



Newsletter Summer 2019

Extended Opening Hours! Starting on 15 June for a trial of 3 months, we're extending our Saturday opening times by an hour, closing at 1.30 pm

10 August: Let the magic begin



Join us from **10.00 until 4.00** as we open our very own Hogwarts for a fabulous family day for all Harry Potter fans.

- Live owl experience
- Care of magical creatures
- Bouncy Castle
- Lucky cauldron dip
- Honeydukes sweet shop
- Potion making
- Spell lessons
- Divination (just for fun)
- Crafts

Come and meet Dumbledore, Snape, McGonagall, Hagrid and others

- Dressing up strongly encouraged – prizewinners judged by Louise Haigh.
- We would love to receive donations of any HP items in good condition that we can sell in our **Harry Potter shop**, where you'll find hand-made scarves, wands and more. Please bring them to the library beforehand.

Note: If arriving by broomstick, kindly use the landing pad on the roof. Portkeys by prior arrangement only. Muggles may use a 76, 86 or 25 bus.

In the evening, from 7pm, there's a **Potterheads quiz**. If you are interested in putting a team together please email support@greenhill-library.org. Mixed adult / child teams preferred.

We're also raffling a fantastic **Hogwarts quilt**. Approximately 90 inches square, and fully quilted in Hogwarts house colours, it could be yours for a mere £1 (but only if you buy a ticket — available at the library and elsewhere). All money raised goes to the library. Raffle will be drawn at the quiz evening.



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We are open: Monday: 10am – 6.30pm, Wednesday and Friday: 10am – 5.30pm;
Saturday: 10am – 1.30pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday: Closed

Featured Volunteers

Many of the volunteers who contribute to the library aren't people you'll see on the front desk. We asked a couple of them about their experiences.

For years, **Lynne Brown** insisted that she "wasn't really a volunteer" despite being responsible for much of the artwork you'll see in the children's library and running our popular craft group on a Friday afternoon. She hates waste and is a master of recycling almost anything, including old books. Lynne also masterminded the knitted Christmas tree in 2016 and the in-library displays for our "Mad Hatters Tea Party" in 2017. She's now working on the decorations and theming for our upcoming Harry Potter day. Lynne also runs the quilt group that made the quilt we raffled last year and is currently completing an amazing Hogwarts quilt for this year.



"I love the way the community has pulled together and pooled its talents to make the library such a nice place", said Lynne, "and I love the obvious enthusiasm and anticipation of the children as they arrive on a Friday."



Michael Gormanly is a relative newcomer to the library, having first got involved last November after moving back into the area and reading about the library in the newsletter. "I volunteered initially to help with building maintenance – mostly small jobs – but now I also help with the coffee mornings. I lived in the area as a youngster and went to Greenhill Primary School." Later he spent a lot of time in Scotland, where he worked in shipyards and maintained the

heating plant on a submarine base. Regarding volunteering he says "The more you do, the more you get involved ... it works for me because I felt quite isolated coming back to Sheffield in a flat on my own. Coming here, it's been absolutely wonderful – I've met some lovely people, and it's good to be involved, it makes you feel worthwhile."

Regular stuff for grown-ups



Our "**Knit and Natter**" group continues to meet in the library from 10.00 to 12.00 on the first and third Wednesday each month. For more information email lynnmunro@googlemail.com

Coffee mornings (every Friday from 10.00 to 11.30). Tea/coffee, a biscuit, and a friendly chat, all for 50p. What more could you want?



Play Reading Group. Fancy yourself as the next Laurence Olivier or Elizabeth Taylor? This informal group meets every Tuesday at 10am. For more information email shelleywalsh@me.com

Friday Evening Talks

19 July at 7.30pm: The Turner Museum of glass, with Professor John Parker

Learn about W.E.S. Turner – his personality, expertise and interests. Learn about the history of glass-making, the role played by South Yorkshire and what made Turner specialise in glass in a city built on steel. See how the past was influenced by the availability of raw materials and energy, uncover the role of technological breakthroughs but also learn how glass manufacture has been moulded by societal changes and 2 world wars. Finally, we'll examine the glass collection in the Museum itself.



16 August at 7.30pm: "When your hobby is your job", with Alan Biggs



An evening with football journalist and broadcaster **Alan Biggs**. Alan has worked on national radio and television since being sports editor at Radio Hallam in Sheffield. He has also reported in national newspapers, writes a column for the Sheffield Telegraph and is the author of three books.

20 Sept at 7.30pm: A ceilidh in partnership with Greenhill Primary School

Dance the night away with live music from the Bash Street Band. No previous dancing experience necessary! Tickets £10; drinks available to purchase. Profits to be shared between the library and the Friends of Greenhill School. Note: this event is in the school, not the library.



