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Welcome...

...to the spring issue of the directory. There are plenty of events happening in the Ecclesall Area at this time

of year. Whirlow Hall Farm have their lambing days. The Friends of Porter Valley continue with their fundraising for the restoration of Forge Dam, with an annual 'Duck Race' in Endcliffe Park on Bank Holiday Monday 22nd April. Come and support them; ducks are only £1 and are available from Endcliffe and Forge Dam cafes as well as on the day.

On Sunday morning the 14th April most of Ecclesall Road will be shut, as the runners of the Sheffield Half Marathon make their way through the area. Give them a wave, it's all for a good cause.

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Don't forget you can have your say on issues regarding what's going on in the area by e-mailing me at: chris@ecclesalldirectory.co.uk.

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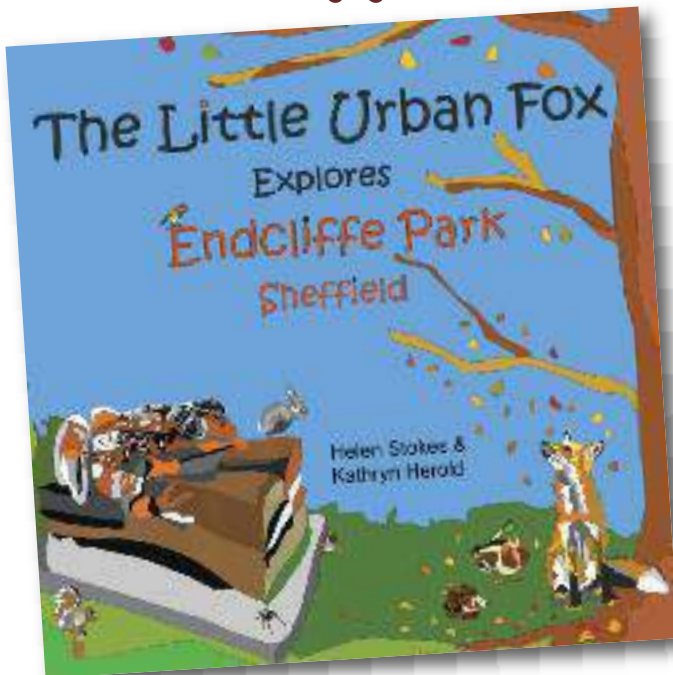
Let's hope it's considerably better weather! Last year the snow decided to fall heavily all day. The loyal locals still came out but it's not so much fun chasing ducks down the Porter when you're freezing.

The event run by the Friends of Porter Valley will raise money for the restoration of Forge Dam. The ducks are £1 each or a Family of 6 ducks for £5. They can be purchased from Forge Dam Cafe, Endcliffe Park Cafe and The Famous Sheffield Shop on Ecclesall Road or on the day of the race.

The fun starts at 10.30 with the race taking place at 2pm.

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Mia wearing her first pair of glasses at 18 months old.



High Storrs at the heart of the community

There's so much going on at your local secondary school! Our local community is at the heart of what we do here, and it's a pleasure to be able to organise events which not only raise money for our wonderful school and students, but also benefit our local residents.

The school is also actively trying to reconnect with our former students, whom we now refer to as High Storrians. We strongly believe that our Alumni can play a very important role in the education of our current students. Whether it's coming in to give an aspirational talk to our students, helping out with fundraising projects, or supporting us with your skills and talents, it's always possible there's opportunities to get involved with your old school. We



have such an active Alumni network, that for the second year running we are organising a large-scale reunion which is open to anyone who ever attended High Storrs. The 'High Storrs Homecoming' is attracting people from all over the country and will hopefully be a hugely successful day once again.

Feedback from last year's event was amazing. One comment which I found came up time and time again was individuals saying "I wish I'd come with friends, or got the old gang back together!" And those who did come in groups had a really fun afternoon. It's amazing how much joy can be had from having a glass of something bubbly with your old teacher in your old school, with your old pals!



If you're a High Storrian and are interested in any of this, then visit our website for more information. www.highstorrs.co.uk/alumni/

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Car Boot & Plant Sale - Sunday 12th May & Sunday 9th June 10am-1pm.

70+ pitches, music, food, refreshments and plants on sale. Entry is £1. Pitches are available now for £10 from the High Storrs ticket site <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/high-storrs-school>
All proceeds go directly back into the school to benefit the students.

