, to plant hedges, trees, wildflowers and bulbs, and to place new seating, bins, signs and park entrance features.

Councillor Ibrar Hussain said,

"This place used to be a mess, lots of people threw rubbish and it was full of fly-tipping."

Road safety in Burngreave

Story by Steve Barnard and Osama Magdar Mortifort | Picture by Pitsmoor Adventure Playground

Roads in Pitsmoor and Fir Vale are the focus of a new South Yorkshire Police initiative to cut road deaths. Measures include targeting drivers with breathalysers, drug driving kits and a new speed camera.

Chief Inspector Glenn Suttwood said,

"Focusing on certain roads is one part of our plan. We also talk to young people about the dangers on our roads."

Road users can do a lot to help protect themselves and others by following some key rules;



1. Check the condition of the vehicle
2. Wear a seat belt
3. Drive within your ability
4. Don't drink, or use drugs, and drive
5. Never use a mobile phone while on the road
6. Plan ahead how you are going to get home. Are you near a bus route, taxis? Do you have a sober friend who could take you home?

New staff at the Messenger

Story by Steve Barnard | Photography by Patrick Meleady



The Messenger team receiving an award from local councillors.

The Burngreave Messenger has secured funding for the next three years from the Big Lottery Fund: Reaching Communities as reported in the last issue.

Our new staff team is: Steve Barnard, Project Manager; Diana Cozma, Project Administrator;

Amy Palmer and Shuna Beckett, Volunteer Development Workers.

Shuna said

"We want to find ways to engage more people to actively participate in the paper and the community - particularly those who often don't have a voice."

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Burngreave on the internet

A number of people have mentioned that it is great to read reports on past local events in the Burngreave Messenger but often they feel that they have missed an event by not knowing about it in advance.

We aim to provide information on future events but space and timing means not everything will fit in the newspaper. However, we also run a website and a daily email for local events and news. To subscribe for free go to www.burngreavemessenger.org/.account.subscribe.

You can also find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @theBMessenger

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New secondary school for Burngreave approved

Story and photography by Steve Barnard

Plans to build a new secondary school in Burngreave have been approved by Sheffield City Council to meet the growing demand for school places.

The proposal is for a new through school (aged 2-18) on the former Pye Bank School site on Andover Street to open in 2018.

The Council says its vision is to provide a high quality new school with publicly accessible open space. They want to provide community benefits from new and improved buildings, with sports and recreation facilities that could be shared by the school and the local community.

The plans make use of the old "Board School" building, which has been empty and abandoned since the Council closed it in 2002. The Council's original "masterplan" would have seen it turned into flats but this never happened, as no property developers would take it on.



This return to use as a school will be a big change locally. It also sees a return of post-16 education in the area. Until now, Burngreave pupils who wanted to stay on at sixth form have had to either apply to Longley Sixth Form College or face a long journey across the city every day.

See page 20 for stories of the school in history.

Carry On Page Hall

Story by Tim Neal | Photography by Graham Jones

Page Hall attracted lots of negative publicity at a national level during winter 2013/14. When the news came out that Channel 4 was releasing a four-part series based in the area, "Keeping Up with the Khans", there was naturally concern.

Overall the series didn't set out to attack or ridicule but rather it offered a positive, if at times difficult, story. It showed that, while tensions do exist, each community shares an ability to laugh.

The four-part series was built around the asylum seeker and refugee, Roma, Pakistani and white British communities of Page Hall. The principal story was that everyone is seeking social mobility and financial security whilst maintaining and celebrating their cultural integrity.

Erik is Roma and featured in the second episode. His friend said,

"Well somebody had to do it. Somebody had to be willing to talk to the camera otherwise they'd never understand



what was going on. Somebody had to be willing to speak up and say what it's really like."

The programme presented a very British, tongue-in-cheek image of life in Page Hall. Tensions that do exist were diluted by a sense of humour - a recognition that there is something to smile about and that each community shares the ability to laugh. I thought of it as a sort of "Carry On Page Hall."

Plan for flats on Spital Hill

Story by Douglas Johnson | Photography by Steve Barnard

The Burngreave Messenger has reported in the past on the historic Lion Works on Spital Hill, which have been in a derelict state for a long time.

The building has become damaged by weather and fire over time. A property developer who bought it in 2002 had let it stand empty for many years.

In February 2014, we reported on the Council making efforts to persuade the owner to do something with it, using financial incentives under its “stuck sites” programme. This allowed the Council to spend £240,000 to make the building weatherproof so it did not deteriorate even more. This may be recovered from the owner in the future.

The owners got planning permission in 2013 for a number



of student flats but no further work has been done on this. Instead, the owners are looking at a revised scheme of 30 to 45 flats.

The site was once a factory where many different types of tools were made, including sheep shears and silverware.

Forum House sold

Story by Douglas Johnson | Photography by Steve Barnard



Forum House, at the bottom of Spital Hill, is to be sold by the Council for £400,000.

The building has been a key property in Burngreave since the Black Community Forum (BCF) obtained European funding for a major refurbishment. New Deal bought the building from BCF in 2006 for £450,000. The building then housed a number of community organisations – the Burngreave Community

Learning Campaign, Burngreave Opportunities, Apprenticeships for All, Supporting Business, and StreetworX – as well as BCF itself.

