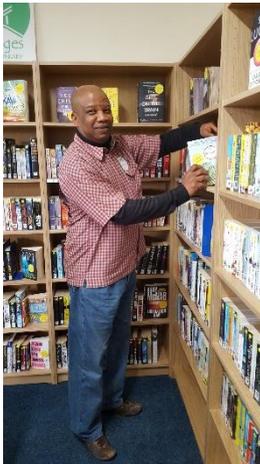




# Newsletter Spring 2020

More than just books

## Up and running at Lowedges!



Photos from our first day at Lowedges on 12 Feb.

Left: new volunteer Akin will be a regular helper at the library.

Top right: A young reader gets stuck straight in!

Bottom right: This family were some of our very first visitors.

Our Lowedges branch will initially be open 2-5pm every Wednesday and 10am-1pm Thursday.

**Saturday 21 March 11am - 2pm**  
**"Joining the Community"**

Celebrate with us as the library officially becomes part of the Lowedges community. There'll be story reading, a treasure hunt, a free raffle, a bookmark competition, singing by children from the Lowedges Academy, and a free lunch amongst other exciting things. In collaboration with the Terminus Initiative.



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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

## Meet our Volunteers ...



Retired quantity surveyor **Mike Walters** is one of our longest-serving volunteers. He's been doing regular front desk shifts at the library ever since we took over in 2014. He's lived here long enough to have had his own children go through the local schools and use Greenhill library as a resource. "I was stunned when the council threatened to close it" he told us, "so when I had the chance to help keep it open, it was a bit of a no brainer."

"This library is interacting with its community more and more. I once found myself sitting next to a guy over lunch who told me that libraries were history and that you can get everything you need from a smartphone or tablet. I have to disagree -- you don't develop socially by interacting with a phone." You can be confident of getting a cheery smile and a merry quip from Mike most Monday afternoons.

**Kirsty Atkin** works full-time as a data manager within the metals industry. She approached us last summer having seen an advert on our Facebook page and offered to take on the job of mowing our lawns, a task that she now shares with husband Peter ... in fact they have invested in a bigger lawn mower to tackle the job. From time to time she gets stopped by passers-by and told "The council should do that". (In fact since we signed the lease it is *our* responsibility.) "Everyone is of the opinion that it's always someone else's job", she says ... an attitude which obviously extends beyond cutting grass because she has now started a second book club. "The original club was full and I decided that the only way to join one was to start my own." (She has room for a few more; if you want to join, [email kirsty.atkin1@gmail.com](mailto:kirsty.atkin1@gmail.com))



The library has a strong presence on social media

**Web:** <https://greenhill-library.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/frogls>

<https://twitter.com/GreenhillLibrary>

[https://www.instagram.com/greenhill\\_library](https://www.instagram.com/greenhill_library)

We encourage you to share your thoughts on our library, our events, the books you've read etc. On twitter and Instagram use hashtags [#SheffieldYearofReading2020](#), [#SheffieldReads](#) and [#GreenhillLibrary](#). Our web site has details of all our events, online volunteer application forms, new book announcements, photo galleries, and much more. Finally, we publish a monthly e-newsletter. If you would like to receive this please email [support@greenhill-library.org](mailto:support@greenhill-library.org) and ask to subscribe.

## Friday Evening Talks

### 20 March at 7.30pm: “A History of South Yorkshire Mining Villages” with Mel Jones

Between the late eighteenth century and the 1930s South Yorkshire’s rural landscape and communities were transformed by coal mining and the movement of coal, with the population growing at a phenomenal rate. Drawing on a wide variety of sources, Mel’s copiously illustrated talk explores the history of the physical and social development of these very varied mining communities.