High Storrs Homecoming - Saturday 29th June 1.30-5pm. A large-scale reunion of all years for former students of High Storrs School. Included in the ticket price of £15 is a welcome drink, afternoon tea, refreshments, speeches, entertainment from current students, tours of the school, interesting archive materials and the chance to meet up with old teachers and friends.

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The Crucible, by Arthur Miller - 9th – 12th July 7pm

This year's show is the Arthur Miller play, The Crucible. A powerful play about the 17th century Salem witch hunts which took place in the US. Originally written to highlight the issues born out of accusations of Communism within the US government, nowadays the play has a much more contemporary relevance with the issues we face around Brexit.

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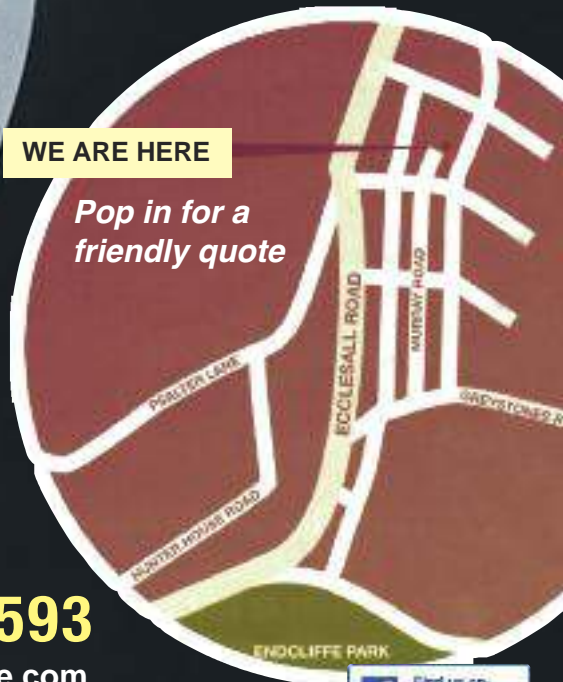
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It seems a while ago now since thousands gathered in Endcliffe Park to see the fly past in Endcliffe Park but I was really moved by the number Sheffield people that came to show their support for this event and to applaud the commitment of Tony Foulds, who has looked after the memorial to the crew of Mi Amigo for so many years.

He is now to be honoured with his own plaque on the Walk of Fame outside the Town Hall along, with other Sheffield Legends. Who knows, there could be an MBE on the way!

If you want to know the full story of the Mi Amigo, you can order a copy of the book by contacting me on 07809 172872 or you can buy a copy at the forthcoming Duck Race in Endcliffe Park on Bank Holiday Monday 22nd April.



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Still waters stirring across S11

In hundreds of ponds in gardens and open spaces across Sheffield 11, something is stirring. As spring takes hold, from deep waters, muddy pools, and under logs and stones, the amphibians awake and begin the move to traditional breeding grounds. Frogs, toads and newts walk, hop, and slither towards their destinations for the annual ritual of mating, breeding, and egg-laying. Frogs are ubiquitous and will generally lay their eggs in almost any available pool or pond; sometimes with dire consequences when shallow pools from winter rains subsequently dry up. Toads are altogether pickier about their chosen sites and will move en masse to favoured ponds. This can also be a big problem as both frogs and toads on breeding migration from winter their hibernacula to breeding grounds may be forced to cross roads and other desperately dangerous terrain. For conservationists the phrase 'help a toad across the road' can be an important calling at this time of year. The destination might be an especially good garden pond or maybe a site like Wiremill Dam in the Porter Valley and hundreds of amphibians are drawn to the chosen spot.

Once there, the toads mate with smaller males clinging to the backs of females. The females are swollen with eggs which they will lay as jelly-strings across the water like so many silvery-grey necklaces. The males compete aggressively with each other and dominance may be indicated by size, tenacity in clinging to the female and not being dispossessed by rival males, and by the loudness of the croak. It is not uncommon for males and even the target females to be drowned under the sheer mass of writhing toads in a breeding frenzy. For frogs, the situation is similar but they produce the familiar masses of frogspawn in huge jelly-like dollops across the pond or pool. Both frogs and toads have suffered declines due to firstly habitat loss but then also through diseases possibly associated with climate change and other environmental stresses. Across the region you can do your bit to help the frogs and toads by making a pond in your garden but also 'rewilding' parts of the garden to create amphibian-friendly habitat. In return the frogs and toads will help control troublesome slugs and other pests of your flower-beds. Frogs are rather moist-skinned with smooth, sharp-angled features and they generally hop. Toads are stocky with warty, dry skin, a short stub nose, short legs and they mostly walk rather than hop. Pick one up and their chemical defences kick in – given a couple of minutes and they will pee on you!