It was one of New Deal’s three main building projects – along with the Vestry Hall and Sorby House.

When New Deal ended, the Council took the building over and it stayed empty for a while. In 2013, the Council leased it to AA Hamilton College, a London-based business, for ten years. The Council spent an extra £100,000 for improvements as an incentive. The College struggled to maintain its business and ceased operating. Since then some employees have set up a new company, ETL Sheff Properties Ltd, and want to buy the building “to continue to provide an educational and community based facility.”

A price of £400,000 has been agreed.



Old library and housing office

The Rock Christian Centre has completed the purchase of the two Council buildings that housed Burngreave Library and the local housing office.

The Rock has had a base at Carlisle Street for some time. They plan to open the Burngreave foodbank in the building from early summer.

Moving to England: my new experiences

Story by Osama Magdar Mortifort | Photography by Steve Barnard

Hello, my name is Osama, I am 14 years old and I am from Spain. Since I was born I have moved every year to a new city in my country, and Morocco. This year I came to England for the first time to live here.

I touched English earth at 4:30am on the last day of September. I got off the plane at Heathrow with my mother and my sisters. I never before felt this cold! I came to Sheffield the same day on a bus, and I went straight to meet my new house in Burngreave.

Since the first moment, I liked England, the kind of houses and streets, the friendliness of most people, and the porridge! But I missed my family, friends and



climate of Spain. The first time I ate fish and chips I was a little surprised, because in Spain we don't eat fish in the street - no way! - but I liked fish and chips.

I started to go to the Central Library every morning, on my skateboard, to read books before I started school. Then I started school at

Firth Park Academy. I'm in Year 10 and I like this school a lot because the teachers are very nice people. The way you learn in England is really different to Spain. It was a big surprise when I was told I could choose a work experience placement, because we don't do work experience in Spain, so I asked for a newspaper because I want to be a journalist. Thanks to Ms Harling I'm writing this at the Burngreave Messenger.

A lot of thanks, also, to Mr Mahmoud and Mr. Ahmed, who helped me to adapt to the school, to Steve and Diana who accepted me at the Burngreave Messenger, and to my mother, who brought me here.

Pupils learn how to stay safe online

Story by Osama Magdar Mortifort and Steve Barnard | Pictures by pupils from Fir Vale Academy

Pupils at Oasis Academy Fir Vale took part in workshops aimed at staying safe online.

They covered topics ranging from protecting your personal information to 'stranger danger'. This school-wide effort involved pupils creating posters.

Helen Round, Principal of Fir Vale Oasis Academy, said:

"It is essential we provide children with the knowledge of what is okay to share online and what isn't."

Top five tips to be safe online

Tip 1: Don't give out any personal information, like street and address, telephone number, financial details.



Tip 2: Do not meet up alone with someone you've met online.

Tip 3: Do not enter strange or inappropriate websites.

Tip 4: Remember not everyone online is who they say they are.



Tip 5: If you see something online which makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer, and tell a trusted adult immediately.

All Saints Youth Club: more to be done

Story and photography by Shuna Beckett

The All Saints Youth Club on Lyons Close provides a warm and welcoming environment for young people in the area, with pool tables and table tennis as well as access to an outside grass area.

It is run by Sheffield Futures Youth Team and provides open access provision for young people 13-19 years every Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm – 8pm. The free Doorstep Sports Club also runs at All Saints every Saturday at 4pm – 5pm.

Unfortunately, the young attendees aren't happy about the nearby basketball court and football pitch, which are separate to the youth club.

Khalid, a keen young basketball player, told me:

"We can't play at night as there are no floodlights. The backboards are broken and there are bits all over the court."

Janine Dalley, Manager of



Community Youth Teams, said:

"Sheffield Futures rent the youth club and ensure that inside is a safe and welcoming place for young people. We also work with partner organisations to run a free sports club at All Saints, which uses the local amenities of the basketball court and football pitch."

The club organised a clean-up of the surrounding area after meeting with Councillor Ibrar Hussain last autumn. Volunteers from the club and the wider community came to collect litter. The young people

would like more to be done so that they can play their favourite sports with friends during the winter months.

Young journalists

Young people from All Saints Youth Club are getting involved in the new Community Journalism training scheme being run by the Burngreave Messenger. This aims to give people the skills and confidence to participate in the newspaper and the community. The sessions will take place at the Youth Club and will cover photography, writing and reporting, interviewing, social media and campaigning. The Youth Club participants I talked with said they didn't read the Messenger, and the training course aims to make it more relevant to young people, by getting young voices heard.

Young people are also encouraged to earn money by delivering the Messenger around the area – contact the office for more information.



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Chronic Pain Groups



These thriving groups have recently enjoyed massage therapy, craft activities and health checks. They are also learning Chi Gong, Shiatsu and acupressure and recently decorated canvas bags for International Women's Day.

Women's Support Group

This group enjoys a number of activities which improve their wellbeing. Shaheen (not her real name) stated how she benefitted from the Women's Health Course – Live Well Learn Well Project:

"Before I was always thinking too much and feeling depressed but since I've been coming to

Sharon (not her real name) said,

"Today was my first session and I really enjoyed it. I was feeling a little worried but the Chi Gong helped me to relax. I've learnt different ways to help manage my pain."

These groups are accessed via GP referral only, so if you would like to attend please speak to your doctor.

