



Newsletter Summer 2017

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about it!



NEIGHBOURHOOD HOW RESIDENTS RALLIED ROUND TO KEEP LIBRARY GOING

Community's spirit pays real dividends

A piece in "The Star" on 12 May praised the friendliness of the Greenhill neighbourhood and the role of our library in promoting community cohesion. Read the whole piece at www.thestar.co.uk

Opening Times

Monday 10am – 6.30pm

Wednesday 10am – 5.30pm

Friday 10am – 5.30pm

Saturday 10am – 12.30pm

Our Services

- ☐ Second-hand bookshop
- ☐ "Peoples Network" Computers
 - Internet and printing
- ☐ Free Wi-Fi
- ☐ Hearing Aid Batteries
- ☐ Monthly e-newsletter
- ☐ Children's Groups
- ☐ Evening talks
- ☐ Cinema
- ☐ Room hire
- ☐ Audio books
- ☐ ... and library books of course!

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Regular Events

Chatterbooks is a nationally recognised book club for children aged between 8 and 12. Sessions run every Monday after school 3:30pm – 4.30pm during term time, hosted by Clive Opie. Email chatterbooks@greenhill-library.org if you are interested in registering your child or grandchild for these popular sessions.

Children's Craft Sessions with Lynne Brown. After school on the second and fourth Friday of the month, during term time. Simple things to make and take home. Just turn up, or email crafts@greenhill-library.org. Age range 5 – 10 years.

And for our younger audience ...

Fun Time Drop-in Sessions 10-11.30 on the 2nd Monday of the Month in term time. A time for 0-4 year olds to play and sing, and an opportunity for parents and carers to meet.

Story Time 10-10.45 on alternate Fridays. Stories and crafts for pre-schoolers. Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer. Age range 2 – 4 years.



Computer Club - Free classes for beginners run **every Friday 10am – 12 noon**. Please drop in, or contact Heeley Development Trust on 0114 399 1070

Help with Jobs – Most Fridays from 10am. An Employment Support Worker is here to help with Compiling CVs, Job application forms, Job searching and Interview preparation. Contact Reach South Sheffield on 0114 239 4888

New stuff ...

Library Quilters. Following the success of her previous quilting sessions, Lynne Brown is now taking bookings for a Summer quilting course for beginners, to be held on Friday evenings throughout June, July and August. Costs £5 per session, including materials for practice blocks. All profits go to the library. If you are interested contact her at crafts@greenhill-library.org

New Writing Group. Would you be interested in joining an informal writing group at the library? We are looking for ideas and suggestions, please contact us at writers@greenhill-library.org

Greenhill Oral History Project – preserving your memories for future generations. Let us record your memories of living in old Greenhill Village and surrounding areas 1920-1960. Want to know more? Contact Cynthia Russell 07740927640 or email cynthiar.greenhill@gmail.com

Special Events

Announcing our ... **Mad Hatter's Tea Party**



Saturday 8 July 2 – 5 pm

- ☐ Picnic on the lawn
- ☐ Free Jam Tarts and cupcakes
- ☐ Children's Play equipment
- ☐ Fancy Dress competition
- ☐ Face Painting
- ☐ Cream Teas
- ☐ Storytelling
- ☐ Live Music
- ☐ Craft activities
- ☐ Meet the Mad Hatter

7 – 9pm Evening Cinema:

Tim Burton's "Alice in Wonderland"

Friday 4 August 10.00 - 12.30

Sheffield Children's University - **Festival of Fun 2017.**

Free activities for children with a passport to learning

Board, card and strategy games from around the world, for ages 5+ and families. No booking, just turn up.



Sunday 10 Sept 10am-4pm Farmers' and Artisan Market

Now a firm favourite with stallholders and public alike. If you are interested in having a stall at the market, you can book on-line at greenhill-library.org/market



Children's Cinema Program Lead

We're looking for someone to take the lead in our monthly children's cinema program. You would be responsible for planning the film program and associated activities and for promoting the program within the local schools and community. (Technical support is available). If you're interested please send an email to: support@greenhill-library.org

Evening Events

Friday 16 June at 7pm: An evening of traditional and contemporary folk music

Featuring Pete Garratt, Ken Atkinson and Geoff Heppell, plus Spoil the Dance, a splendid 4-piece group, and Jon Scaife, Charlie Smallwood and Geof Trend. Should be a lively evening!



