



# Newsletter Winter/Spring 2022

## Lowedges Update

Meet Catherine, who has recently joined us to head up the continued development of our library service in Lowedges. Situated amongst the Lowedges shops the library is open on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm**, though we expect those hours to expand soon. If you are interested in volunteering at Lowedges please email [catherine@greenhill-library.org](mailto:catherine@greenhill-library.org)



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We are thrilled to announce our recent partnership with **Fletchers Waste Management**, who have specialised in skip hire for domestic and commercial projects across South Yorkshire for 40 years.



Their donation will fund the printing of this newsletter and they are also looking at supporting the purchase of a new touch screen and a 12 adult literacy program.

This support will significantly increase our ability to deliver our educational services for adults and children in Sheffield.

*“Supporting our community is something we are all very passionate about at Fletchers. After speaking with Chris Brown, I was humbled by the amazing work they’re doing to support the education of adults and children in Sheffield. Fletchers employees and their families already use the library services, and we’re honoured to be contributing.”* Gavin Leverett, Managing Director at Fletchers Waste Management.

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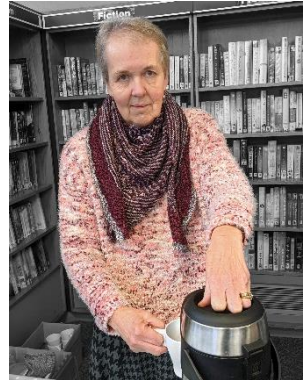
**We are open:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am –12.30pm and 1.30pm – 4.30pm  
Saturday: 10am – 12.30pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday: Closed

## 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.

### Carolyn Kirby

A former infant school teacher, Carolyn took early retirement to look after her husband and was his full-time carer for many years. After he died, she got involved with the library simply to satisfy a need to be useful. Currently she works one shift a week at Lowedges Library and is very keen to encourage reading, literacy and the use of the library there. She also assists with an after-school club, and helps run the coffee mornings at Greenhill on a Thursday "just for a chat". Outside of the library, she enjoys knitting, gardening and reading.



### Michael Corbishley



"As a Londoner moving to Sheffield in 2019 I had no local network so its been great to meet local people through the library but more importantly it has helped me feel part of the local community. I think we are incredibly lucky to have a community asset like Greenhill Library and personally I wanted to support that in any way I could. I am a fairly new trustee serving as vice chair at the moment. I'm not sure if I have a particular remit beyond trying to be helpful however I can, though I have been active on the fundraising team and most recently I took on the role of HR Administrator for the recruitment of our new Engagement and Events coordinator."

Outside of the library Michael has two daughters aged 3 and 1 who keep him fairly busy but otherwise he enjoys playing football, running and reading of course!

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### More dates for your diary

- Open Gardens Weekend: 25 & 26 June
- "Wizard of Oz" themed day at the library: 6 August
- Greenhill Scarecrow Festival: 13 — 27 August

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Never lend books, for no one ever returns them; the only books I have in my library are books that other folks have lent me. — *Anatole France*

## For Pre-Schoolers



### Story time with Janet Black

Aimed at age 3-4 preschoolers and their siblings, families and friends of all ages.



### Sing and a Story with Laura Alston

A short story time and singsong aimed at our very youngest readers and their siblings.

Sessions at 10.15 and 10.45 on alternating Thursdays. Full details of dates and times are on our booking page [greenhill.bookwhen.com](http://greenhill.bookwhen.com). Both events are free but we ask you to book ahead so we know who's coming and can limit numbers if necessary



Did you receive a digital device for Christmas?  
Are you wondering what you can do with it?

**Unlock the potential of your  
smart phone, tablet or laptop!**

We can help you gain confidence in using your device to:

- Start using email and sharing photos
- Stay in touch with folks around the world using Whatsapp, Zoom or Skype
- Shop online
- Look up information on the Internet
- ... and more

Bring your device along to Greenhill Library to our **Friday morning help sessions** from 10.00 to 11.30. You can also get help with using our public Windows computers

*This is a one-on-one "best efforts" service. We may have limited time to spend with you and do not guarantee to solve all your problems!*



# Evening Cinema

## Friday 4 February at 7.30pm: 1917 (Cert 15)



1917 is a British war movie from Sam Mendes. The film takes place after the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line and follows two British soldiers in their mission to deliver an important message to call off a doomed offensive attack. Nominated for 10 Oscars and won three.

