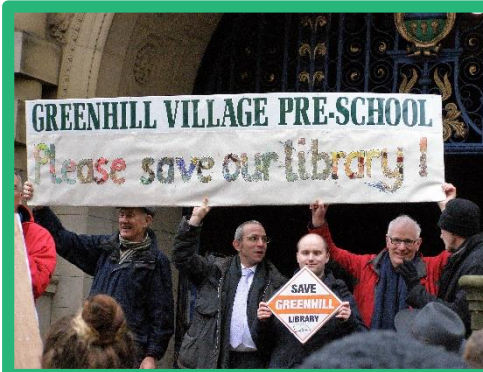




Newsletter Autumn 2018

More than just books ...

Five years on ...



It's hard to believe but it's five years since the protests against the closure of our library began, and four years since it was taken over by volunteers. Throughout that time, our chairman **Patrick Coghlan** has played a leading role in guiding and driving our development. As he steps down from office, we've asked him to reflect on the journey. Turn the page for more.

Also inside ... details of our events program, our featured volunteer, work experience opportunities, and more.

Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries (Anne Herbert)

After over four years as our Chair of Trustees, **Patrick Coghlan** is handing over the baton. We asked him about his time in the big chair and what memories he'll take away from his tenure....

Patrick revealed that the library was one of the attractions which drew him to Greenhill following his retirement, having always been 'a big library user'. So after learning the library was under threat he went along to a public meeting in the autumn of 2013, which marked the start of his involvement in the campaign to save the library. He became actively involved, recalling one highlight — the 'signing hands' initiative where locals, including children from Greenhill School, wrote on cut out hands what they valued about the library. None the less, he had not expected to adopt such a significant role once the library became a community-run concern: "When we heard the offer about our committee running the library it was very daunting, and even more daunting when I turned up at a meeting and was asked if I would take on chairing the initial phase of seeing if we could do it," he remembers. But he was delighted at the number of people putting themselves forward to volunteer —initially over 100 — which was "so encouraging."



During his tenure the library has gone from strength to strength, but Patrick is clear that he values the "wonderful ordinariness of having volunteers turn up every day to lend out books." A personal joy has been "all we do for the children. It's been terrific the way that has grown over the four years." He recalls how the library volunteers were able to build on what the council had been doing, restarting school class visits and visits from other groups, such as local Scouts, Cubs and Brownies.

So what would Patrick, who remains a trustee, like to see in the library's future? "First," he smiles, "that it's still functioning when I'm in my nineties. Second, to have better engagement with the library from the communities which border Greenhill."



Coffee morning every Friday from 10 to 11.30. Tea, coffee, a biscuit and friendly conversation all for 50p. Come and join us!



Communal Bulb Planting Saturday 20 Oct

We'll be planting selected areas of the library lawn with crocuses and daffodils 2pm - 4pm. Bring the kids and a spade. Bulbs kindly provided by Chris Keys and Joan Binns. There will also be hot drinks and cake.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Friends of Greenhill Library will be held in the library at **7pm on Wednesday 24 October**. All are welcome to attend. "Friends" (either by volunteering or by donation) are entitled to vote.



Friday Evening Talks

19 Oct at 7pm: "An evening with Anita Waller"



With seven books published in just four years (her eighth comes out in October), Sheffield-born author **Anita Waller** is nothing if not prolific, with several of her novels set locally. Hear about her writing career and get your hands on a signed copy of her latest book "Malignant"

16 Nov at 7pm: An evening of music (like no other), with TOFFEE Music

Claiming over a century of entertaining experience between them, Two old Fellas for Evening Entertainment (TOFFEE Music for short) are back with their quirky mix of songs ranging from Richard Rogers and Cole Porter through Music Hall and Vaudeville before coming "right up to date" with The Beatles. Also featuring a set of World War One songs. An evening of guaranteed enjoyment!



18 Jan at 7pm: "Street Names of Central Sheffield" with David Templeman



Join Elizabethan historian David Templeman as we peel back the layers of history through Tudor and Medieval times (and beyond) to discover the origin of central Sheffield street names, through images, maps and text.

15 Feb at 7pm: "Wildflower Walks in the Peak District" with Peter Machan

Few areas of the British Isles support such a varied flora as the Peak District, with some of the country's most stunning floral displays. Over the years Peter Machan has sought out and recorded the best of these localities throughout the seasons. Learn the reasons for the region's rich floral diversity, see many of the familiar and rare flowers, and discover where and when you can enjoy the floral highlights for yourselves.



