

# *Greenhill Community Library Newsletter October 2016*



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# Christmas in the Library

- ☐ Library decorated for Christmas
- ☐ Children's activities
- ☐ Carols from local choirs and groups
- ☐ Mince pies and Festive Fare



Plans are afoot to start a **cinema club**. We are hoping to run one adult event and one children's event each month. But we need help, from setting out seating to operating the equipment or just selling ice creams in the interval.

Please email offers of help to: [support@greenhill-library.org](mailto:support@greenhill-library.org)

We're always on the lookout for new people to work "front of house", to process donated books, or to help with fundraising. Send an email to [volunteering@greenhill-library.org](mailto:volunteering@greenhill-library.org)

## Christmas Card children's art competition

Design a card with a Christmas theme to be sold to raise funds for the library. Submit your entry on plain white paper and put your name, age and contact number *in pencil* on the back. Please place your completed drawings in the box at the library no later than **Friday 28 October**.



If you see cameras in the library over the next few weeks, it's the Sheffield U3A Video Production Group who are filming a documentary about the work of the library.

## Evening Events

Tuesday 8 Nov at 7pm

### "The History of Graves Park"

with Caroline Dewar. From ancient woodlands and early settlements, medieval agriculture and industry to the use of the park as the grounds of a stately home.

An open meeting of the **Greenhill Village History Society**. Tickets £4 for non-members.



If you are interested in joining the society, pick up a flyer in the library or call Lesley Fox on 2377928



Friday 18 Nov at 7pm

### "Railways in a Yorkshire Landscape"

with Stephen Gay.

Follow Stephen on an illustrated journey starting at Leeds, continuing to Harrogate and Knaresborough. Doubling back to

Wortley Junction, we then continue to the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway, finishing off with a trip over the scenic Settle and Carlisle line.

### "Green Men, Gargoyles and other Grotesques"

Friday 20 Jan at 7pm with Pat McLaughlin.

Have you ever wondered why many ancient churches have carvings of "horrible heads," both inside and out? Pat presents many examples of these, and attempts to explain what they meant to our ancestors.

We will also be looking at our own "wild men of the woods", headless creatures, the two faces of Janus, and many more strange images — not all of them ancient!




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Most evening events are ticketed (£5), available from the library.  
Advance booking advised to avoid disappointment

It's hard to believe, but as this newsletter goes to the printers it will be the second anniversary of our library operating under volunteer management.

So on behalf of the local community:



to all our volunteers past and present for keeping our library open



## Fifty Shades of Green

### Calling all knitters!

We're doing a sponsored knit to create a Christmas tree from 6-inch squares and raise money for the library. We've already got £200 of sponsorship, but you can help make it at least £1000! The tree will be displayed in the children's library; afterwards the squares will be made into a charity blanket.

Download a poster, sponsor form and instructions from [greenhill-library.org/tree](http://greenhill-library.org/tree), or pick one up in the library. Your knitting deadline is **30 November**

## Half Term Crafts: Friday 28 October

**Lynne Brown** is running two children's craft sessions of 60-90 minutes each

10 am: 4-7 years, and 2 pm: 8+ years

*Fun little crafts that can easily be made to be enjoyed straight away or squirrelled away as a Christmas present for mum or dad.*

Places are free but please pre-book by emailing [crafts@greenhill-library.org](mailto:crafts@greenhill-library.org)



## Christmas Farmers and Artisan Market

**Sunday 27 November**

Download a Trader Application Form (or apply on-line) at [greenhill-library.org/market](http://greenhill-library.org/market)



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## Opening Times

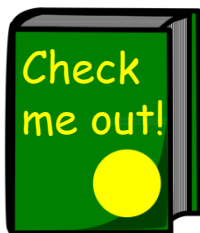
Monday	10am – 6.30pm
Tuesday	Closed
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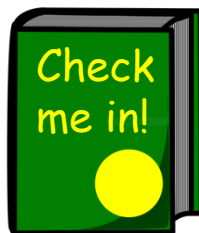


Discover the family you've never met. Search 8 billion records using **findmypast**. Available free of charge at the library.

We have a new parking bay for wheelchair users in the layby on Reney Road, offering step-free access to the Library. We recommend you use this bay and not the old one at the bottom of the steps.



A reminder to all "yellow sticker" borrowers that these books must be checked out **and in** at the desk. Please don't just put them back on the shelves!