Newts are altogether less obvious and are often present even though they drop, unnoticed, under the radar of gardeners and others. Almost every garden pond will have smooth newts and to the western fringes you might expect the much rarer and smaller palmate newt. Identification is often a matter for the experts though. The specially protected species is the great crested newt and these are big beasts - at least by newt standards. The alternative name is the warty newt and that reflects the nature of the rather dry, warty skin. The back of a great crested is dark black and warty but the underside is vivid yellow and orange with black markings. The breeding males boast a distinctive serrated crest along the back and tail; and so the name 'great crested newt'. However, beware of imitations! When people find or at least see in their pond, a breeding male smooth newt it

too has a crest and a yellow underbelly with black spots – and they think it is a 'crested newt'. But no it is just a smooth newt and may be anything from maybe a couple of inches long to three or four inches. Some may be very strikingly dark coloured too. Great crested newts are anything from six to eight inches or so and very warty. They do turn up as I found in my own garden a year or so ago.

Professor Ian D. Rotherham of Sheffield Hallam University is a researcher, writer and broadcaster on wildlife and environmental issues. He is contactable on ianonthewildside@ukeconet.org and you can follow 'Ian's Walk on the Wildside' blog via www.ukconet.org for more information.



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Taking place during the Easter school holidays, the event also includes a range of family entertainment activities. The Easter Bunny will be there to invite children to take part in the annual Easter Egg Hunt Trail. There will be a Punch and a Judy show performances throughout



the two day event to make your little ones laugh and giggle. There will also be pony riding, craft activities and face painting available throughout the two day event. Our excellent farm shop and café will be open throughout the event, as will our famous Whirlow BBQ.

The stars of the show will of course be our new baby lambs, but there will be other small animals to visit too. Our friendly farm team will be giving

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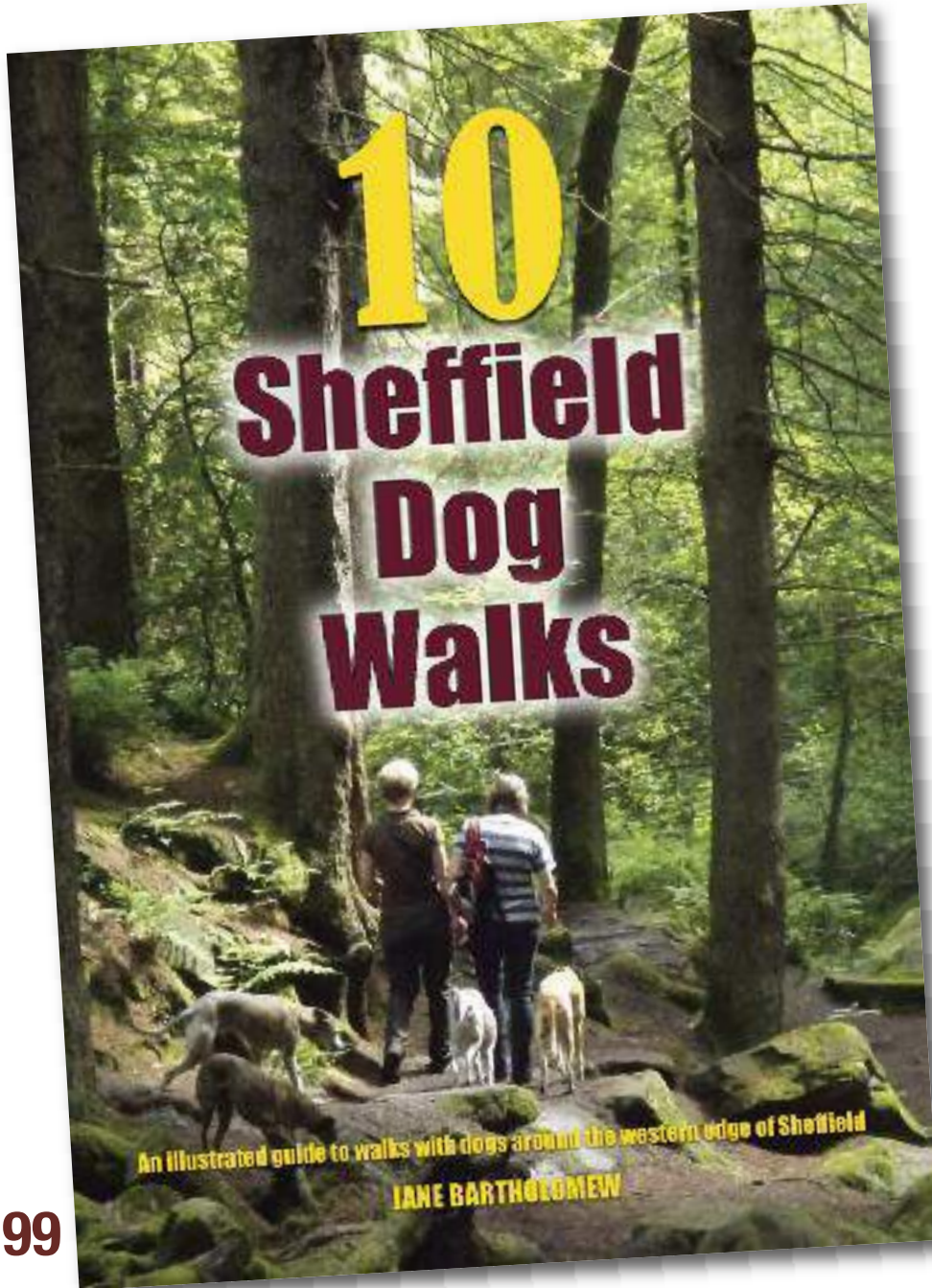
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FOUR BLOKES, TWO PINTS & A PUB CONVERSATION