Sorby House 12.30-2.30pm

5th, 19th & 26th April; 3rd & 17th May; 7th & 21st June

St Cuthbert's Church 12.30-2.30pm

12th April; 10th May; 14th June

the group I've made new friends and I'm learning lots. After the session on sleep, I now sleep better since learning new tips, like not watching TV too late - which I used to do a lot before."

St Cuthbert's Church 10-12pm

4th & 18th April; 9th & 23rd May; 6th & 20th June

Time to enjoy the outdoors

Learn to Ride for women only, free cycling. This group is supported by Pedal Ready and runs every Friday morning from 9-10:30am in Abbeyfield Park. Call Pedal Ready 0114 241 2775 or email ride@cycleboost.org

The new **Mum's Team** lead **healthy walks** on Thursday evening from 5pm onwards. The group meets at Barnsley Road/ Earl Marshal Road bus stop end. For more information call Leanne McMain 0114 251 8907.

Feeling Good about Gardening

at Verdon Street. Janet and Helen from Sage Green Fingers will be starting up their gardening group on Wednesday mornings at 10am-12pm. Please contact Aislinn Adams on 07432 805 847.

Volunteers

All this work would not be possible without dedicated volunteers who give their time and energy tirelessly. For example when Glynnis offers her hand massage she adds the touch of a listening ear. Shafaz and Almas offer one to one buddying in the women's support group to help the ladies feel comfortable and help build their confidence.

A huge THANK YOU to you all!

For all activities contact:

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Burngreave Social Café

The Social Café is growing in size since it changed to women only and has an average of 30 women attending who engage in activities promoting health and well-being.



The Sheffield Food Cycle took over a session to help prepare a lunch. This exciting project uses food donated from the community to minimise waste and encourage shared cooking and eating. This is very well received.

The ladies also worked on stories for International Women's Day. They had the opportunity to have a health check in addition to socialising and trying craft activities. All women are welcome to this friendly group!

Fortnightly on Thursdays at the Vestry Hall 10am-3pm

7th & 21st April; 5th & 19th May; 2nd, 16th June & 30th June

Other Activities

Free Cook and Eat sessions on

Thursdays at The Furnival at 10.30-12.30pm Please contact Aislinn Adams on 07432805847.

Zumba class for women at Fir Vale Oasis Academy School every Wednesday from 9.30-10.30am.

£1 contribution for session. For more information please call Usha Blackham or Nadeen Al Shaibi on 0114 243 4340.

Free women-only exercise classes.

Monday's (Term Time Only) runs at Verdon Recreation Centre, Verdon Street, Burngreave. Please call Shahina on 07909 598 018.

Healthy Living Centre opens

Story by Shuna Becket | Photography by Aspiring Communities Together



Aspiring Communities Together (previously Yemeni Community Association) opened its new Healthy Living Centre on 10th March at the Fir Vale Centre on Earl Marshal Road, thanks to a grant from the National Lottery's 'Reaching Communities Capital Build' programme.

The facility was opened by Lord Mayor Talib Hussain, and continued with speeches by Abtisam Mohammed, ACT's Chief Executive and Councillor Jackie Drayton. Guests were given guided tours of the women-only gym and fitness studios.

The new café, open to the public, provides volunteering opportunities, free wifi access, and workshops in healthy eating and cooking skills. Income generated by the café and gym will be re-invested in the community.

Gym times: 8am – 8pm Monday – Friday. 10am – 5pm weekends.

Café times: 8.30am – 3.30pm Monday – Friday.

For further details see www.actsheffield.com, or contact Sophia on 0114 251 8900.



Campaign for warmer and healthier homes

Story by Mohan Babu

Residents in Page Hall and Fir Vale are being offered the chance for free energy efficiency measures from South Yorkshire Energy Centre (SYEC).

If you own or rent your home and receive certain benefits you may be eligible for a new boiler, heating system or insulation. More information from:

SYEC on 0114 303 9981 Ext 3
Email: syecvol@gmail.com



Feeling Good's monthly Cook & Eat session

Story and photography by Osama Magdar Mortifort

Burngreave TARA's Feeling Good project runs free activities for women, including monthly international Cook & Eat session at the Furnival and badminton, Zumba, and coffee mornings at Verdon Street Recreation Centre.

Contact Aislinn the coordinator for information on 07432 805 847.



Age Better in Sheffield

Story by Shuna Beckett
Photo by Nasreen Suleman

The Age Better in Sheffield organised the 'Let's Talk Burngreave' event on 19th March. It launched a local initiative which is part of a citywide £6 million grant to reduce loneliness and improve health among older people.

To know more about the project, visit www.agebettersheff.co.uk or contact Nasreen Suleman, Toolkit Coordinator: n.suleman@syha.o.uk 0114 270 6571.

Chinese New Year

Story and photography by Steve Barnard

Pitsmoor Adventure Playground celebrated the Chinese New Year with a performance by the Sheffield Chinese Lion Dance Team. The lions danced down Melrose Road to the playground before performing before the young people.



Mashashivartari festival

Story and photography by Steve Barnard

Hindus from across the city came to the Hindu Samaj on Buckenham Street to celebrate the Mashashivartari in March. This festival celebrates Lord Shiva saving the universe from darkness and ignorance.