18 Oct at 7.30pm: "Where the bodies are buried", with Stephen Booth



'A beautiful but dangerous place' - crime novelist **Stephen Booth** talks about his best-selling Cooper and Fry series and the importance of the Peak District locations for his readers. A former newspaper journalist, Stephen has won awards on both sides of the Atlantic, and his books are translated into 16 languages. With Q&A and book sales.

Tickets for our talks are £5 unless stated otherwise, and go on sale about a month before.

You can only borrow the books in our library. But you get to keep the ideas.

Friday 5 July at 7.30: Stan and Ollie



In July comes last year's movie based on the lives of the popular entertainers Laurel & Hardy. The world's most famous comedy duo attempt to reignite their film careers as they embark on what becomes their swan song - a gruelling theatre tour of post-war Britain. The movie was critically acclaimed and received numerous nominations in the Golden Globes and BAFTAs. Starring Steve Coogan and John C. Reilly.

Friday 2 August at 7.30: Green Book



In this year's Academy Awards this movie won Best Picture, Best Original Screenplay, and Best Supporting Actor for Mahershala Ali. In the movie a working-class Italian-American bouncer becomes the driver of an African-American classical pianist on a tour of venues through the 1960s American South. The movie also stars Viggo Mortensen and Linda Cardellini.

Friday 6 September at 7.30: The Aftermath



For September we are showing the 2019 movie based on the book of the same name by Rhidian Brook. After World War II, a British colonel and his wife are assigned to live in Hamburg during the post-war reconstruction, but tensions arise with the German who previously owned the house. The movie, co-written by Brook, stars Keria Knightley, Jason Clarke and Alexander Skarsgård.

Friday 4 October at 7.30: Singin' in the Rain



Everyone's favourite musical from 1952 is being shown in October. Starring Debbie Reynolds, Gene Kelly and Donald O'Connor, the film shows how a silent film production company and cast make a difficult transition to sound in the rise of the talkies. Described as "perhaps the most enjoyable of movie musicals" by Pauline Kael in the New York, it frequently features on many best movie lists.

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

"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift". Charles Scribner

Saturday 6 July at 2.30: Mary Poppins Returns



In July the recent sequel to the 1964 original will be shown. Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives. Emily Blunt stars as the eponymous character, with Lin-Manuel Miranda and Ben Whishaw. The Guardian's Peter Bradshaw said that "Diehard fans of the first film will very probably love this sequel".

Saturday 3 August at 2.30: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone



Harry Potter finally comes to Greenhill Library in August with the movie where it all began. An orphaned boy enrolls in a school of wizardry, where he learns the truth about himself, his family and the terrible evil that haunts the magical world. The movie which went on to spawn a franchise stars Daniel Radcliffe as Harry and also features a who's who of British actors.

Saturday 14 September at 2.30: The Kid who would be King



From Joe Cornish, director of Attack The Block comes this movie about the Arthurian legend. Old school magic meets the modern world in this epic adventure. Alex thinks he's just another nobody, until he stumbles upon the mythical sword in the stone, Excalibur. Now, he must unite his friends and enemies into a band of knights and, together with the legendary wizard Merlin against the wicked enchantress Morgana.

Saturday 12 October at 2.30: Brave



In October we have another movie from Pixar. Determined to make her own path in life, Princess Merida defies a custom that brings chaos to her kingdom. Granted one wish, Merida must rely on her bravery and her archery skills to undo a beastly curse. The film's voice cast features Kelly Macdonald, Billy Connolly, Emma Thompson, Julie Walters, Robbie Coltrane, Kevin McKidd, and Craig Ferguson.

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. **Note the later start time of 2.30pm.**

Other events at the Library

Our next **Farmers' and Artisan Market** is on **Sunday 8 Sept.** from 10am to 4pm.

To book a stall please visit our market page: greenhill-library.org/farmers-market



Registration for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge** opens on **20 July**, with a theme inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first manned moon landing. Win rewards each time you finish a book. Read 6 books to compete the challenge and get a certificate. They can be any kind of books, but they must be borrowed from the library. Run in partnership with The Reading Agency

Saturday 5 Oct 11 am to 4pm: Music for Kids

A fun day of music, crafts and storytelling largely based on "Little Red Riding Hood" led by Jonny (cello) and Lucy (violin).

Ever wanted to know if you can get a note out of a flute or a violin? There'll be a selection of musical instruments for you to try. This *free* event is aimed at 4 – 8 year olds, but it's a day anyone can enjoy. No booking – just turn up!



