



Newsletter

Autumn 2023

Trustee **Michael Corbishley** was elected as chairman of Friends of Greenhill Library in October 2022. He writes:

It's been a busy year so far at Greenhill. The new section of the children's library has been a huge hit (especially the bean bags!) and we aim to have a mural painted shortly to complement the bright new space. We have new offerings including running courses, poetry sessions and a Lego club for children all of which have proven massively popular and are helping the library reach new people. Special mentions to Tessa Bainbridge, Louise Dore and Rich Biddulph for their respective efforts on these activities. There are other developments in the pipeline – check our web site to stay up to date. The new groups run alongside our more established activities which continue to grow in popularity, in particular our book clubs, children's crafting sessions, coder dojo and Thursday morning coffee mornings; plus members traditional use of the library to borrow books. I am immensely proud to be part of an organisation that does so much good for the local community and it would be remiss not to thank all our volunteers who continue to ensure the library remains such a fantastic community asset – thank you! I am always awestruck at the level of commitment and hard work so many local people put in to make Greenhill such a fantastic place to live and if anyone wants to get involved at the library please get in touch. *Michael*



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We are open: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am –5pm
Thursday and Saturday: 10am –12.30pm

Our library at Lowedges



At Lowedges we have a team of lovely volunteers who are looking forward to welcoming you to one of our weekly activities. We have free breakfasts, an adult reading group, a craft and coffee group and a board game club for children aged 7-11. We also do free tea and coffee during all our opening hours. What are you waiting for?

To find out what's happening at Lowedges, 'like' Lowedges Community Library on Facebook, or come in and talk to us. Our hours are

Monday 9:00-12:30 and 1:30-4:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:30 and 1:30-5:00

Lowedges library is supported by grants from the National Lottery "Reaching Communities" Fund



Our popular "readathons" at Greenhill are a mixture of storytelling and crafts for children aged 5-8. The next event, on 9 Sept, has sessions at 10am and 1.30pm. Numbers are limited and booking is advised at greenhill.bookwhen.com

Beatrix Potter Readathon
9 Sept



Our **scarecrow festival** runs from 26 August to 9 Sept. Scarecrow maps will be available from the library and online at greenhill-library.org/scarecrow. As in previous years we'll be asking you to vote for your favourite.



Friday 17 Nov. Jig For a Kiss Live at Greenhill Library

Jig For a Kiss play finger-clicking, foot-stomping, heart-warming, uplifting tunes and songs from traditional roots around the world. Five voices and 13 different instruments. <https://jigforakiss.band/> Check our web site for ticket details nearer the time

Featured Volunteer

Trish Bertram



Trish Bertram has been volunteering at the library for about a year, working on the reception desk and other front-of-house duties. "I always wanted to work in a library even when I was at school" says Trish, "but went into banking instead where I stayed for 40 years, working in a variety of roles and responsibilities." Trish was initially involved back in 2013, helping to distribute leaflets and gather signatures on petitions in the campaign to stop the Sheffield library

closures. "It's something I care about and it's important for the community".

Asked what she gets out of volunteering, she loves meeting people ... the children, the older folk who may need a bit more help, and the other volunteers who work here. "And I like using my brain", she says. "I wanted to make sure I could still function after retirement!"

Outside of the library Trish describes herself as a "rather boring person" though in reality much of her time is spent with her 3 year old grandson, "scampering around playgrounds" as she puts it. "Family is the most important", she explains. She enjoys watching rugby and ice hockey, and reading of course. She's just about to embark on Celia Imri's "Orphans of the Storm".

Saturday 28 October: Music for Kids

We're delighted to welcome back violin and cello duo **Lucy Phillips and Jonny Ingall** for a day of music centred around the traditional story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, narrated by storyteller **Janet Black** and accompanied by original music by Jonny.



There will be other bear-related activities, including a story about Rupert Bear, a teddy bears' picnic featuring the violin and cello, and various crafts and puzzles. There will also be a chance to 'come and try' some musical instruments. Why not bring your teddy bear along to join in the fun?

The event will be free of charge and will run from 10am till 2:30pm It will mostly be aimed at four- to eight-year-olds, but there will be things for children of all ages to enjoy. The event is being held in memory of **Liz Coates**, whose legacy is making it possible. As Liz was a great music lover, the day will conclude with a short, informal concert from 2:30pm till 3pm of music which Liz would have enjoyed. All are welcome to attend and there's no need to book.

Evening Cinema

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Friday 1 Sept at 7.30pm: The Lost King



Based on a true story, the film tells of an amateur historian who defies the stodgy academic establishment in her efforts to find King Richard III's remains, which were lost for over 500 years. The film, starring Sally Hawkins and Steve Coogan, was described by Empire's John Nugent as "warmly funny".

Friday 6 Oct at 7.30pm: Les Misérables



Classic and powerful musical based on the 1862 novel by Victor Hugo. Set in post-revolutionary France, Jean Valjean is released from prison and breaks parole to create a new life for himself while evading the grip of the persistent Inspector Javert. The film stars Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe and Anne Hathaway.

Friday 3 Nov at 7.30pm: A man called Otto



This movie, based on the 2012 bestseller by Fredrik Backman, stars Tom Hanks and Mariana Treviño. Otto is a grump who's given up on life following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all. When a young family moves in nearby, he meets his match in quick-witted Marisol, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around.

Friday 1 December at 7.30pm: African Queen



Shot on location in the Congo, the African Queen stars Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn. At the start of World War I, Charlie Allnut is using his old steamer, The African Queen, to ferry supplies to villages in East Africa. When the Rev. Sayer dies, Charlie agrees to take his sister, Rose, back to civilization, taking on the Germans at the same time.