Welcome to Parkwood Forest Garden

Story by Sheffield City Council Community Forestry Team
Photography by Paul Antcliffe



Parkwood Forest Garden is a permaculture project, developed by Sheffield City Council in association with local volunteers. It is a managed woodland beneficial in terms of produce and habitat provision for wildlife. A wealth of edible and medicinal produce can be organically grown.

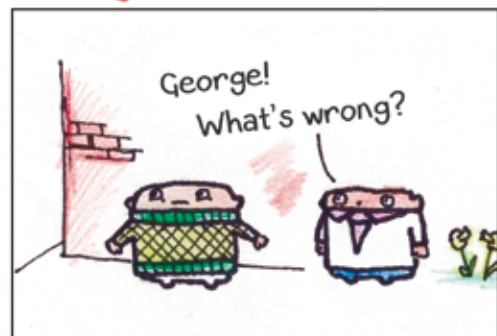
Simulating a woodland edge ecosystem, it is a three dimensional mosaic of a wide variety of plants.

Parkwood Forest Garden has been designed to need only a small amount of external input. It requires weeding, mulching & pruning; the compost pile needs managing and spreading and there is often a lot of harvesting to be done. Other than digging up weeds, the project involves a no-dig approach to gardening.

Parkwood Forest Garden is maintained by keen volunteers supported by SCC's Community Forestry team. We meet between 11am and 2pm on the second Saturday of every month.

For more information please contact edward.thatcher@sheffield.gov.uk or tim.shortland@sheffield.gov.uk

George & Brian Spring



Winter bird walk on Parkwood Springs

Story and photography by Graham Jones

On 21st February, John and Anne Robinson led fifteen people in a bird walk on Parkwood Springs.

John identified 18 species of birds just by their song and taught how to identify them. According to John, great tits call out "Teacher! Teacher!"

The views from Parkwood Springs are always amazing, whatever season or time of day.

John and Anne will lead another Dawn Chorus walk on Sunday 1st May, meeting at 5am at the car-park



on Cooks Wood Road/Shirecliffe Road, with bacon butties, veggie rolls, coffee and tea to follow.

Cemetery sundial

Photography by Gordon Shaw



The Cemetery and Chapel Group have been doing classes in mosaic-making.

The mosaics will make up numbers to become a ground-level sundial, which the group says will be ready for the summer. The mosaic tablets will be arranged so that a person stands in the centre and the shadow will tell the time.

Pictured is the tablet for 3 o'clock.

Charity bike ride

Story and photography by Diana Tottle

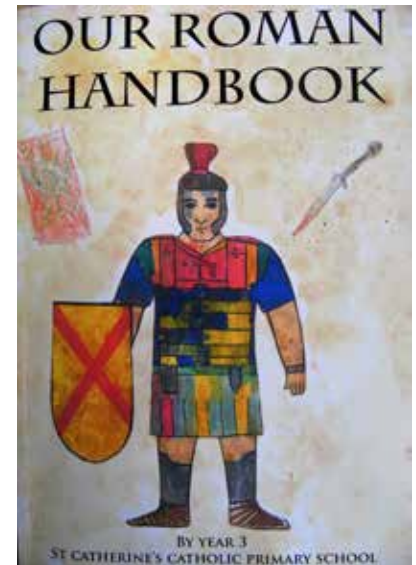


Beth Robinson and Rachel Clark, volunteers from local charity SAGE Greenfingers, are cycling from London to Nice to raise money for the charity.

The 1000 miles to the south of France will raise money for a compost toilet on the allotment site. To donate visit www.sagesheffield.org.uk

St Catherine's book about the Romans

Story by Saleema Imam
Photography by Osama Magdar Mortifort



St Catherine's Y3 pupils have produced a book about their history studies on the Romans.

Recently launched at Waterstones, the A4 soft-back book is an informative and enjoyable read with many illustrations by the children. Most of the book is in the children's own handwriting but four Y6 pupils helped to put much of the information onto the computer.

Roman soldiers, clothing, toilets (of course!), gladiators, Maximus, slaves, emperors, Julius Caesar: it's all there in full colour - with a quiz to finish off.

The book is available from St Catherine's School, Firshill Crescent, at £6 a copy.

Contact School Manager Liz Smith on 0114 242 1177.

Harry Harpham Labour MP

Story by Carrie Hedderwick

Harry Harpham was remembered as one of the “ultimate working-class heroes” on 16th February at a service of thanksgiving at Sheffield Cathedral after his untimely death from cancer. Family, friends, Brightside and Hillsborough constituents, Labour Party colleagues, trade unionists and others mourned the loss of the miners’ MP.

Clipstone Colliery banner was displayed in the nave by a group of ex miners, there to show their admiration for one of the few workers in Nottinghamshire who rallied behind the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) during the 1984-85 miners’ strike. Labour MP Richard Burgon said: “He was worth a thousand of the ‘big names’”

Harry was given what he called a “second chance” in life after the miners’ strike, when he moved from Mansfield to Sheffield. His brother



Rick said: “Harry was an inspiration to us all. He was the first person in the family to go on to university.”

After serving as a Labour councillor for a decade and eventually deputy Council leader, he was chosen to replace retiring former home secretary David Blunkett as MP last May. Shockingly, Harry was diagnosed with an unspecified form of cancer immediately

after attending his first Labour conference as an MP. Even as he was undergoing chemotherapy in December, Harry travelled to London to vote against the bombing of Syria and made a fitting final contribution in the Commons by taking PM David Cameron to task for his “handwringing and crocodile tears” in response to the steel crisis.

