



Newsletter Autumn 2019

Celebrating our
fifth anniversary

A library for Lowedges!

Lucy Booth is a face you're going to be seeing more of in the coming months. Her mission — to establish a library facility in Lowedges. Working in partnership with the LBJ Forum, the library will be housed in the Lowedges Community Centre, with a stock of around 900 books. In these times of declining book borrowing and library closures, opening a new one is a bold step — one that reflects our growing confidence as an organisation since taking over Greenhill Library five years ago. "We have been aware for some time that it is not so convenient for Lowedges' residents to access the Library", says Patrick Coghlan, the trustee who is overseeing the project. "And we're excited by the opportunities that having a presence there will bring".



If you live in Lowedges and would like to get involved with this exciting project, get in touch with Lucy at lucy@greenhill-library.org. We're looking for a regular commitment of just 3 hours a week. And through our partnership with Time Builders, volunteers will be able to earn "time credits" which can be exchanged for a variety of leisure and educational opportunities or even for a meal in the Time Builders' Cafe. With an opening scheduled for January, Lucy is going to have some busy weeks ahead!



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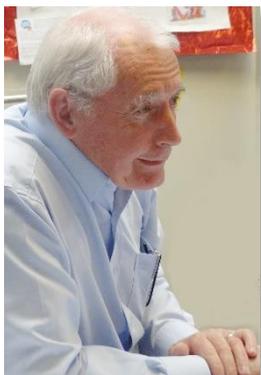
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We are open: Monday: 10am – 6.30pm, Wednesday and Friday: 10am – 5.30pm;
Saturday: 10am – 12.30pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday: Closed

Featured Volunteers

The success of our library rests entirely on our amazing team of volunteers. We asked a couple of them what they do, and why they got involved.



More-or-less retired **Clive Opie** has had a lifetime in education – first as a teacher, then as a teacher trainer, and ending up as Dean of Education at Bradford College. He joined us as a volunteer 4 years ago. “It seemed a natural thing to do” he said, “a way to continue to use my skills”. Clive started helping with Chatterbooks and took it over in 2016. He ran it each Monday afternoon for two years before handing over to Janet and Christina. Clive has also been the lead on our Summer Reading Challenge for the last three years. But perhaps his most significant achievement has been to win the trust of the local schools and organise class visits to the library. “I just want to get the kids interested in

reading and using the resources of the library” he says. “In fact even the class teachers who come don’t always realise just what we offer here”

You can often find Clive on the front desk. You may also have seen him compering our “Feast of Folk” evening, and you might – just might – have caught him playing the fiddle.

California-born **Shelley Walsh** came to the library in May 2018, encouraged by friends who were volunteers. “I was new in the area and saw it as a way to meet new people”, she said. “And I believe in community libraries and their potential to supplement the education system.” Never backward in coming forward, Shelley soon found herself setting up and running our code club sessions. Shortly after that she was persuaded to join the board as a trustee. Her most recent venture is a play reading group. “It’s a small group”, she told us, “but those who come have a good time”. She’s currently working with LBJ Forum and others in an effort to get a crossing on Greenhill Parkway.



Join us at 6.30pm on **Friday 20th December** for our *free* end-of-term film show, **The Muppets Christmas Carol**. Arguably the best of the many tellings of this classic Dickens story, and certainly the only one with Miss Piggy in it, this is a great family film for all to share. No booking.

“Coming into Greenhill Library is like coming for a hug” – Jackie Goodrum

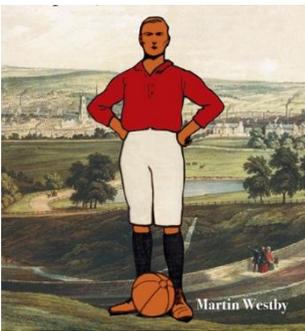
Friday Evening Talks

15 November at 7.30: "How the Tudors Celebrated Christmas" with Maureen Taylor

We enjoy our Christmases, and so did the Tudors. They involved heaps of fun and ribaldry, but also had a huge element of friendship and commitment to family (no matter how distant), and to charity for those less well off. They sang and drank, made merry, danced, and used their imaginations. There are similarities with our Christmases, but also great differences; find out what they were like.'