### 17 April at 7.30pm: “The state of nature in Sheffield” (and looking for otters on the River Don) with Nicky Rivers

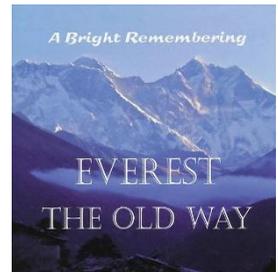


Dr Nicky Rivers, Living Landscape Development Manager at the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust will be talking about the ‘State of

Nature in Sheffield’, plus ‘Otterly Amazing’, which were both part of the two-year project ‘Nature Counts’

### 15 May at 7.30pm: “Everest the Old Way” with John Driskell

In 1967 John and four friends saved up to buy a second-hand Land Rover in which they drove from Sheffield to Kathmandu. From there they made the 300-mile trek over high mountain ridges to Everest Base Camp. Returning to Nepal as old men in 2011 they revisited some of the places. Learn what motivated them, what they experienced over 50 years ago and reflections after their revisit.



### 12 June at 7.30pm: “A Feast of Folk”

Back by popular demand: join Jon Scaife, Judy Dunlop, Charlie Smallwood, Geoff Trend and others for a fabulous evening of traditional and contemporary folk music.

Tickets £10 includes a glass of wine or beer

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

## Friday 6 March at 7.30pm: Downton Abbey (Cert PG)



In March we bring you last year's big screen adaptation of the hit TV series, Downton Abbey. The movie brings us the continuing story of the Crawley family, wealthy owners of a large estate in the English countryside in the early twentieth century. Written by the series writer Julian Fellowes, it stars Hugh Bonneville, Jim Carter, Michelle Dockery and Maggie Smith.

## Friday 3 April at 7.30pm: Red Joan (Cert PG)



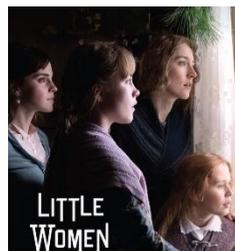
Loosely inspired by a true story, this dramatized biopic shifts between two eras as it recounts the tale of Joan Stanley, a longtime British spy for the KGB who sees her peaceful suburban retirement abruptly shattered when she's arrested for treason. Starring Judi Dench as the present day Joan and Sophie Cookson as her younger self.

## Friday 1 May at 7.30pm: Judy (Cert 12A)



The Judy Garland biopic, Judy, is being shown in May. Starring Renée Zellweger, Finn Wittrock, Rufus Sewell and Michael Gambon the movie is based on *End Of The Rainbow* by Peter Quilter. Legendary performer Judy Garland (Renée Zellweger) arrives in London in the winter of 1968 to perform a series of sold-out concerts. Zellweger was nominated for an Oscar for Best Actress.

## Friday 5 June at 7.30pm: Little Women (Cert U)



In June we bring you the latest film from the award winning director Greta Gerwig. The adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's Little Women stars Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson, Florence Pugh and Laura Dern. In the movie Jo March reflects back and forth on her life, telling the beloved story of the March sisters - four young women each determined to live life on their own terms.

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

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*Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build communities.* – R. David Lankes

## Children's Cinema

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**Saturday 7 March at 2.30pm: Lion King (Cert U)**



For March we're showing the stunning photorealistic remake of the Lion King, directed by Jon Favreau (Iron Man, Jungle Book). After the murder of his father, a young lion prince flees his kingdom only to learn the true meaning of responsibility and bravery.

**Saturday 11 April at 2.30pm: Dora and the Lost City of Gold (Cert U)**



The live action adaptation of the television series Dora The Explorer. Having spent most of her life exploring the jungle with her parents, nothing could prepare Dora for her most dangerous adventure ever: high school. Always the explorer, Dora finds herself on an adventure to save her parents and solve the mystery behind a lost Inca civilization.

**Saturday 2 May at 2.30pm: Farmageddon (Cert U)**



The sequel to the Shaun The Sheep Movie, Farmageddon is May's offering. When an alien with amazing powers crash-lands near Mossy Bottom Farm, Shaun the Sheep goes on a mission to shepherd the intergalactic visitor home before a sinister organization can capture her. The movie is produced by Aardman Animations who gave us Morph and Wallace and Gromit.

**Saturday 6 June at 2.30pm: Frozen 2 (Cert U)**



The most anticipated sequel is being shown in June with Frozen II featuring the voices of Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel, Josh Gad and Jonathan Groff. Anna, Elsa, Kristoff, Olaf and Sven leave Arendelle to travel to the ancient, autumn-bound forest of an enchanted land. They set out to find the origin of Elsa's powers in order to save their kingdom.

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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.