Friday 2 November at 7.30pm: **The Greatest Showman**



In November comes the popular musical movie from 2017 starring **Hugh Jackman**. He stars as the legendary showman, PT Barnum, who in the late 19th century rose from nothing to create a show business that became a worldwide sensation. But will he lose sight of his family? Empire magazine described the movie's cast as "deeply committed to entertaining" and the movie leaves you "feeling an old-school musical thrill".

Friday 4 January at 7.30pm: **The Guernsey Literary And Potato Peel Pie Society**



In January we have the adaptation of Mary Ann Shaffer's NY Times bestseller. In the aftermath of World War II, a writer forms an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey Island when she decides to write a book about their experiences during the war. Starring Lily James and Michael Huisman, the movie gained positive reviews with the Metro describing the performances as "classy".

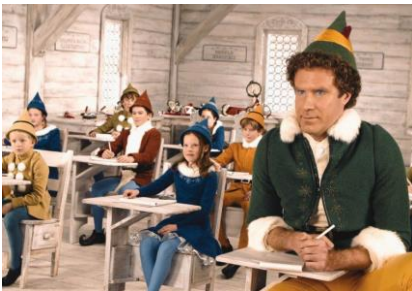
Friday 1 February at 7.30pm: **Edie**



In this movie from director Simon Hunter, 83 year old Edie believes that it is never too late. Packing an old camping bag, leaving her life behind and embarking on an adventure she never got to have - climbing the imposing Mount Suilven in Scotland. **Sheila Hancock** stars in the film and as an aside, she completed the trek up the mountain herself making her the oldest person to do so.

Our Friday cinema events are ticketed – a suggested donation of £5 gets you refreshments and a raffle ticket. Doors open and refreshments at 7pm, film starts 7.30

Free! Special end of term family cinema event at 6pm on Friday 21 December: "ELF"



Celebrate the end of school term with a free showing of the family movie "Elf", featuring **Will Ferrell**, James Caan and Bob Newhart. After inadvertently wreaking havoc on the elf community due to his ungainly size, a man raised as an elf at the North Pole is sent to the U.S. in search of his true identity.

Note the earlier-than-usual start time.

Saturday 3 November at 2pm: Thomas And Friends: Big World! Big Adventures!



The most famous Tank Engine of them all is back and this time Thomas is leaving Sodor to fulfil his dream of seeing the world. This heroic quest takes Thomas across deserts, through jungles and over dangerous mountains as he travels across five continents seeing sights he has never seen before. Join us in November as we show the latest adventure from Thomas.

Saturday 5 January at 2pm: The Incredibles 2



Everyone's favourite superhero family is back in this hotly anticipated sequel to the 2004 movie from Pixar. Elastigirl is sent on a mission to make supers legal again while Mr. Incredible is left to care for Jack-Jack, Violet, and Dash. When a dangerous new threat arises, it is up to the family to neutralize the threat and save the day once again. Incredibles 2 was described by Empire as a "gloriously fun family parable".

Saturday 2 February at 2pm: The Railway Children



In February comes the classic 1970 movie based on the book by E Nesbit. Starring Jenny Agutter, Dinah Sheridan and Bernard Cribbins, the film frequently makes it onto top British film lists. After the enforced absence of their father, three children move with their mother to Yorkshire, where during their adventures they attempt to discover the reason for his disappearance.

Our Saturday cinema events are not ticketed – just turn up. Suggested donation £3 adults, £2 children. Refreshments including ice creams are available. These events provide an easy-going cinema experience ideal for younger viewers.

Calling all gardeners

We're planning another open gardens event in the summer of 2019. No date has been fixed yet but we will likely run it over a weekend (two days). If you live within 10-15 minute walk of the library and would be interested in opening your garden, we would love to hear from you!

Email us at gardens@greenhill-library.org





Featured volunteer — Wendy Crookes

Wendy is one of those volunteers who has been with us from the very beginning of the campaign to save our libraries. She has worked for 30 years in education welfare and as a senior learning mentor, working to prevent "permanent exclusion" in primary school children. Now, you'll find her at the library's front desk where she is a session leader, or in the back office, or (on a Friday morning) dispensing tea, coffee, smiles and encouraging words to whoever cares to call.