Tuesday 8th October @ 7.00pm. 'Well, Well, Wells!'

Greenhill Village History Society presents the story of this ancient tradition of well dressing and its relevance to Greenhill and Bradway. Admission £4 – pay on the door, but places must be booked in advance at Library reception. These events usually sell out, don't leave it too late!



Then on **Tuesday 22 October at 7.30pm**, by popular request, "**Now and Then**" provides another opportunity to see Greenhill Village History Society's journey around the locale, as it was when still a rural Derbyshire location, as compared with today's bustling suburb. Admission £4, advance booking strongly advised.



Friday 27 September at 7.30: *Another* evening with Gavin Extence

We are delighted to welcome back our local, best-selling author, **Gavin Extence**. Come along and enjoy an informal evening, when Gavin will be telling us about his latest book, "The End of Time". Set against the background of the 2015 migrant crisis, the novel tells the story of two teenage refugees, brothers, who are travelling across Europe to the UK. This is a *free* event – just turn up!

Children's Events (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. Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

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

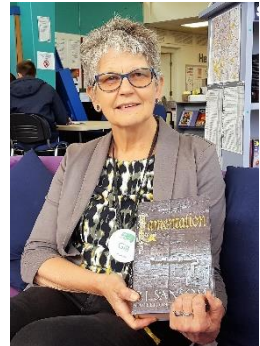
Chatterbooks for year 2 to year 6 children who like books and reading. Sessions run after school every Monday. We currently have **4 free places** for these popular sessions. If you're interested please leave your contact details at the front desk.

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

Book Review: The Shardlake Series, by C J Sansom

Session leader **Gill Dawson** loves historical novels and crime thrillers, so when she discovered an author that spans both genres, she couldn't wait to get started.

"I eagerly anticipated the read", she told us, "and I was not disappointed! Since then I have read the whole series of 7, They can stand alone but for the avid reader I recommend reading them all, preferably in order as they do chronologically follow on from each other.



The series features Matthew Shardlake, a hunchback lawyer turned detective, set against the background of the Tudor Court of Henry VIII . Matthew is a very likeable character, ably assisted in his adventures by Mark Poer and then Jack Barak. The books reveal the dark side of life in these turbulent times and indeed the plots are gripping and sensational and occasionally not for the squeamish reader! They perfectly capture the religious and political tensions affecting families and communities at Henry's court.

Sansom is an excellent storyteller, who engages the reader with every page. His meticulous attention to detail and in depth research brings the characters to life and transports the reader back in time. As well as historical accuracy, we get a really good crime drama that keeps us guessing to the last. There is talk of an eighth volume and I for one will be reading it!"

The 7 books in the series are: Dissolution (2003), Dark Fire (2004), Sovereign (2006), Revelation (2008), Heartstone (2010), Lamentation (2014) Tombland (2018). All of them are in our Yellow Sticker stock.

Making Progress

We have recently completed a **10-year business plan** for the library, focusing on five strategic areas: • library service • community outreach • organisation and people • finance, • building. Copies of the summary are available in the library. For the full version please contact our secretary coates.laurence@gmail.com

We've received a grant of £3,000 from the **J G Graves Charitable Trust** to replace the two large and ageing windows in our bookshop with modern double-glazed units. (These are the windows that face forward towards Hemper Lane, and sideways to the area at the top of the steps.) We are very grateful for the trust's support.



Greenhill Library is coming to Lowedges! We are excited to announce that we have received an award of £27,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund to improve library use by the Lowedges community. The award will purchase equipment and fund a temporary, part time post to build engagement with residents and establish a small branch library in Lowedges. Congratulations to our intrepid fundraisers, Margaret Davis and Philippa Petty!

We have opportunities for new volunteers to help us in a number of key roles:

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First, we are looking for an **assistant treasurer**, to assist in counting and recording cash income and helping to prepare accounts. Some knowledge of bookkeeping would be helpful.



Second, we need someone to start a **book club** —someone who enjoys reading and has some organisational skills.

Third, we would love to have someone to take the lead in our **Children's Cinema program**. You would help us to choose which films to show, to run the event (on a Saturday afternoon once a month) and maybe come up with some simple supporting children's activities.

Fourth, we need a **safeguarding officer** to help ensure we follow our safeguarding policy and that staff who have contact with children are appropriately trained.

For further details of these and other volunteering opportunities, head over to <https://greenhill-library.org/become-a-volunteer> where you can apply on-line, or send an email to volunteering@greenhill-library.org

And finally ... The Friends of Greenhill Library **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the library on 23 Oct at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.