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

Saturday 2 Sept at 2.30pm: The Good Dinosaur



Young Arlo is afraid of everything. Has been since the day he was hatched. But he's forced to find the courage he never knew he had after his father is killed. After falling into the river near his home, Arlo must find his way home. Along the way, he learns what love and courage really mean with the help of some interesting encounters with other dinosaurs.

Saturday 30 Sept at 2.30pm: The Mitchells vs the Machines



This Netflix movie from 2021 is "Very funny, but with plentiful heart, so that the moving moments and the exciting moments hit" according to Guardian's Steve Rose. A quirky, dysfunctional family's road trip is upended when they find themselves in the middle of the robot apocalypse and suddenly become humanity's unlikeliest last hope.

Saturday 4 Nov at 2.30pm: The Tale of Desperaux



This tale from 2008 tells of three unlikely heroes - a misfit mouse who prefers reading books to eating them, an unhappy rat who schemes to leave the darkness of the dungeon, and a bumbling servant girl with cauliflower ears - whose fates are intertwined with that of the castle's princess.

Saturday 2 Dec at 2.30pm: Frozen



Sing along to your favourites in this classic wintry Disney animation. Anna sets out on a journey with an iceman, Kristoff, his reindeer Sven, and everyone's favourite snowman Olaf, in order to find her sister, Elsa, who has the power to convert any object or person into ice.

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

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

Book club meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 7pm to 8pm. If interested, please email kirsty.atkin1@gmail.com

Craft Club meets after school on Fridays. Simple crafts to make and take home for children aged 5-8.

Coffee morning is every Thursday from 10.00 – 11.30. Tea, coffee, biscuits and sometimes cake. A very popular session – you're sure of a warm welcome!

Poetry Evening Wednesday 27 Sept. Another evening event for readers of poetry, writers of poetry, and those who are just curious. Our theme this time will be **Autumn** and we will be sharing and discuss poems of all sorts within a welcoming and informal group. Doors open 7pm, 7.30pm start.



There's no need to book but it would help us to get an indication of numbers. If you are interested, please email our poetry volunteer, Louise Dore, on poetry@greenhill-library.org, or leave your name at the library.



Our **autumn producers' and artisan market** is on **Sunday 10 Sept** from 10am – 3pm

Our Christmas market is on **Saturday 9 December**. Alongside this is our **Christmas extravaganza**. This year's event will be smaller than previous years but

we still have lots on offer including children's entertainers, face painting, games and more!

Greenhill Events Group are also arranging a performance of the pantomime '**Jack and the Beanstalk**' which will take place on **Saturday 23rd December** at Moorview Golf Centre.' For tickets check back on our web site or the Greenhill Community Events Facebook page nearer the time.

We're now registered with **easyfundraising**, which means you can

raise donations for us every time you shop online, at no extra cost to yourself! Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. Every little helps! You can register for free at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greenhill-community-library>



Friday 22 Sept: “Inspired by Nature” with Ana-Louise Pickering

This lavishly illustrated talk will bring a new understanding of the inspiration behind Pollyanna Pickering’s award-winning paintings.

Anna-Louise takes a look at Pollyanna’s remarkable career as one of the world’s most highly renowned wildlife artists, sharing stories of the wildlife which inspired her, and the trials and tribulations of her global expeditions to study endangered species in their natural habits. This charming account of their travels will open your eyes to the beauty that surrounds us, and which Pollyanna captured with unparalleled realism and vitality in her artwork.



The talk also looks at the work of the Pollyanna Pickering Foundation, including the heart warming stories of some of the individual animals which they continue to support, and some of the some of the latest conservation projects which continue Pollyanna’s remarkable legacy. Check our web site for ticket details nearer the time



Friday 20 Oct. “The History of Juggling” with Matthew Tiffany

Learn the fascinating history of one of the worlds most wonderful professions ... juggling! This talk will cover ancient Egypt through to the modern day, concentrating on developments from the mid victorian period onwards in Europe. And for all those wondering, yes, there will be many live demonstrations! Ticket details nearer the time.

Situations Vacant

We’re looking for another volunteer for **Storytime** on a Thursday morning 10-11.15 am. to help plan the session, read a story and help with simple craft activities. We already have two enthusiastic volunteers but an extra pair of hands would really be appreciated.



We’re also in need of a **speaker finder**, to suggest and book speakers and acts to fill our regular monthly Friday evening slots. Needs to be someone with their “ear to the ground” in the world of local speakers and entertainers. If interested, drop an email to Chris Brown (support@greenhill-library.org). Our thanks to **Vera Dyer** who has fulfilled this role for quite a number of years now.

New Books and Book News



Since the last newsletter went to press (April) we have added no fewer than 566 books to our Yellow Sticker stock including 127 new audio books. Shown here are some newly-acquired poetry books and some sports-related children's books bought to support the Summer Reading Challenge.

If the Yellow Sticker book you need is already checked out, we can now place a hold on the book for you and you'll be notified when it becomes available. Ask at the front desk for help.

If you find yourself at the end of a long waiting list for a council book, let us know. We may be able to buy the book for you.



Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the library on **Wednesday 11 Oct** starting at 7pm. Anyone with an interest in the library is welcome to attend. "Friends" are allowed to vote. (Become a friend by donating a minimum of £2 per month or £20 per year, or by volunteering your time for at least 3 hours each month. Pick up a "Friends" leaflet at the library.)

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Did you know that the library has 113 volunteers, 25 of whom have been helping since we took over in 2014. A social evening on 20 July provided an opportunity to say "thank you" to them all, without whom there would be no library service in Greenhill. Thanks also to Barkers the Bakers for the cake.