"Volunteering in the library is not only a boost for the community", says Wendy, "but also for yourself. I rarely go out of my front door these days without getting into conversation with someone I've met at the library"



Newspapers and Magazines

As well as the 'I paper' and the Sheffield Telegraph, the library has a growing number of magazines. About to buy a new appliance for your home? — why not check it out in the **Which** report? Want ideas for your garden? — take a look in

The Garden. There are also National Geographic, Country Living and others which can be read in the library. You can even borrow the magazine of the Great Central Railway Society!

There are also lots of e-magazines available on-line at www.rbdigital.com/sheffield You'll need your library card number and you'll need to create an account (easy!), then you'll find over 160 e-magazines including many women's titles, several for the railway enthusiast and — for those interested — The Economist.

We are keen to engage **young people** in both using and supporting the library, This provides an opportunity to both enhance your CV and do something worthwhile in your spare time. Opportunities include supporting volunteers in the day-to-day running of the library, and specific placements supporting those who run various reading projects — perfect if you are on a childcare course or are thinking of becoming a teacher.



As a voluntary organisation, a placement at the library would be ideal for you to gain your volunteer hours for the **Duke of Edinburgh Award**, or to tackle a worthwhile project as part of the **NCS scheme**. There's more info on the web site. If you are interested in discussing these opportunities please email **Steve Holmes**, the library's community organizer, at community@greenhill-library.org



Do you knit? Would you like to learn? Lynn Munro is starting a **knit and natter** group in the library. Sessions will run twice a month on Wednesday mornings from 10 until 12, with the first sessions on **7 and 21 November**. Experienced knitters and beginners welcome but please bring your own needles and wool if possible. For more information, email Lynn at lynnmunro@googlemail.com

We would also appreciate donations of any spare knitting needles, wool, and patterns.

Summer Reading Challenge 2018

This year has seen another successful event with 67% (95/141) of those participating completing the challenge. You might need to watch out though, as the challenge was based on the 80th anniversary of the Beano comic which means Dennis the Menace now has an additional 95 certificated 'Mischiefs Makers'! With over 10 different schools involved and 19 new members signed up it indicates links with Greenhill Library are healthy. Our thanks to all the schools who promoted the event and the volunteers who ensured it ran like clockwork – and well done to all who participated.

Stuff for kids

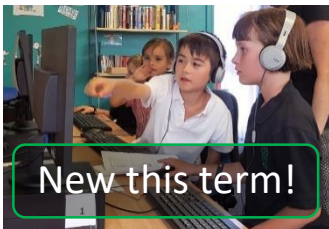
Our popular series of children's events continues to run during term time:

Fun time for 0 – 4 year olds and their carers with toys, craft, songs, and a snack. Sessions run on the second Monday of the month from 10-11.30 am. All are welcome.

Story time for 2 – 4 year olds. Stories and crafts for pre-schoolers. 10-10.45 on alternate Fridays in term time. Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Children's Crafts for 5 – 9 year olds with **Lynne Brown**. Simple stuff to make and take home. Sessions run after school every Friday.

Chatterbooks for year 2 to year 6 children who like books and reading. Sessions run after school every Monday. We currently have **4 free places** for these popular sessions. If you're interested please leave your contact details at the front desk.



Code Club for 9 – 13 year olds interested in starting to write computer programs using scratch and python. Every Thursday after school. Pre-registration is essential as numbers are strictly limited. Email us at codeclub@greenhill-library.org

A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert (Andrew Carnegie)



Christmas Events

Sunshine the scarecrow will be putting on her Santa outfit to welcome you to our Christmas-themed **Farmers' and Artisan Market on Sunday 25 November**. With its wide range of locally-produced crafts, it's an excellent opportunity to solve all your Christmas present problems in one go. The market will be open from **11am to 3pm**



With singing from local school choirs plus our very own **Greenhill Songsters**, storytelling, competitions, silent auction, cake stall and more, there's something for all ages at our special Christmas event on 8 December. The library will be decorated for Christmas and will open from 10am to 3pm, with full library services throughout the day. New this year is our **scrapbox challenge** in which parents and children are challenged to build a nativity scene from a large box of raw materials, with prizes for the best contributions.

The event is still taking shape so keep an eye on our web site and Facebook page for more details as they become available.

Our Services

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Second-hand bookshop | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free Public Computers
— Internet, printing, scanning | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening talks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free Wi-Fi | <input type="checkbox"/> Cinema |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Aid Batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Room hire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly e-newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Audio books |
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We are open: Monday: 10am – 6.30pm, Wednesday and Friday: 10am – 5.30pm;
Saturday: 10am – 12.30pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday: Closed