It was a hot and airless day at the end of a long summer. Grown men who should know better displayed their knobbly knees, red legs and lack of dress sense by going out in public in ill-fitting shorts and a non-matching polo shirt, which was not a pretty sight.

James was one of the knobbly knee brigade, but his companions under the sunshade on the pub patio showed more decorum, and were smartly but casually dressed. In his own homage to the eighties, Ken had on his grey shirt with a black collar, which he was sure was the epitome of style. It wasn't. John sported his long pony tail and was wondering if he had done the right thing in agreeing to have it cut off soon for charity. He had. Finally, Dave had on his green and yellow striped blazer, which he was sure the rest were jealous of. They weren't.

They had all reached the two pint stage and it was time to pontificate. They did this a lot, and it was anybody's guess where the conversation would lead. On this occasion, it was to a discussion on the origins of the universe – they were nothing if not ambitious!

"What do you make of the theory that there are infinite parallel universes, and that somewhere every possible outcome arises from every event?" John asked triumphantly, having seen something about it on YouTube. Although not expecting anyone to know what he was on about, he knew he would receive a pile of blather regardless of this as usual. He was not disappointed.

"It is complete and utter rubbish" Dave announced confidently. "There might be other universes, but only if there are extra dimensions and even if there are, they could not be parallel and we could never know about them"

But Ken felt there might be something in what John had said. "I get some odd dreams" he announced. "It might be my unconscious mind jumping to a parallel universe". Apart from Dave, who rudely pronounced it rot, everyone agreed this could be right and Ken felt entitled to nod a silent "Ha! See!" at Dave, which he did, smugly.

James, who was mostly just wondering how he could make a bet out of the conversation, concluded that it would be hard to prove he was right whichever side he came down on. He decided that, rather than be left out, he would take the group's standard path of arguing against Dave. "If there are multiple universes, maybe in one of them, we are still all sat in Ecclesall, but the pub might not be called the Hammer and Pincers, the Chinese across the road might be a Kebab shop, and the Indian could be a Chippy",

"Yes, that could be right" offered Ken, warming to the task and wanting to capitalise on his earlier success "and maybe the Spar over the road is a Post Office"

Then, with unusual insight for an avid devotee of 'Coronation Close' John announced "what about this one, then. If there really are infinite universes, then it must be that there is one where Donald Trump was not trounced by Hillary and he is the President of the USA".