Most evening events start at 7pm, tickets £5 unless otherwise stated. Tickets on sale typically 4 weeks before the event.



Tuesday 11 July at 7pm: From Beer to Beef and back again

A talk by **John Mitchell** of Mitchells Wine Merchants. John is a local 'lad' who will recount the history of his family, stories of the Meadowhead shopping area and the development of the family business. Book your seat at library reception, but pay on the door. Tickets £4.00. An open meeting of the Greenhill Village History Society.

Friday 21 July at 7pm: Ted Hancock: Queen Victoria's State Visit to Sheffield

One million people visited the city on 21 May 1897 to try and get a glimpse of the 'great unseen', as she rarely undertook public engagements. It was three weeks before her Diamond Jubilee celebrations in London. She was in Sheffield for only two hours on her epic 500 mile rail journey from Windsor to Ballater for Balmoral. Ted's talk covers the royal train schedule and the arrangements for getting the visitors and military to and from Sheffield and the royal train in the Hope Valley.



Advertising in the next newsletter

Approximately 4,500 copies of this newsletter are delivered to local letterboxes every 4 months. If you would be interesting in advertising in the next edition (due out in October) send an email to support@greenhill-library.org

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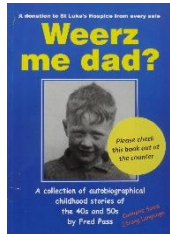
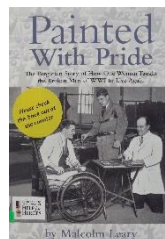
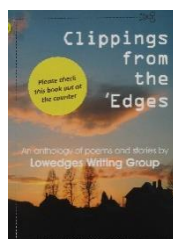
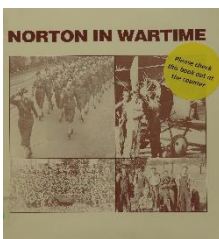
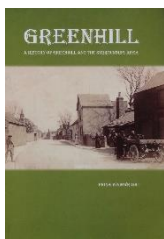
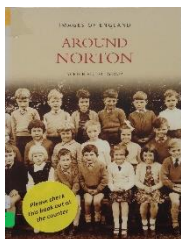
Friday 18 August at 7pm: Maria Smith Dronfield Hall Barn: A Hidden Gem

The handsome stone agricultural building set back from High Street in Dronfield dates to the early 18th century, however the stone conceals a secret within - a timber frame structure dating back to 1430 and possibly Dronfield's first Manor House. Activities Manager Maria Smith will explain more about the history of the Barn, the project to restore it and how it has been brought into use as a hub for the community.



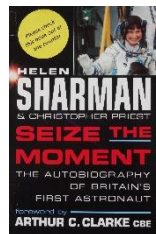
Friday 22 September at 7pm: Sheila Dyson By Train to Mongolia - an illustrated talk

Leaving Moscow on the Lake Baikal Express, it took 5 days to reach Irkutsk in Eastern Siberia. Watching 1500 miles of taiga give way to the Sayan Mountains, the Siberian landscape unfolds. Lake Baikal is the "Jewel of Siberia" and the City of Irkutsk has a wonderful relaxed feel to it after Moscow. The Mongolian line goes from there south to Ulan Bator, capital of Mongolia where the Nadam national sports festival takes place. A flight from Ulan Bator to Beijing rounds off this trip with a visit to the Great Wall. Lots of adventures on the way to bring this fascinating journey to life.



Books of Local Interest

Partly funded by a grant from the Ward Pot, a collaboration between the library and the Greenhill Village History Society has established a collection of around 100 books of local interest, which are now available for loan.



Cinema

Friday 28 July at 7pm: Sense And Sensibility

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the death of Jane Austen, Greenhill library is proud to show the 1995 adaptation of her debut novel starring Emma Thompson. In the film the Dashwood patriarch dies and the family faces hardship as they are four women virtually penniless. Elinor and Marianne, two sisters with different perspectives on life and interests, keep one another in line and support one another through death, hardship and a love and friendship...