Free access to our computers – all you need is a library card. Access the Internet and print off your documents. Got your own laptop / tablet / smartphone? We also offer free Wi-Fi

## Regular Events

**Computer Club** - Free classes for beginners run **every Friday 10am – 12 noon**. Please drop in, or contact Heeley Development Trust on 0114 2500 613

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**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

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**Communicake** - Weekly Communication Group run on Thursday 10:30am – 11:30am, open to anyone 50+ experiencing difficulty in engaging or communicating with others due to illness, disability or anxiety. The group is very relaxed and friendly, and is facilitated by volunteers trained to support communication and interaction by a qualified Speech and Language Therapist, who is also involved in the group itself. Members are free to come along with a relative or friend if that is helpful. For further details contact Andy Whitehouse at Drink Wise, Age Well on 0114 3491888.”

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**Chatterbooks** is a nationally recognised book club for children aged between 8 and 12. Sessions run on Mondays after school 3:30pm – 4.30pm during term time. Email [chatterbooks@greenhill-library.org](mailto:chatterbooks@greenhill-library.org) if you are interested in registering your child or grandchild for these popular sessions.

We are also considering starting a group for younger children (5-7 years) to run alongside Chatterbooks. Register interest by emailing [storybooks@greenhill-library.org](mailto:storybooks@greenhill-library.org)

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**Book Group** - 1st Monday of every month, 10:30am. A small but lively group who meet to discuss books that all members of the group have read from the wide selection of sets available from Central Library. For more information contact Catherine Hart at [cathart1979@aol.com](mailto:cathart1979@aol.com)

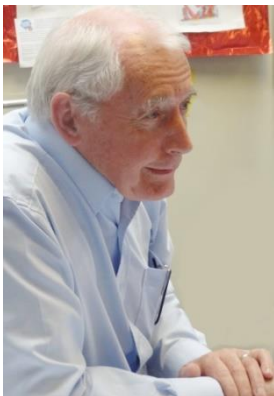
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**Fun Time Drop-in Sessions** 10-11.30 on the 2nd Monday of the Month in term time. A time for 0-4 year olds to play and sing, and an opportunity for parents and carers to meet.

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**Story Time** 10-10.45 on alternate Fridays. Stories and craft for pre-schoolers. Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

## Featured Volunteers



Popular reading group Chatterbooks has started a new chapter this autumn, with volunteer **Clive Opie**. Children and parents already attending the group for 8 - 11-year-olds will already be familiar with Clive, who has assisted with the mix of book-based activities since last year. Having taken over in mid-September, he's exploring new ways to keep Chatterbooks lively. Clive has lived in Sheffield since the 70s when he was an undergraduate, and then PhD student in Chemistry at Sheffield University. Always intending to teach, Clive worked for eight years at Firth Park and King Egbert secondary schools, before taking a variety of teaching and management roles in further and higher education

He moved to Greenhill in 1985 where his children attended Greenhill Primary School. Now semi-retired, he's bringing his experiences in education to Chatterbooks, as well as his fiddle playing. 'I can get people dancing', said Clive, 'but I am still a novice and have still so much to learn.' He is fortunate to sit in to play ceilidh music with the 'exceptional' Bash Street Band, and recalls how one Chatterbooks session turned tuneful. Future ideas include creating displays, inviting members to share special interests through mini-presentations, and reading a book together with each member given the chance to tell part of the story.

Even with his lifelong interest in technology, Clive believes reading is as important as ever. 'Sadly, I think with computers and things, it's the case that children aren't getting the enjoyment of books,' he reflected. 'These days, with Kindles, we don't need books, but I think there's something about a book, being able to flick through the pages.'

Our new Volunteer Co-ordinator **Stan Burt** is a man who knows how to keep the plates spinning... literally. Stan's eclectic background in the arts and performance includes stints with circuses and at festivals, honing his skills in clowning, juggling and plate spinning. And while the library is a world away from the big top, his talents could come in useful when it comes to balancing the multiple duties of his post.

"I do inductions of new volunteers, oversee advertisements for volunteer positions, keep up-to-date with the training of volunteers, and I'm hopefully the 'go to' person if there are issues that need resolving," explained Stan. He added: "I want to help the library achieve its aspirations of being a focal point of the community. The community needs to see it as theirs and help keep it operating. A community needs a library."