## Friday 4 March at 7.30pm: The King and I (Cert U)



The 1956 musical from Rodgers and Hammerstein. Based on the novel Anna and the King of Siam, the movie is about a school teacher who became teacher to the children of King Mongkut of Siam in the early 1960s. The film features Deborah Kerr, Yul Brynner, Rita Moreno and Martin Benson. Yul Brynner won his Best Actor Oscar for this after playing the role 4,625 times on stage

## Friday 1 April at 7.30pm: Nomadland (Cert 12A)



Frances McDormand stars in the latest Best Picture Academy Award winner. A woman in her sixties, after losing everything in the Great Recession, embarks on a journey through the American West, living as a van-dwelling modern-day nomad. Winner of three Oscars overall including Best Actress.

## Friday 6 May at 7.30pm: Call of the Wild (Cert PG)



The Call of the Wild is a 2020 American adventure film based on Jack London's 1903 novel of the same name. Set during the 1890s Klondike Gold Rush, the film follows a dog named Buck as he is stolen from his home in California and sent to the Yukon, where he befriends an old outdoorsman and begins a life-altering adventure.

For our evening cinema events, door open/refreshments at 7pm, film starts at 7.30. Audience sizes are limited; to guarantee a place please book ahead at [greenhill.bookwhen.com](https://www.greenhill.bookwhen.com) Film showings are free; you may make a donation (suggested £5) on the night.

# Children's Cinema

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## Saturday 5 Feb at 2.30: Bedknobs and Broomsticks



An apprentice witch, three kids and a cynical magician conman search for the missing component to a magic spell to be used in the defence of Britain in WWII. Classic movie starring Angela Lansbury, and David Tomlinson, directed by Robert Stevenson who also directed Mary Poppins.

## Saturday 5 March at 2.30: Soul



Pixar's extraordinary animation from 2020. After landing the gig of a lifetime, a New York jazz pianist suddenly finds himself trapped in a strange land between Earth and the afterlife. There he discovers what it really means to have soul. The film features the voices of Jamie Foxx, Tina Fey and Graham Norton.

## Saturday 2 April at 2.30: Stuart Little



The classic children's movie from 1999 concerns a mouse who is adopted by the Little family, and his adventures trying to become an accepted member of the family. Michael J Fox is the voice of Stuart with Hugh Laurie and Geena Davis playing his human parents.

## Saturday 7 May at 2.30: Lady and the Tramp



Classic Disney animation from 1955. Lady, a golden cocker spaniel, meets up with a mongrel dog who calls himself the Tramp. He is obviously from the wrong side of town, but happenings at Lady's home make her decide to travel with him for a while. Time magazine named it one of "The 25 All-Time Best Animated Films".

Our Saturday cinema events open their doors at 2pm for refreshments (sweets, ice creams, drinks). Film starts at 2.30. Films showings are free; you may make a donation when you visit. These events provide an easy-going cinema experience ideal for younger viewers.

## Regular Events

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



Our **"Knit and Natter"** group meets in the library from 10.00 to 12.00 on the first and third Tuesday each month. Just turn up!

**Book club.** Meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 7pm to 8.30pm. Currently we are only running one group and it is full with a waiting list. If you would like to be added to the list and/or notified if we start a second group, please email [kirsty.atkin1@gmail.com](mailto:kirsty.atkin1@gmail.com)



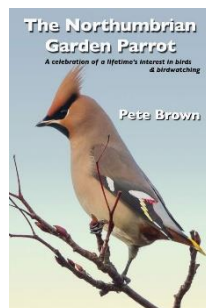
## Evening Talks

### Friday 25 Feb at 7.30pm: "The Northumbrian Garden Parrot"

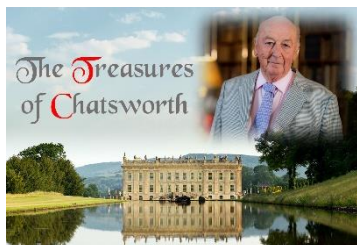
Behind this somewhat improbable title lies a rich and varied collection of stories that reflects Pete's lifelong interest in, and undiminished enthusiasm for birdwatching.

