



Newsletter

Winter/Spring 2023

Getting better all the time!

Three new initiatives to improve our service



The library is excited to announce that we have some “new build” work starting in December. The most visible part will be the incorporation of the two exterior square areas in the children’s library as interior spaces. The one on the right will extend the baby book area and the one on the left will be used for storage.

Less visible is the work planned for the back corridor – a refit of the kitchen, adaptation of the first toilet as an “accessible” facility, and splitting the second toilet into two smaller unisex units. Exterior work will start in December and interior work (which will undoubtedly be more disruptive) in January. However, we do not anticipate having to close the library completely during this work.

JUMP THE QUEUE!

Have you requested a newly-released council library book only to find you’re at the end of a long queue of reservations? Don’t despair ... let us know and if we can we’ll buy our own copy of the book and add it to our yellow sticker system. You should have it in your hands within a week!



Greenhill Library is registered as a **warm space**, offering a cosy and welcoming environment (during our normal opening hours) to anyone feeling the cold amidst rising heating costs. We have newspapers, magazines and free wifi. Oh, and books of course. Do you have friends or neighbours who would benefit from this service?

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

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

Christmas Holiday: We will close at 12.30pm on Saturday 24th December 2022 and reopen on Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 10am

News from our Library at Lowedges

Our library at Lowedges opens **Monday** 9-12:30 and 1:30-4:30,
Wednesday 9-12:30 and 1:30-5. We offer regular weekly activities:

All day	Free tea and coffee. Come in and get warm with a hot drink.
Monday 9 am	Free breakfast for parents
Monday 10 am	Free story time for 0-4s
Wednesday 9 am	NEW! Free breakfast for everyone
Wednesday 10-11.30am	NEW! Free craft and coffee group
Wednesday 3.30 – 4.45pm	Free board game club for 7-11s with snacks

Lowedges Library is hosting monthly drop-ins with Sharon from **National Energy Action**. Sharon can provide help with lowering your energy bills while keeping your house warm. Everyone is welcome and no appointment is necessary. Sessions are held on Mondays from 1.30 – 4.15 and are scheduled for 5th Dec, 9th Jan, 6th Feb and 6th March

Email catherine@greenhill-library.org or call 07926479161 for more information.



Volunteer Jan with an autumnal wall hanging made by the children.

Our **Christmas Craft day** is on 21 December from 9am: Themed crafts, biscuit decorating, and stories.

Find us @LowedgesLibrary on FaceBook or try our new web site lowedges-library.org

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



17 Dec 11am – 3pm Christmas Market in Greenhill library. For those last-minute Christmas gifts. All stalls (indoor and outdoor) are fully booked so there will be plenty of choice.

Featured Volunteer



Christine Ashdown

Christine started her professional life in Germany where she worked for 5 years in the Womens Royal Army Corps Royal Signals. Returning to the UK she worked in the Civil Service for 35 years during which she did 30 different jobs ranging from front-line at a job centre to a H&S factory assessor. "Apart from having a hard hat and a clipboard", she admits, "I had no qualifications for this at all".

She retired in 2020 after the first covid lockdown, having decided that a lifetime spent working alone at a dining table was not for her.

"I was aware there were opportunities at the library", she said. "You can't overestimate the value of these libraries and I feel a sense of pride to be able to contribute to the community."

Christine has helped on a variety of things, from selling Open Gardens tickets to litter picks, but her regular monthly contribution is in running the children's cinema events.

Do you or does someone you know want to improve their reading skills? Greenhill and Lowedges libraries are working with **Read Easy**



Read Easy

Helping adults learn to read

to help adults learn to read. The sessions with a trained coach will be free, confidential, personalised and happen one-to-one. Email sheffieldcoordinator2@readeasy.org.uk for more information.

Meet **Louise**, who recently joined as a volunteer. She's a big fan of **poetry** and has some ideas to promote it in our library, so look out for poetic competitions and features coming soon. Louise would love to hear from some like-minded people. All sorts of poems and all sorts of poetry-lovers are welcome: this is just for pleasure, not for school! Perhaps a group could meet once a month to share and talk about their favourites? Please drop her a line at louisedore@gmail.com if you'd be interested.



