



Newsletter

Winter/Spring 2024

Artist **Grace Jandrell** puts the finishing touches to our new mural in the children's alcove.



We are delighted to welcome **Lindy Stone** onto our board of trustees. She was appointed at our AGM in October. You may know Lindy through her involvement with Greener Greenhill, of which she is chair. She has long been involved with campaigning on climate and nature issues through Friends of the Earth and other groups.

We'd also like to thank **Laurence Coates** who recently stepped down as a trustee after serving the library for 9 years in various capacities including session leader, secretary, and treasurer, as well as doing a huge amount of behind-the-scenes work on our "new build" plans. Laurence's excellent memory, calm wisdom and good common sense were a real asset to the board and will be greatly missed.



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

Our Library at Lowedges

We have a range of weekly activities for adults and children at Lowedges Library. On Wednesday morning we have a free art, craft and coffee group for adults which starts at 10:30. This group is open to everyone with no need to book. Jan, Carolyn, Tracy and Isla have a fantastic range of different skills and activities to try including painting, sewing, knitting and paper craft. As well as providing all the materials, our excellent volunteers are there to provide 1:1 help.



In October, Jan and Carolyn took 90 poppies made by our Wednesday morning group to Sheffield Cathedral as our contribution to their Remembrance Day display. Our poppies are very prominent in the display as they are the only ones that have a leaf attached.

To find out more about our free weekly activities and one off events, have a look at the Lowedges pages on the Greenhill Library website greenhill-library.org/events-at-lowedges/ or search for "Lowedges Community Library" on Facebook.

Our hours are Monday 9:00-12:30 and 1:30-4:30
 Wednesday 9:00-12:30 and 1:30-5:00
 Find us in the Lowedges Terminus shops, next to Morrisons.

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



"Team work makes the dream work"



Some of Greenhill Library's amazing volunteers at a social event during the summer.

Featured Volunteer

Quietly spoken **Gloria Johnson** started volunteering at the end of June. Gloria was hit hard by the loss of her husband in 2019 (after 53 years of marriage) followed by the Covid lockdown of 2020. "I went into a spiral of depression", she explains, "and just stayed in the house, feeling sorry for myself."

"Eventually, I came into the library to borrow a book, got talking to the volunteers and ended up being persuaded to apply to work here." Gloria currently does two 2-hour shifts a week sorting the picture books out and other book stock maintenance tasks.

"I really enjoy it -- it's helped me a lot because it's making me mix with people, especially the little kiddies and ladies who work here. I used to be outgoing but after the death of my husband I lost confidence. This has given me new life".



Book Review: "Shrines of Gaiety" by Kate Atkinson



Reviewed by
Lyn Clayton

Kate Atkinson is brilliant at writing novels that draw the reader in, and this is no exception. It is set in London in 1926 where everyone has been affected by WW1 and is trying to find their way in the new post war society. We meet the Coker family running a nightclub empire and led by the formidable matriarch Nellie whose success has attracted enemies and also the attention of Chief Inspector Frobisher and there is assistant librarian Gwendoline tasked with finding the whereabouts of two missing girls. Amidst the fun and the glamour there is crime and poverty and broken souls. There are men who will never forget the battlefield and women who were empowered during the war but yet are now expected to give that all up. This is both a crime novel and a story of damaged people and how their lives collide. As is usual in Atkinson's novels, there is a cast of interesting characters that you find yourself rooting for even if they are the "bad guys".

Additional Christmas Opening Hours



We're opening for four morning sessions between Christmas and New Year, on 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th December. This includes **coffee morning** on Thursday 29th.

Evening Cinema

Friday 5 Jan: The King's Speech



The story of King George VI, his unexpected ascension to the throne of the British Empire in 1936, and the speech therapist who helped the unsure monarch overcome his stammer. Starring Colin Firth, Helena Bonham Carter, Geoffrey Rush and Derek Jacobi

Friday 2 Feb: Avatar



With ground-breaking effects, this science fiction movie from 2009, directed by James Cameron, tells an epic tale set on the lush alien world of Pandora, populated by the Na'vi. For ten years Avatar was the highest-grossing movie of all time. A visual feast of a film – not to be missed!

Friday 1 March: On Golden Pond



Norman (Henry Fonda) is a curmudgeon with an estranged relationship with his daughter Chelsea (Jane Fonda). At Golden Pond, he and his wife (Katharine Hepburn) nevertheless agree to care for Billy, the son of Chelsea's new boyfriend, and a most unexpected relationship blooms.

Friday 5 April: The Great Escaper



In the summer of 2014, a World War II veteran sneaks out of his care home to attend the 70th anniversary commemoration of the D-Day landings in Normandy. Superb performances from Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson.

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.

Saturday 6 Jan: How to Train your Dragon



Hiccup is a Norse teenager from the island of Berk, where fighting dragons is a way of life. His progressive views and weird sense of humor make him a misfit, despite the fact that his father is chief of the clan. Tossed into dragon-fighting school, he endeavors to prove himself as a true Viking, but when he befriends an injured dragon, he has the chance to plot a new course for his people's future.

Saturday 3 Feb: Superpets



Krypto the Super-Dog and Superman are inseparable best friends, sharing the same superpowers and fighting crime side by side in Metropolis. However, when the Man of Steel and the rest of the Justice League are kidnapped, Krypto must convince a ragtag group of animals to master their own newfound powers for a rescue mission.

Saturday 2 March: Babe



Gentle farmer Arthur Hoggett wins a piglet named Babe at a county fair. Narrowly escaping his fate as Christmas dinner when Farmer Hoggett decides to show him at the next fair, Babe bonds with motherly border collie Fly and discovers that he too can herd sheep. But will the other farm animals accept a pig who doesn't conform to the farm's social hierarchy?