They all agreed it was the best one yet, but that it would be just too ridiculous in any universe. They reluctantly accepted that, annoyingly, Dave must be right – again.

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Savers turning to watchdogs in the fight against pension scammers

For those who want to stay safe from the efforts of pension scammers, help is out there. It's just as well because such help is in high demand. Between August and October alone last year, the Financial Conduct Authority's (FCA) ScamSmart website had over 173,000 unique visitors. That's around 3,145 people per day on average, or one person every 27 seconds.

The FCA and The Pensions Regulator founded their pension fraud awareness campaign in the summer and since its launch, the number of visitors has rocketed. The website highlights common red flags to watch out for, as well as offering a form for reporting suspected fraudsters.

The scams are becoming more and more sophisticated and there's big money involved. In 2018, pensioners reported being conned out of £23m, up from £9.2m in 2017 – that's an average of £91,000 each. Once the fraudsters have the money, it's very unlikely that it will be recovered, so the key to protecting yourself lies in prevention. The Head of Enforcement at the FCA, Mark Steward, has said: "Pension scams are very difficult to spot. [Scammers] try to make the victim feel afraid or uncertain, worried their money is better off somewhere else. [They] will target people from all walks of life and with any size pension."

There are practical steps you can take to cover yourself and the Get Safe Online website offers six great tips for avoiding fraudsters:

1. Never reveal your personal or financial data, including usernames, passwords, PINs or ID numbers.
2. If you must supply payment information to people or organisations, make sure they are genuine and never reveal your passwords.
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6. If this destination is different from what is displayed in the text of the link in the email, beware – only click through if you are certain it is safe.

The best thing you can do is stay vigilant and get in touch with a watchdog or trusted resource if you're unsure. FCA research shows that more than 10 million British adults are likely to receive an unsolicited pension offer a year. Thankfully, this number should reduce as new regulations from the Treasury banning pension cold calling will have recently come into effect.

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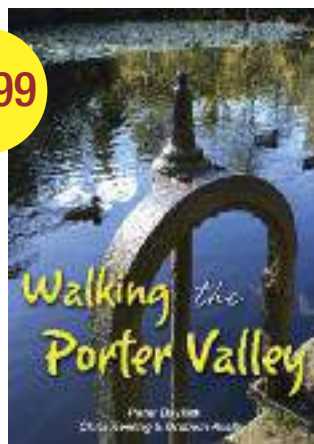
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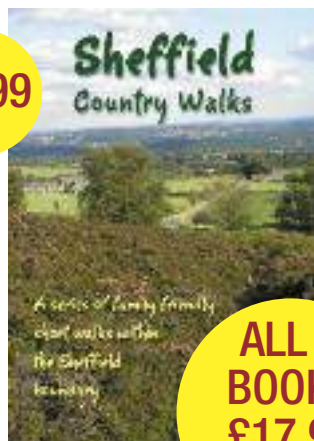
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After Lunch Group - 3rd Thursday in the month 2.00pm

Coffee Morning Book Group - first Thursday of the month 11.00am - 12.00pm.

Friday Book Group - Last Friday in the month 1.30pm

Reading Groups - Children

Book Chat - for 12 - 15 years old. 3rd Thursday in the month 3.45pm (Term time only)

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(Throughout the year)

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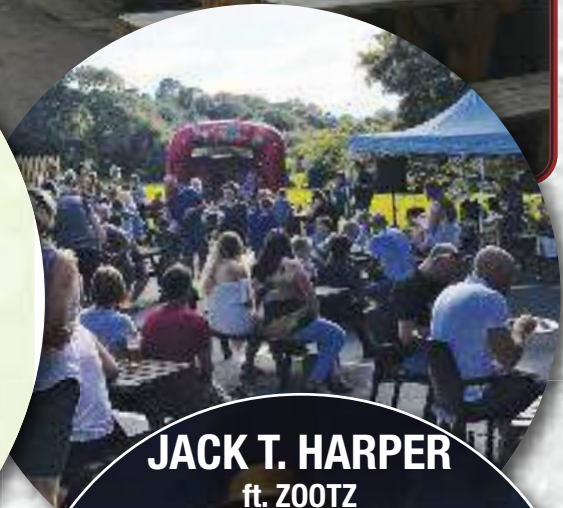
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