**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 writing computer programs. Thursdays after school. Pre-registration is essential. Email [codeclub@greenhill-library.org](mailto: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](mailto:shelleywalsh@me.com)

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

### Special Events

**Wednesday 11 March at 7.30pm: "Family of Man" with David Ashworth**

Family of Man is an audio-visual performance which, through commentary, video and music explores connections across generations celebrated in Barbara Hepworth's remarkable series of sculptures, in Yorkshire Sculpture Park. This is a *free* event.



Greenhill's **Open Gardens weekend** this year is on **20/21 June**. If you are interested in opening your garden for us please email [gardens@greenhill-library.org](mailto:gardens@greenhill-library.org). It's a great way to meet others in the community. Garden visitors will need to buy a map (£5) which gets you into all the gardens. Please check our web site and Facebook page for more detail nearer the time.

## Book Review

**“Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens**

Reviewed by **Chris Jones**

Having family members living in the Carolinas in North America, I was drawn to this story of a girl growing up in the distinctive marsh area of North Carolina, known as the “Outer Banks”, in the 1970s.

Kya, six years old, is abandoned in a shack by her family because of her father’s abusive behaviour. Shunned by the nearby townspeople as “Marsh Girl”, she is left to survive by instinct. After a while a local boy looks out for her and teaches her to read, recognising her special gifts.

Her education and intelligence come from being in tune with the amazing natural surroundings. The book contains some beautiful descriptions of the area, as well as being a heart-breaking story of Kya’s coming of age, as abandonment and betrayal force her to become self-reliant but with a longing for love.

Interwoven in the story is a surprising murder which threatens Kya’s way of life. The haunting tale gives insights into a special setting and the triumph of human survival.



### New books for a new decade!

A small sampling of the 100 or so new adult titles we put onto the shelves in December.

### Booking the Library

You can book the library outside of our normal opening hours for private meetings, parties, film showings etc.

Details on the web site:

[greenhill-library.org/booking-the-library](http://greenhill-library.org/booking-the-library)

Sunshine says:



Our next Farmers’ and Artisan market is from 11 am to 4pm on **Sunday 5 April**.



2020 is Sheffield's "Year of Reading" and we're encouraging library users young and old to join in by telling us about your favourite reads. You can (1) fill in the little form on our website at [greenhill-library.org/goodreads](http://greenhill-library.org/goodreads). We have monthly book prizes for the best entries. (2) Complete a "Favourite Reads" card which you can pick up at the library. Cards will go into a draw for a £100 book token prize. Or (3) tweet them using hashtags #GreenhillLibrary and #SheffieldYearofReading2020. There are lots of other events going on at libraries and other venues across the city — pick up a "Year of Reading" booklet in the library.

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10 March at 7.00pm. **Greenhill Village History Society** presents "Then and Now: The Hope Valley Line" with **Ted Hancock**.

Join local railway enthusiast Ted on a photographic journey in the golden age of steam up the long climb from Sheffield Midland station with stops including Queens Road goods depot, Heeley station, Millhouses locomotive shed and station and Beauchief station to Dore and Totley station.



Ted's book ('The Hope Valley Line - Dore to Chinley' Vol 1 – Price £30.00) will be available to purchase and of course, Ted will be happy to sign your copy. Places must be pre-booked at Library Reception. Pay on the door on the night - £4.00.

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## SITUATIONS VACANT

**Fundraising Coordinator:** We need someone to assist our fundraising by helping to write grant applications. Ideally we would like someone interested in developing the role to eventually assume a leadership position of this activity for the library, and to identify new ways of raising money. Interested? Email [volunteering@greenhill-library.org](mailto:volunteering@greenhill-library.org)



## Opportunities for young people



From time to time the library can provide volunteering opportunities for young people after school and through the summer holidays. Most of our opportunities are for sixth form or college students, however 12 year olds+ are welcome to apply to help with the Summer Reading Challenge starting on the 1st July and running for the summer break. There is a form on our web site

([greenhill-library.org/volunteering-for-young-people](http://greenhill-library.org/volunteering-for-young-people)) which you can use to apply.

Volunteering is a great way to develop social skills in a safe and rewarding environment.