Saturday 6 April: A Bug's Life



Flik is an inventive ant who's always messing things up for his colony. His latest mishap was destroying the food stores that were supposed to be used to pay off grasshopper Hopper. Now the strong-arming insect is demanding that the ants gather double the food -- or face annihilation. To avert disaster, Flik goes on a journey to recruit fighters to defend the colony.

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 Stories and fun for pre-schoolers on Thursdays from 10.15 to 11.00



Our Christmas market is **on Saturday 9 December**. All stalls are fully booked so there will be plenty to see and buy! 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, Santa's grotto, face painting, games and more! Activities will take place at the library, White Hart and St Peter's church.

Saturday 23 December. The Greenhill Events Group with Greenhill Library is proud to present our Christmas Panto "**Jack and the Beanstalk**" performed by *Panto In a Day*. A family show with a mixture of singing, music, comedy, colourful costumes and lots of audience participation. Performances at 3pm and 6pm. Tickets £8.50 available online at greenhill.bookwhen.com. This will probably sell out so book your places now!



N.B. This is at the **Moor View Golf Range**, not at the library.

Situations Vacant – Storytime

Do you have an hour and a half to spare on a Thursday morning to help support our pre-school age Storytime? (9.45 am - 11.15 am) We are looking for someone who could help set up, chat to parents, carers and grandparents and assist with activities. No previous experience required. If you are interested, please pop in on a Thursday morning and see what we do!



Evening Talks

Friday 19 January. "The Story of Graves Park and the Rose Garden Café"

Caroline Dewar, chairman of the Friends of Graves Park, talks about the origins on Graves Park and J G Graves, with the history of the café, its inception and recent troubles



Friday 23 February. "The History of Henderson's Relish"



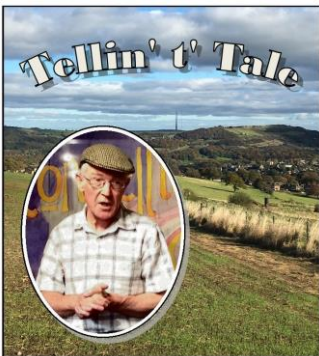
Mark Dawson tells the true and unlikely history of Sheffield's favourite sauce and best kept secret. From humble beginnings in a Victorian grocery shop in 1885 to celebrity endorsements and modern production in a state-of-the-art factory.

Friday 15 March. "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. With live demonstrations! This is the event that was cancelled in October due to the dreadful weather.

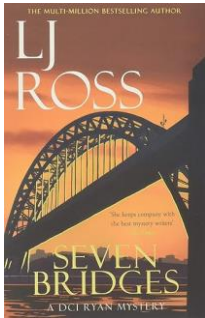


Friday 19 April. "Tellin' t' Tale"



Author and storyteller **Rod Dimbleby**, specialist in Yorkshire dialect stories, will entertain with amusing Yorkshire tales and poems. Rod is chairman of the Council of the Yorkshire Dialect Society and has entertained at well over 400 locations throughout Kirklees, Calderdale, Bradford, Leeds as well as in East and North Yorkshire. His many repeat bookings are testament to his popularity.

Our evening talks begin at 7.30, with doors open and refreshments at 7.00. Tickets (usually £5) can be booked online at greenhill.bookwhen.com or purchased at the library, and generally go on sale about a month before.



New Books and Book News

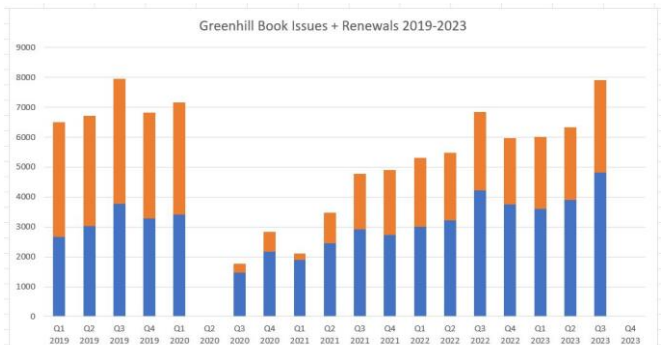
Author **LJ Ross** has dominated our "best sellers" list this year, taking 9 of the top 10 slots.

Highest ranking titles were *Seven Bridges*(22), *Penshaw*(20), and *Holy Island*(19). (Figures indicate the number of times the book was issues in the year ending 31/10/2023.) Top ranking children's books were *Peppa Goes Swimming*(15) and Julia Donaldson's "*Badgers Band*"(14).

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.

Post-covid recovery

The bar graph shows the trend of book issue numbers since the start of 2019. The effects of covid lockdown (Q2 2020) are very obvious but figures have now recovered well. Blue bars are "Yellow Sticker" books, orange are council books.



"Yellow sticker" now accounts for over 60% of our issues and we added 536 new books between August and October.

Unfortunately the company that used to take our "cast off" books has changed its policy and is no longer accepting them. This has caused real problems in disposal of unwanted items. As a result we've had to become much more selective about the donations we'll accept. Please do not leave books without speaking to a library volunteer, and please don't be offended if your offer is rejected.

Situations Vacant – Minutes Secretary

We're looking for someone to take written minutes of our board meetings, currently held once a month via zoom. Attention to detail and knowledge of basic word processing would be helpful. This is *not* a trustee-level post. If you're interested, email secretary@greenhill-library.org



Our next Open Gardens weekend is **8 & 9 June 2024**