17 January at 7.30pm: "A history of Sheffield Football" with Martin Westby



During the 19th century Sheffield led the world of Association Football and was a critical factor in the formulation of today's worldwide rules and regulations. Come and hear Sheffield-born football historian **Martin Westby** talk about the rich history of the 95 Sheffield clubs that existed between 1857 and 1889, with special emphasis on today's four surviving clubs. Martin will also be selling and signing copies of his book "A History of Sheffield Football 1857-1889... Speed Science and Bottom".

21 February at 7.30pm: "Confessions of a Junk Dealer" with Edward Patnick

To you it was a load of old junk ... but to Edward Patnick it was nothing short of treasure just waiting to be discovered. Retired junk dealer Edward traces the story of how his family built a business dynasty on the things other people didn't want.

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



Jane Holbrey writes: Just in time for a cold winter, I have discovered the brilliant app from RB Digital provided by Sheffield City Libraries. I can now read on my iPad my favourite magazines including Homes & Gardens, Country Living, and Gardeners World, all for free (and saving numerous trees). There are 120 magazines titles, across all interests and age groups, plus 115 comics. Not only are there monthly publications, but also 1940 audiobooks and 8957 ebooks. Just log onto sheffield.rbdigitalglobal.com with your Library card details and get the app.

Friday 8 November at 7.30pm: Rocket Man (Cert 15)



In November comes this year's movie based on the life of Sir Elton John. The movie is a musical fantasy about the fantastical ups and downs of Elton's breakthrough years. Made with the full co-operation of the singer, it stars Taron Egerton, Jamie Bell and Bryce Dallas Howard, and is directed by Dexter "Bohemian Rhapsody" Fletcher.

Friday 6 December at 7.30pm: Guys and Dolls (Cert U)



For winter what better than fifties musical starring Marlon Brando, Jean Simmons and Frank Sinatra? Guys and Dolls is directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz who also directed All About Eve and Cleopatra. In New York, a gambler is challenged to take a female missionary to Havana, but they fall for each other, and the bet has a hidden motive to finance a dice game.

Friday 10 January at 7.30pm: Yesterday (Cert 12)



Danny Boyle brings us our first movie of 2020. Written by Four Weddings' Richard Curtis the story focuses on a struggling musician who realizes they're the only person on Earth who can remember The Beatles after waking up in an alternate timeline where they never existed. The movie stars Himesh Patel and Lily James.

Friday 7 February at 7.30pm: Shirley Valentine (Cert PG)



Everyone's favourite Liverpool housewife from 1989 in being shown in February just in time for Valentine's day. Shirley (Pauline Collins) finds herself talking to the wall while she prepares her husband's chips'n'egg, wondering what happened to her life. But when her best friend wins an all-expenses-paid vacation to Greece for two, Shirley begins to see the world, and herself, in a different light.

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 and a Love of Books is a disease we would like everyone to catch” – Margaret Davis

Children's Cinema

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Saturday 9 November at 2.30pm: Toy Story 4 (Cert U)



The Toy Story saga continues...

A new toy called "Forky" joins Woody and the gang, and a road trip alongside old and new friends reveals how big the world can be for a toy. From Pixar and Disney the usual stars Tom Hanks, Tim Allen and Annie Potts star alongside Keanu Reeves as Duke Caboom. A movie likely to leave you with a tear in your eye.

Saturday 7 December at 2.30pm: The Grinch (2018) (Cert U)



For Christmas we're showing the recent Dr Seuss remake starring Benedict Cumberbatch. Grumpy Grinch plots to ruin Christmas for the whole village of Whoville, though Cindy-Lou may have something to say about it. With music by Danny Elfman, the film also features the voice talents of Pharrell Williams, Rashida Jones and Angela Lansbury.

Saturday 11 January at 2.30pm: Cinderella (1950) (Cert U)



For the new year what better than this Walt Disney classic from 1950. Recently remade as a live action movie, this is a chance to see the original. When Cinderella's cruel stepmother prevents her from attending the Royal Ball, she gets unexpected help from the lovable mice Gus and Jaq, and from her Fairy Godmother.