Help with getting online



We run drop-in sessions **every Friday morning** offering help to get you online and gain confidence in tasks such as using email, staying in touch with friends online, shopping, or just browsing. We also have tablets available for loan and free SIMS if you're unable to pay for a phone contract. Drop in or email support@greenhill-library.org

Evening Cinema

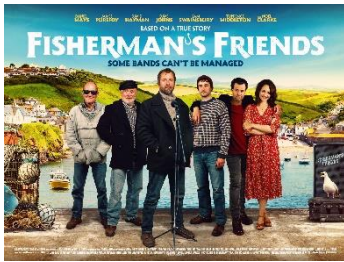
Friday 6 Jan at 7.30pm: Downton Abbey a New Era (Cert PG)



For the new year we bring you a new era.

The Crawley family goes on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa. All the usual cast are in Julian Fellowes' film including Hugh Bonneville, Jim Carter, Penelope Wilton and Maggie Smith.

Friday 3 Feb at 7.30pm: Fisherman's Friends (Cert 12A)



For February we bring you the 2019 Movie based on a true story and starring James Purefoy, Daniel Mays and Tuppence Middleton.

A group of music executives from London get stranded in Cornwall when their holiday yacht fails to arrive. While making the most of it they're exposed to a traditional sailor's shanty. One of them gets left behind to sign up the fishermen to a music contract.

Friday 3 March at 7.30pm: Red Joan (Cert 12A)



Acclaimed stage director Trevor Nunn brings Red Joan to the screen from a script by Lindsay Shapero.

English-born Joan Stanley (Dame Judi Dench), a Soviet and Communist Party sympathizer, becomes employed as a British government civil servant, and gets recruited by the K.G.B. in the mid 1930s. She successfully remains undetected as a spy for over a half a century.

Friday 31 March at 7.30pm: Where the Crawdads Sing (Cert 15)



A coming-of-age story of a young girl raised by the marshlands of the south in the 1950s. When the town hotshot is found dead, and inexplicably linked to Kya, the Marsh Girl, she is the prime suspect in his murder case.

Based on the bestselling book by Delia Owens, it stars Daisy Edgar-Jones and Taylor John Smith.

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](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 7 Jan at 2.30pm: Minions: the Rise of Gru (Cert U)



The latest in the popular Minions franchise. In the 70's, Gru's big dream was to be a villain. Then he met the minions. When the Vicious 6 fire their leader, a job opens, leading Gru to his dream, but he is kidnapped, and it's all up to 2015's greatest comedy idiots Bob, Kevin and Stuart to save him.

Saturday 4 Feb at 2.30pm: The Rescuers (Cert U)



Disney's popular animation celebrates its 45th anniversary this year. Bernard and Bianca, of the Rescue Aid Society receive a message in a bottle from an orphaned girl who has been kidnapped by the despicable Madame Medusa. The two mice fly off to Devil's Bayou to try and rescue the little girl.

Saturday 4 March at 2.30pm: The many adventures of Winnie the Pooh (Cert U)



Also celebrating its 45th anniversary is Disney's popular collection of animated shorts. A.A. Milne's Pooh, a bear of very little brain, and all his friends in the Hundred Acre Wood sing their way through adventures that encompass honey, bees, bouncing, balloons, Eeyore's birthday, floods, and Pooh sticks.

Saturday 1 April at 2.30pm: UP (Cert U)



Pixar's classic movie from 2009. The story tells of Carl Fredrickson who as a boy wanted to explore South America. 64 years later he gets his chance with a Boy Scout named Russell and with help from 500 balloons in this heartwarming movie. The film received five Academy Award nominations including Best Picture.

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!

Story Time. Thursdays from 10.00am. Story telling and crafts for pre-schoolers.