Many tributes from fellow MPs - Dennis Skinner, Jeremy Corbyn and many others – recognised Harry as an excellent socialist MP who fought tirelessly for working people.

Music at the service portrayed Harry’s life - ‘You don’t get me I’m part of the Union’, and ‘Working Class Hero’ among others. After a tribute from David Blunkett, who said that Harry’s catchphrase greeting was “Ey up, comrade”, mourners stood to sing ‘The Red Flag’ - admiration and solidarity indeed.

Cabinet in the community

Story by Graham Jones

Senior City Councillors met with about forty local residents in February. The meeting opened with a minute’s silence for Harry Harpham MP who had recently died.

A lively ‘Question Time’ session followed on a range of subjects including the Ski Village, cuts to Activity Sheffield, falling house prices, the council’s house buying policy, landlord licensing, Pye Bank School, litter, trees, the EU referendum, proposed devolution and regional mayor, air pollution, the Stones Brewery site, Neighbourhood Watch and Pye Bank Hostel.

The councillors all said they are committed to fighting to protect and improve our area.

Register to vote

To vote in the local elections you will need to ensure you are registered by 18th April. For the European referendum you have until 7th June.

To register you can use the website www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. It usually takes about five minutes. You need your National Insurance number.

To cast your vote in an election you must be:

- A British, Republic of Ireland or Commonwealth citizen living in the UK aged 18 or over
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- A Member of the HM Forces and their spouses posted abroad
- A Crown Servant posted outside of the UK
- A European Union citizen living in the UK aged 18 or over will only be able to vote in the local elections.

5th May elections

Story by Steve Barnard

Burngreave goes to the polls on 5th May, with three separate elections taking place on the same day.

The parliamentary by-election elects the MP for Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough constituency, following the death of Harry Harpham MP. Harry's widow Gill Furniss has been selected as Labour candidate. She described her nomination as "bitter-sweet".

The other announced candidates are Shaffaq Mohammed for the Liberal Democrats, Christine Gilligan Kobo for the Green Party, Spencer Pitfield for the Conservatives, Steve Winstone for UKIP, Steve Manion for Yorkshire First and an Independent candidate, Bobby Smith.

Labour had a majority of 13,807 in the 2015 General Election.

The local elections elect the councillors who will represent Burngreave in Sheffield City Council. This year all three

council seats are up for election due to an electoral review of ward boundaries (although Burngreave ward remains unaltered). That means voters will be able to put their crosses next to three candidates to represent their views in the Council.

The third election is for South Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), who is responsible for holding the Chief Constable and police force to account on the public's behalf.

The PCC oversees how crime is tackled and aims to make sure the police are providing a good service, meeting with the public regularly to produce a police and crime plan that sets out policing priorities, making budget decisions and appointing and dismissing Chief Constables.

To register to vote see the article on page 14.

European Union Referendum

Story by Steve Barnard

Britain faces a big decision on 23 June. We are to vote in a referendum on our membership of the European Union (the EU).

What is a referendum?

A referendum is when the government asks everybody in the country over 18 a question that has two options. Whichever reply has 51% or more of the vote will decide the outcome.

What is the European Union?

The EU is an economic and political partnership which has grown to include 28 European countries as members. The stated aim was to create economic co-operation between countries. This was

promoted as important after World War Two to help prevent another conflict. Since then the EU has become a "single market" with its own currency, the Euro, and a parliament which makes laws and issues directives.

The referendum question

"Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the EU or leave the EU?" This is the question that voters will have to answer. The options are 'Remain a member of the EU' and 'Leave the EU'.

Who can vote

Any British, Irish and Commonwealth citizens over 18, resident in the UK, along with UK nationals living abroad who have

been on the electoral register in the UK in the past 15 years can vote. Commonwealth citizens in Gibraltar will also be eligible. EU citizens - apart from those from Ireland, Malta and Cyprus - will not get a vote.

Why is a referendum being held?

Britain joined the EU in the early 1970s and had a referendum in 1975 to decide whether we were to stay in it. We voted to stay in but since then many people have argued that we should leave or have a second referendum. The Conservative party promised at last year's general election that if they won, we would have a referendum by 2017.



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Story by Martin Currie

This year TEDx has space for two more speakers with ideas worth sharing for their meeting on 21st May at Christchurch.

You are allowed up to 10 minutes to speak. TED also want musicians and performers to do short pieces between talks.

For more information visit TEDx Pitsmoor Facebook group.

Local couple in tragic accident

Story and photography by Graham Jones

It is with much sadness that we report on a tragic car accident at Crosspool on 27th December 2015 when Mohammed Rehman and Rabia Khatoon, travelling back from Manchester, crashed into a tree.

Rabia was killed on the spot and Mohammed had a brave struggle for four weeks at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital before he too passed away. They were a popular couple and many hundreds of people came to pay their respects at their funerals at Jamia Mosque Ghausia. They were buried in the courtyard of Al Firdous Mosque in their home city of Kotli, Gulhaar Sharif, in Azad Jammu Kashmir.

Mohammed and Rabia had lived in Pitsmoor for nearly twenty years and were well known locally. They leave behind four children.

