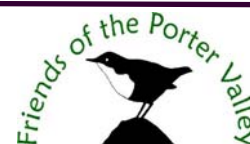


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A talk by Grace Horne
Wednesday 4th February

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 23 rd January, 1-3pm Shepherd Wheel	Pole lathe turning and spoon carving A Ranger event with Tom Newman <i>Booking essential: tel 2686196</i>
Saturday 6 th February, 10.30am Forge Dam café	Geological Meanderings in the Porter Valley A walk led by Peter Kennett
Wednesday 3 rd February, 7.30pm Bents Green Methodist Church Hall	"The Anatomy of a Sheffield Folder" A talk by Grace Horne, knifsmith
Saturday 13 th February, 2-3.30pm Shepherd Wheel	Making bird-boxes for the nesting season A Ranger event with Tom Newman <i>Booking essential: tel 2686196</i>
Saturday 6 th March, 10.30am Bingham Park, Rustlings Road entrance	Archeology of Trippet and Bluebell Woods A walk led by Dr Paul Ardron
Saturday 3 rd April, 6am Wire Mill Dam car park	Dawn Chorus Walk led by Paul Medforth <i>No dogs please</i>
Monday 5 th April, 2pm Endcliffe Park Ducks, plants etc. on sale from 10am	Great Easter Duck Race £1 a duck or £5 for a 'family' of 6 ducks On sale from March at Endcliffe Park & Forge Dam Cafés and at The Famous Sheffield Shop, Ecclesall Rd.
Saturday 1 st May, 5.30am Wire Mill Dam car park	Dawn Chorus Walk led by Prof. Tim Birkhead <i>No dogs please</i>
Wednesday 5 th May, 7.30pm Bents Green Methodist Church Hall	"How our Roads Began" A talk by Howard Smith
Thursday 13 th May, 7pm Wire Mill Dam car park	Birds in the Porter Valley An evening walk led by Paul Medforth <i>No dogs please</i>
Saturday 15 th May, 10.30am Porter Clough car park, Fulwood Lane, Ringinglow	Coalpits and Quarries on Brown Edge A walk led by Peter Kennett



Stop Press

Waitrose has chosen the Shepherd Wheel Restoration Project as one of its charities of the month for January. So if you would like to give the project a bit of extra support, why not pop into Waitrose before the end of the month and drop your green counter into the Shepherd Wheel box.

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Bulb Planting

After a week of heavy rain, we were very lucky to have a dry morning to plant our bulbs. They were provided, free, by Sheffield Council: 1000 native daffodils and 750 English bluebells. Because the ground was so soft, the team of 12 volunteers finished the job in just over an hour. The bulbs are planted at the upper end of Forge Dam, across the bridge, to the left of the path, before reaching the silt-trap. Look out for the flowers soon!

Flora Owen

Photographs of the Mayfield Valley. One of our members, Gerry Sweetman, has kindly donated six beautiful winter photographs, size 50x40cms mounted and ready to frame. They will be on view and for sale at the next meetings in February and May.

Great Easter Duck Race

Our ducks are wearing their winter hats and scarves at the moment (or hibernating in Sue Spence's garage) but, come the spring, they will be in training for another spectacular Easter Monday race, in aid of Shepherd Wheel Project. We're hoping that this year's race will be even bigger and better than the last, and ducks will be on sale from March at Endcliffe Park and Forge Dam cafés and at The Famous Sheffield Shop, Ecclesall Rd., as well as in Endcliffe Park on the day. If you haven't seen it already there is a good video of last year's race on YouTube - just type 'endcliffe park duck race' into your search engine and choose the one which lasts 8 mins.

Glynis Jones

Photo courtesy of O₂ mobile phones



Endcliffe Park playground

Wreath making in Bingham Park

New Year Walk

Winter!

Endcliffe Park Festivities

The last Hallowe'en Party, at Endcliffe Park Café, was bigger and better than ever. Ash Charlesworth, ghoulishly attired, puts on the event each year. The Costume Catwalk and Pumpkin Patch competitions are always popular and volunteers from FoPV organised the entries, according to age-groups, and also sold novelties throughout the evening.

The judging was great fun and after the prize-giving, the night sky was lit up by flying Chinese lanterns. Besides enjoying ourselves, it was very rewarding: Ash donated £350 to the Shepherd Wheel Fund and another £60 came from sales.

We were back at the café on Christmas Eve, for a flying visit from Father Christmas, collecting almost £40 in about one hour. Many thanks to Ash for supporting our fund-raising.

Flora Owen