



Newsletter

Summer 2022

From the team that brought you our Harry Potter day

Saturday 6 August 10am – 4pm

Step into the **Wonderful World of Oz**

- Games • Prizes • Crafts • Themed refreshments
- Oz shop • Strange creatures • Bouncy Castle
- Dressing up corner • Photo shoot • Learn the songs



Don't miss it!

Children (and grown-ups) are strongly encouraged to dress up. There are prizes for **the best dressed munchkin**

Open Gardens Weekend 25/26 June



Now in its fourth year, our **open gardens weekend** offers a great opportunity to get out into the community, gather some gardening tips, or just have a nosey. With 21 gardens scheduled to open, some selling plants and refreshments, there'll be plenty to see and do. A map (£5) gets you into all the gardens; they will be on sale at the library about a week before or on the library lawn on the day. Gardens open 10am - 4pm.

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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

The Greenhill Events Group

Have you ever wondered who masterminded the fabulous Christmas celebration around Greenhill in December and the even more amazing jubilee party across the entire village at the beginning of June? Meet the Greenhill Events Group: Deborah, Lisa, Joy and Rachel, four young mums with a magic combination of ideas, energy, and a passion for bringing the community together. Also part of the team but not pictured is Marie who has taken a step back but still brings her creativity to help out.



Group member Joy explains "Originally we wanted to do something that would tempt people back into the community post-pandemic, something that brought together all aspects of Greenhill -- the churches, the library and the local businesses, something that would appeal to all ages and encourage volunteering." The Christmas event also raised £5,000 of which £2,000 came to the library and £2,000 to Greenhill School.

The group formally became part of the Friends of Greenhill Library in March, a move that put them on a firmer footing as an organisation, has allowed them to apply for funding (they were awarded over £5,000 from the National Lottery and elsewhere towards the jubilee event) and has simplified financial management. Library trustee Chris Brown commented "It is wonderful to have this massive injection of enthusiasm and imagination into the events team at the library. Once they've recovered from the Jubilee, we're super-excited to see what future events we'll collaborate on"

You can follow the group on their Facebook page "Greenhill Community Events"

In the run-up to our "Wonderful World of Oz" day on 6th August, we're raffling off this magnificent **hand-made quilt**. Inspired by "yellow brick road" and "rainbow" themes, the finished quilt will measure 90 by 70 inches. Raffle tickets (£1) will be on sale in the library and elsewhere; the prize draw will be held on 6th August.



Featured Volunteer



Meet **Sue Holmes**, a relative newcomer to the library (she joined in November 2021) who can generally be found on the front desk on Monday mornings.

In a former life, Sue was a conference and events organiser for the NHS, before taking on a variety of secretarial jobs as a “temp”. She has worked at an American Airforce Base for a year and been to a garden party at Buckingham Palace.

Sue regularly takes part in other library activities including Knit & Natter and Thursday coffee mornings. “It’s really opened up my social life” she says.

This year’s **Summer Reading Challenge** from The Reading Agency has a theme of “gadgeteers”. Targeted at youngsters aged 4 – 11, the challenge focuses on inspiring children to see the science and innovation behind everyday objects, showing that reading and science are for everyone. It’s free to participate and registration will open in the library on **9 July**



Scarecrow Festival and Competition

Our scarecrow festival this year will run from **13-27 August**. As in previous years we’re asking you to make a scarecrow representing a character from a book or film. If you would like to take part in the competition, and be on our scarecrow map, please register at greenhill-library.org/scarecrow.

Why not give it a go? – it’s enormous fun!

Help with getting online

We have tablets available for loan and **free training sessions** to help you get online and gain confidence in tasks such as using email, staying in touch with friends online, shopping, or just browsing. If you or someone you know would benefit from this, call in at the library and pick up an application form. Places are limited.