Door open / refreshments 7.00. Talk starts 7.30

Tickets (£5) on sale about a month before at our bookings page [greenhill.bookwhen.com](http://greenhill.bookwhen.com)



### Friday 18 March at 7.30pm: "The Treasures of Chatsworth"



His Grace the Duke of Devonshire will be talking about the art collections at Chatsworth, the collecting interests of his predecessors, and new additions to the collection.

Doors open/refreshments at 7.00, talk starts 7.30. On-line advance booking and payment (£10) is essential for what is sure to be a sell-out event.

Tickets available about a month before from [greenhill.bookwhen.com](http://greenhill.bookwhen.com)



**Viridor Credits** for funding our new heating system.  
**Sheffield Ward Pot** for funding gazebos and a new computer and printer at Lowedges.  
 The **Greenhill Events Group** (Deborah, Joy, Lisa & Marie) for their generous donation of £2,000

## Large print and Audio Books



Eyesight not what it once was? Did you know that we have a substantial collection of large print and audio books that you can borrow for free, such as this 11-disc set of Richard Osman's "The Thursday Murder Club".

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### Book Review: "The Thursday Murder Club"

By Richard Osman

What books do our volunteers enjoy? **Kirsty Atkin** talks about a recent read.

This is Osman's first book, set in a retirement village in the grounds of an old Convent; where to qualify to live you need to be over 65.

The Thursday murder club is a group of four residents who look into old unresolved murders trying to solve them. The story is told through Joyce's diary inserts and the relevant life stories of the residents. Then there is a murder; someone related to the retirement village (this is followed by another murder then before you know it there are more bodies showing up). This group of septuagenarian and octogenarians pool all their resources; of which they appear to have world-wide contacts that will drop everything immediately to help them solve these murders – if only it was as simple as that!

The style of writing in this book can cause confusion as it does jump about a bit (from one character to another, from one storyline to another) and some of the theories or working processes can be a bit farfetched. I did find that some chapters seem to go into details about a character to never reference them again (ie the romance between DCI Chris Hudson and PC Donna De Freitas' mum) it appears to have no relevance and written to fill a few pages. I also found that some of the cultural stereotypes were degrading, i.e. Polish people are either builders or taxi drivers and all Londoners are thugs and gangsters.

I found the book interesting and charming with some laugh out loud bits but a page turner it was not. Would I rush to the shop to buy his next book? ... not sure I will be beating the door down!



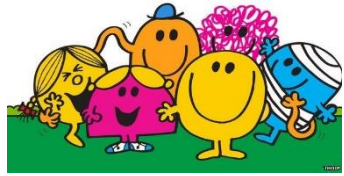

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My grandma always said that God made libraries so that people didn't have any excuse to be stupid. — *Joan Bauer*

## Special Events

### Thursday 17 February: Readathon

Our half-term readathon this year is based on the Mr Men and Little Miss books which celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Story reading, simple crafts, and a dressing-up competition. Check our Facebook page and web site for more details.



### Saturday 19 March: Music for Kids



Jonny and Lucy (violin and cello duo) will be in the library from 10am to 3pm for a day of **Music for Kids**. The stories of *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *The Selfish Giant* will be accompanied by music composed by Jonny.

Mainly aimed at four to eight-year-olds, there will also be craft activities and a chance to “come and try” some musical instruments. This is a free event.

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April: Producers’ and Artisan Market

Sunshine is excited to welcome you to our market – now a firm tradition at the library. Come and support your library and local traders. Market open 10am – 4pm.



## Greener Greenhill

**Greener Greenhill** launched in late September and has had a busy first three months. A small start up team came

together to think about ways to help tackle the climate and nature emergencies locally – supporting local people to move towards a greener, more sustainable future. Lots of different activities are being talked about for 2022 – all ideas and suggestions are welcome!

They are currently working with partners locally to help develop local green spaces such as Beauchief Open Space, Greenhill Park and the Greenway triangle. They held a bike repair event in October and took part in the COP 26 march in central Sheffield in November and they have also held several evening sessions in the library, including one on Home Energy.

You can keep up to date with their activities and contribute ideas and offers of support through their Facebook page (@GreenerGreenhill ) or via their mailing list – [greenergreenhill@gmail.com](mailto:greenergreenhill@gmail.com).