

Activities January-May



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The National Fairground Archive in Sheffield

A talk by Ian Trowell
 Wednesday 2nd February
 7:30 - 9:30pm
 Bents Green Methodist Church
 Ringinglow Road



Before the talk we will have our Open Meeting.
 After the talk, tea and biscuits, and a chance to chat with the committee
 and other members.

When and where 	What and Who 
Saturday 30 th January, 10am-12noon Forge Dam Café	Bench repairs and litter pick with the Young Rangers
Wednesday 2 nd February, 7.30 pm Bents Green Methodist Church Hall	"The National Fairground Archive in Sheffield" A talk by Ian Trowell (Open Meeting)
Saturday 5 th February, 10.30 am Forge Dam Café	"Tracks & trails of birds & mammals in winter" A walk led by Dr Paul Ardron
Saturday 5 th March, 10.30 am	Farm walk, booking essential, at open meeting or contact Ann Le Sage, 0779025 0087, email ann@lesage.org.uk
Saturday 19 th March, 1-3pm Shepherd Wheel, Whiteley Wood	Guided walk and update on restoration of Shepherd Wheel with Tom Newman
Sunday 27 th March, 12-4pm Nether Edge Farmers Market	Activities and stalls including Friends of Porter Valley NE Neighbourhood Group in support of Shepherd Wheel
Saturday 2 nd April, 6am Wire Mill Dam car park	Dawn chorus walk
Monday 25 th April, 10am-4pm Endcliffe Park	Great Easter Duck Race, start of race at 2pm Ducks for sale, plant/cake stalls and games from 10am
Wednesday 4 th May, 7.30pm Bents Green Methodist Church Hall	"Kelham island and update on Hawley collection" A talk by Judith Smith and Jenny Bland
Saturday 7 th May, 5.30am Wire Mill Dam car park	Dawn chorus walk
Wednesday 11 th May, 6pm Forge Dam Café	"Reading the landscape in the Porter Valley" A walk led by Peter Kennett for Environment Weeks
Friday 27 th May, 4pm Notre Dame High School Fulwood Road	Guided walk around grounds & visit to environment centre for Environment Weeks Festival
Saturday 28 th May, 10.30am Forge Dam Café	"A wander around High Storrs Roughs" A walk led by Maggie Marsh for Environment Weeks

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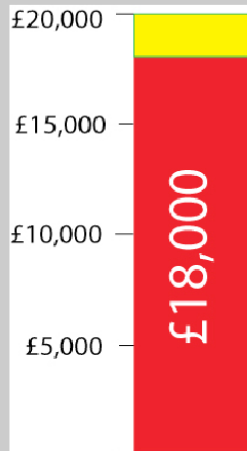
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SW Fund

Nearly there for our second £20,000.



So far the FoPV have raised £38,000 and we are very grateful to the efforts of all the members.

The Committee:

- Ann Le Sage
Chair
- Flora Owen
Secretary / events
- David Young
Treasurer
- Les Greenwood
Membership Secretary
- Ann Granville
Minutes / newsletter
- Ros Hancock
Volunteers
- Glynis Jones
Newsletter
- Maggie Marsh
Education
- Tony Marsh
Website Administrator
- Chris Nicholson
Shepherd Wheel fundraising
- Sue Spence
Fund-raising Secretary

Bench repairs

Forge Dam area still needs its remaining shabby benches done up. We had to cancel a planned repair day in November because of the snow but I will be calling our volunteers shortly to see who can face a bit more painting and cleaning, probably late in January and in February, wintry weather permitting. Now the café will be there to offer hot refreshments! Anyone interested in giving a hand please contact me at ann@lesage.org.uk or on 07790250087.



... and if it snows again on our Open Evening ...

Our February 2010 Open meeting was blanked out with snow at the very last moment with our speaker unable to get out of her home in Fulwood and only a dozen brave souls managing the trudge to Bents Green. THIS time, if there are snow warnings, I will take an earlier decision to call off the meeting. We will contact Radio Sheffield to broadcast the cancellation early, and any member in doubt please telephone me on 07790250087 or Flora on 2301345 to check whether the meeting is going ahead.

Ann Le Sage

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group Farmers' Market, 27 March

Our good friends in Nether Edge have generously offered to share the proceeds from their next quarterly Farmers' Market, to go to the Shepherd Wheel Restoration Fund. We shall be running a stall at the heart of the Market (along Nether Edge Road to the Byron Pub and down Glen Road) from noon until 4pm so do come along and support both the Wheel and the Nether Edge team. There will be hot and cold food, craft and refreshment stalls, live entertainment, and lots of things for children to do.

Ann Le Sage



The ducks need your help



The Great Easter Duck Race this year will be on 25th April (Easter Monday). We will need lots of volunteers to help – manning a stall or selling ducks on the day, helping with the race itself, selling ducks at the Endcliffe and Forge Dam cafés on the weekends leading up to the race (from 10am on 9th/10th and 16th/17th April). We will be making a rota depending on people's availability, jobs to be done etc. so, if you'd like to volunteer or know someone who could help, please contact Ann Le Sage at ann@lesage.org.uk or on 07790250087.

We'll also be having a cake stall again and would like to make it a big one this year. So, all types of cakes – big ones, little ones, plain ones, fancy ones – and small savouries – sausage rolls, pies etc. – would be welcome. You don't have to be the best baker in the world – everyone likes home baked food; so much nicer than factory made stuff. You can either bring them to the park on the day or, if you prefer, deliver them to one of the committee members the day before the race (ring first to check we're in). My number is: 2668332.

Glynis Jones

2011 Subscription Reminder - if you pay by cheque

Those of you who pay your subscription by cheque, but who haven't renewed for 2011, will have an accompanying letter with a renewal form with details on how to pay. Our current fees are £15 for a family membership, £10 for an individual membership and £5 for concessions.

If you're not a member, and would like to join, you can pick up a form at any Open Meeting or download it from our website: <http://www.sheffieldportervalley.org.uk> – go to "contacts" and click on "membership form" under Les's name. Or call me on 230 2247 and I'll send you a form.

Ros Hancock