Mohammed had worked at the Hilton Hotel for eighteen years and lived some years in Glasgow before that. He was hardworking and had been given a special 'Unsung hero' award for his work. He loved walking in the local countryside and sightseeing. He was always ready to offer help if anyone was sick or needed a hand.



Rabia had taught women and children and held Mehfil religious gatherings at home. She loved cooking, often giving her neighbours food. She had a good sense of fun and loved all children, including her own who she encouraged to lead active lives despite their visual problems.

Mohammed and Rabia will be missed by many. Our condolences go out to family, friends and neighbours.

'Scott Road Triangle' residents meeting

Story by Gareth Coleman

Residents of Scott Road (from no. 100 upwards), Sturton, Skipton, Pexton, Gayton, Blayton, Kirton Osgathorpe Roads as well as Osgathorpe Drive meet every few months.

We chat about living round here and issues, like litter, kids playing in the road, and illegal motorbikes. We share information about events, how to report problems and generally help each other. We are often joined by local councillors who help deal with issues. A litter pick takes place monthly on every second Saturday.

If you live or work in the 'Scott Road Triangle' (we're still looking for a better name!) then our next meeting is on 15th June 6.30-8pm at St Peters Church, Lyons Street.

The main talking point will be the selective licensing scheme and if it would help us in our neighbourhood, plus whatever else people want to talk about. More information from Gareth on 0796 891 596.

St Catherine's in fishy business

Story by Steve Barnard | Photo by Hellen Hornby



Dozens of fish were released in to the Porter Brook in Endcliffe Park by pupils from St Catherine's Catholic primary school with help from the River Stewardship Company.

The brown trout were raised from eggs in a classroom aquarium. Taking part in the project provided an opportunity for young people to learn about the life cycle of fish and history of Sheffield's waterways.

Chess in Burngreave

Story by Jeremy Hamm | Photography by Marcia Layne

One of the beauties of chess is that everyone can play it – young and old, rich and poor, people of all cultures. Its appeal and fascination is universal. “Chess is a sea in which an elephant can bathe and a gnat may sip” goes an old Indian proverb.

In Burngreave, though chess might not quite have the profile of some other sports and activities, it is widely played – and, as we’ll see in future articles, it goes back quite a long way in the area.

Over the next few issues of the Messenger, I’ll be commenting on some local chess developments, as well as offering up some brain-teasers and maybe even some games.

Email your answers to chess@burngreavemessenger.org – I will be publishing similar puzzles in the next two issues of the Messenger:

the first four correct entries to come in will each receive a £5 WH Smith voucher. I’ll explain more about describing moves (notation) – but for now, give the first letter in capitals of the piece moved (eg K for King) followed by the square to which it moves, which is given by a letter and then number (eg if you think the first move of the solution is to move the Black rook to the square b8, it would be Rb8).

Chess puzzle



Local young people get a chess lesson

Libraries have a reputation of a place of hushed tones and whispers so as not to disturb readers. The concentration during last half term was not only on the printed page but also the chess board. Local chess player Jeremy Hamm went in to the library and got young people into the game.

Abel, aged 10, said,

“I enjoyed the chess club because you had a chance to interact with others. Jeremy helped me understand more about chess. I think there should be another chess club in this library because it is fun and educational.”

Carwood boxing champ

Story by Saleema Imam

Local 18 year old Darnell Sterling is currently two-times Yorkshire Amateur Boxing Association champion at 64kg. He also recently reached the semi-finals of the national championships beating members of the England boxing team.

In his final year studying for a sports qualification at Hillsborough College, he works part time at Meadowhall, in addition to training at least three times a week at a gym.

His love of sport began in primary school when he tried a variety of activities before eventually

settling on boxing at a local gym on Earsham Street.

Darnell emphasised,

“I want to thank all the coaches that have guided me in and out of the gym. I appreciate everything they do for me.”

Darnell also says he gets fantastic support from his mum who finds the money for his equipment.

He will now move to senior competitions, facing opponents of any age and experience. Proud mum Tracy said,



“You hear so much that is negative about Pitsmoor. Its time we heard about the achievements of many youngsters like Darnell to counteract that image.”



Pitsmoor Adventure Playground wins community award

Story: Shuna Beckett

There was a buzz at Adventure Playground on Friday 26th February, the day after the Burngreave Community Awards.

Staff, volunteers and children trickled in, exchanging excited comments about the event, the Town Hall ("like Buckingham Palace") and the cake they demolished afterwards (there were arguments over who had the most slices). But most notably, there was a fierce sense of pride, among children and adults alike, at having won an award for their contribution to the community.

I spoke to Monica, one of the children who attended and had graced the stage to collect the award from the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Councillor Talib Hussain, and local Councillors Jackie Drayton and Ibrar Hussain.

She admitted,

"I was shy at first cos I was the first person whose name they called out."

But as soon as her sister joined her on stage, she was excited.

She said that she had won the award for litter picking around the area of the Adventure Playground and Burngreave Cemetery, and felt pleased with what she had achieved.

"I love coming to the playground. People are nice and I have friends."

Playground Manager, Patrick Meleady, says that Monica has grown in confidence over the past few years and that her name being called out at the Award Ceremony made him feel very proud.

Burngreave local honours

Photography by Anwar Suliman



Volunteers, community groups and local workers from Burngreave were celebrated at a special Town Hall event on 25th February.