Saturday 8 February at 2.30pm: Lego Movie 2 (Cert U)



The sequel to the box office smash Lego Movie. It's been five years since everything was awesome and the citizens are facing a huge new threat: Lego Duplo invaders from outer space, wrecking everything faster than they can rebuild. Featuring an all star cast of voices including Will Arnett as Batman.

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.

Regular Events

For children (in 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.

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

For grown-ups



Our "**Knit and Natter**" group meets in the library from 10.00 to 12.00 on the first and third Wednesday each month.

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. This informal group meets every Tuesday at 10am. For more information email shelleywalsh@me.com

Book club. Meets on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Special Events



Christmas in the Library. Saturday 14 December 10am to 3pm

Our usual mix of singing from local schools, storytelling, crafts, seasonal food and more. Watch our web site and posters for more details nearer the time.

Sunshine is excited to welcome you to our **Xmas Farmers' and Artisan market from 11am to 3pm on Sunday 24 November.**

An opportunity to pick up some great Christmas presents!



Thank you...

... for providing significant financial support for events:
Dr. John Dunkley, The Sheffield Town Trust and the Ward Pot.



The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Tony and Val Downing, joined us for coffee on 20 Sept and cut our five-year anniversary cake.

Since opening our doors under volunteer control we've been open for 6,250 hours and issued 153,000 books. Thanks to all who have supported us.

Book Review: "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society"

by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

What books do our volunteers enjoy? **Ann Firth** talks about a recent read.

"I have had an interest in the German occupation of the Channel Islands since a visit to Jersey in the early 1970's. This book shines a light on that difficult but interesting period of recent history in a sensitive but humorous way.



The main character, Juliet, is a writer struggling in post-war Britain to overcome writer's block. Out of the blue, she receives a letter from a Guernsey resident who has seen Juliet's name in a second-hand book which she owns. There begins a correspondence with at first one member, but eventually all of the members of the literary society of the title.

Juliet is intrigued and moved by the stories her correspondents have to tell about their lives under German occupation. She visits Guernsey and becomes involved in the lives of her new friends whose fascinating histories become the subject of her new book.

As with all good historical novels, this book informs as well as entertains. The characters are well-drawn and the plot satisfying. The novel certainly deserves to have been made into the feature film which achieved considerable acclaim."

The book is, of course, available in the library.

Audio Books



Patrick Coghlan reminds us that the library has a substantial collection of audio books on CD for both adults and children. "A couple of years ago I thoroughly enjoyed reading Michelle Obama's 'Belonging'", he writes. "This summer I listened to her reading it on an audiobook. It was even more moving, read by her with passion, enthusiasm and at times, sorrow."

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies . . . The man who never reads lives only one." – George R.R. Martin

The History Girls



The “Finding Lost Norton Park” project team were recently delighted to discover our collection of local interest and local history books relating to Greenhill and surrounding areas. Put together by members of the Greenhill Village History Society (pictured), this significant collection of around 400 books includes many out-of-print and

hard-to-find volumes. Some were purchased with a grant from the Ward Pot, some have been culled from donations, and some are council-supplied books. They’re all available to borrow, in contrast to the only other comparable source we know about, which is ensconced in the reference section of the central library. You’ll find our collection in the reading alcove.

Tues 10th March 2020 at 7.00pm. **Greenhill Village History Society** presents:

A Journey by steam train between Sheffield Midland and Dore & Totley stations with local railway author **Ted Hancock**

Join Ted on a digital journey by steam train, calling at Heeley Station, Millhouses locomotive shed, Beauchief station and all points in between.



SITUATIONS VACANT



We're looking for a helper to work alongside Shelley in delivering **code club** sessions to children on Thursday afternoons. Code club teaches computer programming to 9-13 year olds using projects based on the visual programming language Scratch. You would need to be computer literate and able to assist children in following along with written project instructions. Some knowledge of coding would be an advantage. If you're interested, send an email to codeclub@greenhill-library.org

We're also looking for an **assistant treasurer** to work alongside our existing treasurer with a view to replacing him and taking up a position on the board of trustees in due course. For more information on this important role, visit <https://greenhill-library.org/become-a-volunteer> where you will also find an on-line application form , or send an email to volunteering@greenhill-library.org There are other volunteering opportunities on the web site.