Evening Talks

Friday 24 Feb at 7.30: Flower Arranging on a Budget
Floral demonstration by **Elizabeth Bishop** from **Junglebloom**. Arrangements to be raffled

Doors open / refreshments 7pm. Demo starts 7.30
Tickets £6. Book online at greenhill.bookwhen.com or at library reception

Saturday 4 March at 7.30: **Porter Valley Concert Band at Greenhill Methodist Church**. The band offers a wide variety of music including classical, jazz, blues, film scores, rock and pop, folk ... even a little gospel music.

Tickets £5. Book online at greenhill.bookwhen.com or at library reception



Friday 17 March at 7.30 Loxley: Wanderings in a curious valley. with Peter Machan.

Author Peter Machan spent a solitary year exploring nearby Loxley Valley and discovered the surprising 'Cabinet of Curiosities' of diverse landscapes, historical characters, tragic and dramatic events, unusual occupations, perplexing ruins and unique folk tales and traditions that make this area so fascinating.

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Book Review: “Stranger in the House” by Julie Summers



What books do our volunteers enjoy?
Julia Greenwood reviews a recent read.

After the Second World War, over four million British Servicemen came home. While they were away much changed for the servicemen, mentally and physically, and the women left behind had become more independent taking care of the home and family. Neither the women nor men knew what to expect on their return home after being apart for many years. This book focuses on the experiences of the women: mothers, wives, fiancées, widows, daughters and grandchildren, during and after the war.

Letters from home were a lifeline for the servicemen and “brought untold comfort and reassurance to the men in the field”. One chapter explains the postal operation and how correspondence reached the battlefields, the jungle of Burma and the Far East POW’s. It tells of when men in a brutal Far East POW camp had been waiting for months for letters from home only to be made to watch 3 sacks of letters being burnt in front of them as a punishment for prisoners trying to escape.

Julie Summers’ research brings together many stories, in a compassionate way, through the letters, diaries, photos and discovered documents, of experiences of women. Each chapter features stories, defined by the woman’s relationship with the serviceman, some happy and some heart wrenching. It is an enlightening, interesting and factual account. I found the book fascinating and informative about an aspect of WWII which is rarely portrayed.



We have a number of unusual books from Usborne designed to give our youngest readers an appreciation of the instruments of the orchestra and the classical music repertoire. With built-in batteries, speakers, and little buttons to press on each page, they give a new spin on the concept of “audio books”. Available to borrow on our Yellow Sticker stock.

Situations Vacant

Help us to keep the library clean and safe. We’re looking for someone to assist with **general cleaning duties**, especially for Wednesday mornings. Work hours typically 8.30-9.45am. If interested, email Linda at l.stevenson36@hotmail.co.uk





Christmas in Greenhill



SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER 10AM - 4PM

follow Greenhill Community Events on Facebook and
greenhill-library.org for up to date event info!

GREENHILL LIBRARY

Market (11-3pm)
Visit us for last
minute Christmas gifts!
(indoor and outdoor)

Meet the Mascots
Barney Baloney
Crafts and Games
Tombola
Meet the ponies

WHITE SWAN

Inflatable Snow
Globe

Music and Festive
Fun

GREENHILL METHODIST CHURCH

Messy Nativity
Genquip Brass
Band - 3pm
Crafts start at 12

WHITE HART

Santa's Grotto
Remember to book
in advance on
greenhill.bookwhen.com

Rides, Games and
Festive Fun

SAINT PETERS CHURCH

Hallamshire Brass
Band
Crazy Golf

WESTWICK CRESCENT

Tombola
Reindeer Food Bar
Face paints and Glitter
Tattoos
DJ Rob,
Music
and stalls

FAMILY CINEMA EVENING

Free family showing in
the library of The
Muppets Christmas
Carol. movie starts at
6:30pm

Advanced booking
strongly
recommended at
greenhill.bookwhen.com

OUR AMAZING SHOPS:

Cracker-pull outside Mr and Mrs Cod 12:00

Play Doh and games Kutchenhaus - 10am - 2pm

Power of Yoga - Disco - various sessions. Book on the day!

PLUS: Entertainers, carol singing and more!

Proceeds from our community stalls and donations
will help support our library and future events!