Hosted by the Lord Mayor, Talib Hussain, and local ward councillors, over 130 people came to see 43 nominees receive awards for their commitment and outstanding contributions to the Burngreave community.

Local resident Graham Jones said:

"I felt very proud to live in Burngreave. There was a real buzz on the evening. It reflected all that is best in Burngreave."

The Friends of Burngreave Library received an award, as did the 76th Sheffield St Peter's Ellesmere Scout Group, and children from Pitsmoor Adventure Playground who have done local litter picks.

The full list of winners is available on our website.

Surgery dates

Burngreave surgeries are shared between Councillors Jackie Drayton, Talib Hussain and Ibrar Hussain, and are held at:

Burngreave Library

Sorby House, 42 Spital Hill - 2nd Saturday of the month from 11am-12.15pm (Councillor Jackie Drayton).



Pakistan Advice Centre (PACA)

127 Page Hall Road - 3rd Thursday of the month from 2-3pm (Councillors Ibrar Hussain and Talib Hussain).

Pye Bank School

Story by Gordon and Elizabeth Shaw | Photography by Steve Barnard

Pye Bank Board School on Andover Street opened in December 1875 and had Boys, Girls and Infant Departments. It eventually became a nursery and infant school and closed in 1990.

School log books feature a variety of events: measles epidemics, Royal Weddings (they often merited a holiday) and weather (school closed due to lack of heating). The following extracts give an insight to school life 100 years ago.

Boys

An Inspector's report for the year ending 3rd December 1899 noted 'Discipline is excellent and teaching is intelligent and vigorous.' One of the subjects being taught in 1900 was 'recitation'. According to the log book Standard, III were learning 'Twilight Calm' by Christina Rossetti and Standard V had 'Abou Ben Adhem' by James Leigh Hunt.

In November 1915 the boys had an 'Alcohol Demonstration' lesson. It does not give details of the lesson content. However, the Inspector's Report for the year states 'general standards of attainment high level' and 'methods of imparting instruction consist too largely of demonstration and oral exposition'. Also 'a more generous supply of atlases, dictionaries and other suitable books is desirable'.

Three boys from the school were sent to Hull to take part in the English Schoolboys Swimming Championships – and they won. September 1924 saw further swimming success for Pye Bank Boys at a swimming gala at Glossop Road Baths where they won the 'Bolton Cup' squadron race, the sixth time the cup had been won by the school.



In May 1932 there was an after school trip to the Regent cinema to see 'Round the World in 80 Minutes'. The same month, boys in Standard VI and 'Special classes' went to the Coliseum cinema for a 'Safety First' lecture and film. Boys in the 'Special class' had a visit to Bernard Road Refuse Disposal Works in May and in July to the 'Nunnery Pit', where they did not complete their visit until 10.30 pm.

Girls

The Inspector's Report for 1911 states 'the training and teaching are sensible and efficient, and the influence and supervision of the head teacher are apparent throughout the school'.

After the Easter holidays in April 1916 the girls had new courses on the curriculum – cookery, laundry and swimming.

September 1920 saw several outings, '92 girls from Standard V have gone to Rivelin Valley today for Nature Study and Observation Work' and '42 girls Standard VII have gone to visit the Ruskin Museum and Norton in connection with Sir F Chantrey'. Also '60 girls in Standard VI gone today to visit Rivelin Valley to study contours in

connection with geography lessons'. In October Standards VI and III visited Roe Woods and Southey district, the older girls studying contour connection with geography and the younger group for nature study. In June/July 1921 they went on rambles, 46 girls in connection with local history and 54 girls to the Ewden valley to study the water supply of Sheffield. Beauchief Abbey was the destination for an afternoon ramble for 53 girls and an afternoon at Redmires for another group of 48.

On 31 March 1925 'Miss E Vickers terminated her engagement in this school today. She was a child in the school shortly after it opened in 1875 and has remained as a pupil teacher and assistant up to the present time when she retires from teaching. Farewell presentation ceremony.'

The school was open to parents for the afternoon in October 1927 when '573 came to school and thoroughly investigated what the girls were doing'. The October 'Open Day' of 1935 sounds a little more organised, 'Every class presented a dance or a play to the assembled parents, who visited the various classrooms and viewed the Exhibition of Harvest Festival during the interval'.

September 1936 marked the end of an era with the last entry in the log book stating the girls' department ceased to exist. On the 7th September Pye Bank Junior Mixed School commenced under J L Carter.

This article was part of the Burngreave Local History Group. The next meeting is 10am 22 April at St Catherine's School, Firshell Crescent.

You are invited to Ellesmere Children's Centre's 20 Year Anniversary "I Sparkle in Colour" Event

The day promises to be an extravaganza of foods from around the world, music, fun, laughter and games celebrating the diversity of our community and the different colours that make us one!