Friday 25 August at 7pm: Full Monty

The 1997 BAFTA award winning film based in Sheffield, recently performed as a touring play, will be given another showing in August. Six unemployed steel workers, inspired by the Chippendale's

dancers, form a male striptease act. The women cheer them on to go for "the full Monty". Also showing with the movie as an added bonus will be the 1970s promotional film for Sheffield "City On The Move".

Friday 29 September at 7pm: The General

Rated as one of the greatest movies of all time, this silent film from 1926 stars Buster Keaton at the height of his powers. In the movie, Union soldiers have stolen The General, a Confederate train manned by Johnnie Gray, who was unable to enlist in the Confederate army because he is needed as an engineer. The Union plans to use the train to supply its soldiers in a sneak attack against the Confederates. But now it's up to Gray and his love, Annabelle Lee, to reclaim The General, recross enemy lines, and warn the Confederates.



Children's Cinema

On the fourth Saturday of the month at 2pm

With an informal atmosphere, refreshments, and a short after-film activity, these events are ideal for 5 – 10 year olds. Visit our Facebook page for program details.

Volunteering

What is it like to be a volunteer? We asked Alison Rust and Ann Hartley.

Alison was involved with the early days of campaigning to keep the library open but has only been volunteering for about 8 months. With a young son and a part-time job, she can't devote too much time and typically does one front-of-house session every 4 to 6 weeks. "There's a lot to learn", she said, "but there's usually someone around to help".



At the other end of the scale, Ann Hartley volunteers approximately 20-25 hours per week (some of it from home) as operations manager. "I had trouble adjusting to retirement", she said, "and was talked into coming along to help out. I like to look at a situation and think how we can make it better."



Ann manages our book stock and the all-important staffing rota, in addition to assessment and induction of new volunteers, and organisation of staff training.

"There's more to running a library than I first thought", she says. "Managing volunteers is very different from managing paid staff in the workplace". You can't fail to notice her quiet competence and unfailing willingness to help.

Both Alison and Ann emphasised the pleasure of working with and meeting like-minded people and the satisfaction of being part of the community and keeping the library alive. "I'd recommend it to anyone", said Alison.

Summer Reading Scheme



Greenhill Library wants younger readers to grab their books and get ready for its Summer Reading Scheme, which starts on 15th July. Young people aged 4-11 are encouraged to read six books over the break, with a certificate and medal for those who complete the challenge. We now have the

titles on the list from this year's theme "Animal Agents", including books such as 'The Elephant Thief', 'The Dragon with a Heart of Chocolate', or even 'Get the Scoop on Animal Snot and Spit'. Library volunteers will be talking about the scheme in schools, more information will be available from reception.



Your library needs you!

We are entirely dependent on volunteers to provide our services and run our events. Right now we especially need to recruit a couple more **trustees** to join the board. Trustees need not necessarily take an operational role in the library but should have some business skills in organisation, planning, finance, fundraising, etc. And we're always on the lookout for folks willing to give a few hours a month to work front of house, to process donated books, or to help with running and publicising events, cleaning, maintenance, and so on. If you can help, please call in and leave your contact details, or send an email to volunteering@greenhill-library.org.

If you cannot offer your time, you can contribute financially by making a donation, either a regular amount by becoming a "friend" of the library, or a one-off payment, which you can do on the "donations" page of our website. And of course you can support us simply by coming to our events and using our services.



What happens to your donated books?

Library users bring us donated books by the armful. We asked volunteer Diana Wood what happens to them.

"We have a small team of volunteers who sort them. Some go onto our yellow sticker system so we can lend them out. Others get priced up and sold in our in-library bookshop. We also sell them at book stalls at our Farmers' Markets, at Greenhill School Fayre in July and Lowedges Festival in August."

"The books need to be in reasonable condition", explained Diana, "so some of the worn and well-used ones get sold for recycling. Nothing goes to waste."

We now have some 3,000 donated books in circulation. In the last year, book sales raised an amazing £3,900. So please visit our bookshop where you'll find quality children's and adult books, both fiction and non fiction, including cookery, gardening, hobbies, travel, autobiographies, dictionaries, plus educational books for children. Prices range from 10p to £2. And keep those donations coming.