Evening Cinema

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Friday 1 July at 7.30pm: Cabaret (Cert 15)



In July comes this musical celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. In the film, directed by stage legend Bob Fosse, a female club entertainer in Weimar Republic era Berlin romances two men while the Nazi Party rises to power around them. The film stars Liza Minnelli, Michael York and Joel Grey. Cabaret holds the record for most Oscars for a film not honoured by Best Picture.

Friday 29 July at 7.30pm: Belfast (Cert 12)



Kenneth Branagh's recent movie based on his childhood is our offering for August. In the movie a young boy and his working-class Belfast family experience the tumultuous late 1960s. The movie stars Jude Hill, Caitríona Balfe, Jamie Dornan, Judi Dench and Ciarán Hinds. The movie won Outstanding British Film at this year's BAFTAs.

Friday 2 September at 7.30pm: West Side Story (Cert 12)



The recent remake of the classic Bernstein and Sondheim musical. In 1957 against the backdrop of the decaying tenements in the San Juan Hill neighbourhood, the constant threat of the wrecking ball and two warring gangs, an unexpected whirlwind romance begins. The film from Spielberg, his first musical, stars Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler and Ariana DeBose.

Friday 7 October at 7.30pm: Phantom of the Open (Cert 12)



This "always watchable" film has an "easy going appeal" according to empire magazine. Maurice Flitcroft, a dreamer and unrelenting optimist, managed to gain entry to The British Open Golf Championship Qualifying in 1976 and subsequently shot the worst round in Open history, becoming a folk hero in the process. Mark Rylance and Sally Hawkins star, Craig Roberts directs.

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

Children's Cinema

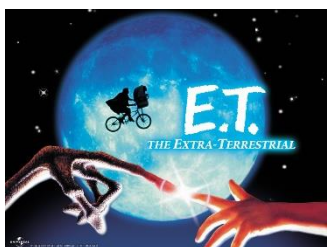
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Saturday 2 July at 2.30pm: Encanto (Cert U)



The summer welcomes last year's Disney movie Encanto. In the movie, Mirabel is part of an extraordinary family who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia in a charmed place called the Encanto. Mirabel is the only one without magic. However, she soon may be the Encanto's last hope when she discovers that the magic is now in danger.

Saturday 3 September at 2.30pm: ET the Extra Terrestrial (Cert U)



September welcomes Steven Spielberg's classic 1982 family adventure. After a gentle alien becomes stranded on Earth, he's befriended by a young boy named Elliott. Bringing the extraterrestrial into his suburban California house, Elliott introduces E.T., to his brother and his little sister. Soon, however, E.T. falls ill, resulting in government intervention and a dire situation for both Elliott and the alien.

Saturday 8 October at 2.30pm: Ron's Gone Wrong (Cert PG)



In October we're showing Twentieth Century Studios and Locksmith Animation's Ron's Gone Wrong. It's the story of Barney, a socially awkward middle-schooler and Ron, his new walking, talking, digitally-connected device. Ron's hilarious malfunctions set against the backdrop of the social media age, launch them into an action-packed journey in which boy and robot come to terms with the wonderful messiness of true friendship.

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.

We are looking for someone to help **serve refreshments** at evening events (usually on a Friday) one or two times a month. We also need someone to join the **cleaning team**, especially on Wednesdays. If interested please fill in a volunteer application at greenhill-library.org/become-a-volunteer/ or call in at the library



Regular Events



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. If interested, please email kirsty.atkin1@gmail.com

Our **Coder Dojo** meets after school on Thursdays and offers children aged 8 -13 a fun introduction to programming using scratch, python, or simple robotics using the tiny Micro:bit. Currently fully booked; go to greenhill-library.org/coder-dojos for more info or to register interest.

Craft Club meets after school on Fridays. Simple crafts to make and take home for children aged 5-8. Numbers are limited, book at greenhill.bookwhen.com

Coffee morning.

Thursdays from 10.00 – 11.30
Tea, coffee, biscuits and sometimes cake.