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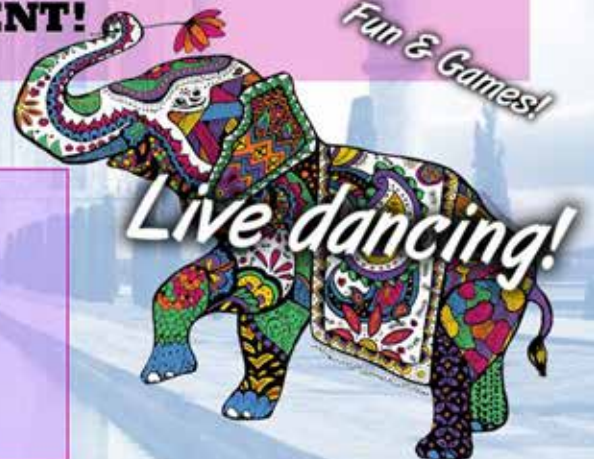
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Drama at the library

Story and photography by Marcia Layne

Most of us have heard of Florence Nightingale. Perhaps fewer of us have heard of Mary Seacole, the Jamaican-born nurse who travelled alone and risked her life to help soldiers during the Crimean War.

'The Yellow Doctress', written by Burngreave Library's Marcia Layne and performed by Hidden Gems Productions at Sorby House on 14th March, tells the lesser-known story of the benevolent and brave actions of Mary Seacole, nee Grant.

The roles of both Seacole and Milly - a Jamaican nurse who travels to England a century later and encounters similar discrimination - were wonderfully portrayed by Linda Hargreaves, who has appeared in television dramas and sitcoms.

Marcia Layne, winner of a recent Burngreave New Year's Honours Award for her commitment to the library, has written several award-winning plays which have been performed at the West Yorkshire Playhouse and for BBC Radio, among other locations. She is currently writing 'By Any Means', a play about Malcolm X; 'Mango Season', a novel for her MA in Writing; and 'Blood', a new play for Hidden Gems.

'The Yellow Doctress' raised funds for International Women's Day.

What's your Story?

Story by Carrie Hedderwick

Rob Hindle, working for the WEA, ran a short writing course at Burngreave Library. Everyone has a story to tell and Rob wants to see how people can do this in a supportive group by reading a bit of fiction and poetry, looking at quite ordinary daily domestic happenings, and then writing – just a paragraph or two – and sharing these (if people want to).

In the last session, I called in and spoke to some members of the group. Sameeah, who is new to the area, said there is a lot of laughter in the group. She enjoyed hearing the variety of people's experiences, the structure and direction to the sessions.

The WEA is a partner in the Learn Well Live Well Community Learning Project and has been commissioned to deliver a range of courses under the heading of 'creativity and culture'. Themes have been around food, family, people and journeys.

So - what's your story? Look out for the next course dates – hopefully starting late April.

International Women's Day in Burngreave

Story by Shuna Beckett

Scores of women and children were welcomed at Verdon Street Recreation Centre to celebrate International Women's Day. It is a part of a global celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women which was first observed over one hundred years ago.

Guests got a taste of what is available in our community by visiting over twenty stalls run by local groups, including Sage

Greenfingers, Pakistani Advice Centre, Ellesmere Youth Project, and the organisers, Burngreave TARA's Feeling Good project. The possibilities included a henna tattoo or a foot massage, making soap, watching Somali women's dancing and trying on hats at the Burngreave Messenger's photo booth!

One guest said,

"I had never been to an International Women's Day event and had rather low expectations really. However, all the women attending, the colour, the music, the high number of organisations displaying their services - they definitely exceeded my anticipations. Women, regardless of their age or ethnicity, seemed genuinely cheerful - and so was I!"

Have you got any stories or pictures of old pubs in Burngreave, Fir Vale or Pitsmoor?

These might have been of a person who frequented a local; nights of celebration or good times; or the trip organised by the landlord. We would like you to share them with us for the next issue and with historian Jamie Thompson, who is writing a book about the history of pubs in Sheffield focusing on the post war era.



PACA's 'Big Zone Event'

Story by Margaret Gibson

Pakistani Advice and Community Association (PACA) held a Building Better Opportunities event on 17th February 2016.

In the 'Relax & Chat Zone', people discussed barriers to gaining employment and facilitators asked what support people would like to help them into employment, training and volunteering.

In the 'Ideas Zone', people completed cards with details of courses that they would like to attend. They were asked what skills they had to lead sessions at PACA. Most people said they want support into employment and training to be delivered in their local area.

Firth Park Festival

Story by Hannah Isherwood,
Firth Park Festival Committee

The local volunteer committee who run the Firth Park Summer Funday really need your help to include more local people, families, talent and businesses from the area, including Pitsmoor and Burngreave.

The Committee meets for about an hour on Friday mornings at 9.30am once a month.

The next meetings are 8th April, 13th May and 10th June at the Bowling Green Pavilion just inside Firth Park and not far from the First Start Building.

The Committee really needs local help to represent the mixed faiths, religions, cultural backgrounds and nationalities that live, work and play in the area.

Please come along to a meeting or get in touch at firthparkfestival@gmail.com or on Facebook by searching "firthparkfundays".

Singers, musicians, performers and dancers are needed to perform on the day. Anyone wishing to have a stall please contact the Firth Park Festival Committee.

Green City Action Open Day

Story by Michelle Cook

Green City Action (GCA) organised an open day with several projects based at Abbeyfield House on Saturday 27th February,

Saskia Baker of GCA said,

"It's really about getting people in the community together, plus raising some money towards the Abbeyfield Festival which we are hoping goes ahead this year."

Green City Action can be contacted on 0114 244 0353 or enquiries@greencityaction.org.uk or on Facebook.

BitFIXit repair computers at Abbeyfield House. BitFIXit is open every Saturday 12-3pm.

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