Ask people why they come and they'll tell you it "gets them out of the house", lets them meet new people and forge new friendships, or occasionally, renew old ones. Why not pop in? You're assured of a warm welcome.



Story Time with Janet Black. Aimed at age 3-4 preschoolers and their siblings, families and friends of all ages. Alternate Thursday mornings 10.15-10.45. Please book ahead at greenhill.bookwhen.com to guarantee a place

Sing and a Story with Laura Alston. A short story time and singsong aimed at our very youngest readers and their siblings. Alternate Thursday mornings 10.15-10.45. Please book ahead at greenhill.bookwhen.com to guarantee a place

These sessions only run during term time.



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Book Review: “On Green Dolphin Street” By Sebastian Faulks.

What books do our volunteers enjoy?

Ann Firth reviews a recent read.



I was attracted to this book by the enigmatic title and by Faulks' reputation as a writer. The story is set in 1959 and involves three main characters: Mary, Charlie and Frank. Charlie is a diplomat working at the British Embassy in Washington and Mary is his wife. Their lives involve a great deal of socialising, parties and drinking. At one such gathering Mary meets journalist Frank and their mutual attraction leads to an affair.

The characters' purposes and motivation are explored through flashbacks to their earlier lives, by means of which we learn, variously, about the Vietnam war, the fear of Communism in the USA, the McCarthy witch hunts and life in middle-class post-war England. I found these chapters especially enlightening and entertaining. Part of the story takes place against the backdrop of the presidential election which brought John F. Kennedy to power, another part takes place in bleak communist Russia – two contrasting scenarios I found intriguing and educational. The story is, however, overwhelmingly about love in its various guises: passionate romance, dutiful caring, parental and familial. I thoroughly enjoyed following the characters through the plot and did actually care what happened to them – a good sign I feel! I was also grateful to the author for the opportunity to learn about a period of history of which I had previously known little. A recommended read.



Jubilee Celebrations 5 June



A few photos from the Jubilee Celebration. The huge flag was rescued from HMS Sheffield.



News from our Library at Lowedges



We're pleased to report a big improvement in community engagement at Lowedges, largely thanks to a vigorous new events program. We have four weekly activities, all staffed by DBS checked volunteers, which will continue in the summer holidays:

- **Mondays at 9am:** Parents' Breakfast Club. Come for breakfast after dropping your children at school. Bring your little ones. (This will be open to all while schools are closed.)

- **Mondays at 10am:** Story Time for little ones (age 0-4). Come and listen to a story and join in with songs, actions and a snack.
- **Wednesdays from 10.30am:** Coffee Morning. Come for a tea or coffee with a biscuit and a chat.
- **Wednesdays 3.30pm – 4.45pm:** After School Board Game Club. For children aged 7-11. We have a big selection of games and light snacks.

We will also have a craft or other activity available every Wednesday 10-3, stopping in time for board game club.

We're open Monday 9-12:30 and 1:30-4:30, Wednesday 10-12:30 and 1:30-5

And let's not forget the books -- we have a great selection of adults' and children's books, and have recently added a very popular **local history section**. We would appreciate donations of local history books to grow this. We now have a laptop and printer which are free for members to use (and of course it's free to join the library).

We are delighted to have a growing team of volunteers and we would love for you to come and chat to us about whether you could join us. Email catherine@greenhill-library.org, visit <https://greenhill-library.org/volunteering-at-lowedges/> or drop in. The best way to hear about what we're up to is to like [@lowedgeslibrary](https://www.facebook.com/lowedgeslibrary) on Facebook or come in to see us. We are situated in The Meeting Place, which is in the Terminus shops, next to Morrisons.

Lowedges library is supported by grants from the National Lottery "Awards For All" and "Reaching Communities" Funds



Sunday 18 Sept

Sunshine says: "Our autumn market will be a little different this year with a focus on **Art, Craft and Collectibles**." Stalls open 10am – 4pm. Free admission.