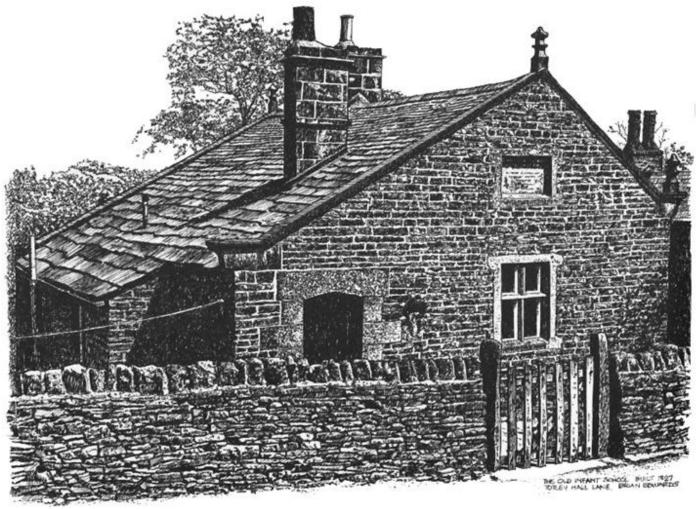
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THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

In 1827 D'Ewes Coke the then owner of Totley Hall had the old school house built on his land.

The old school house on Totley Hall Lane has been used for private living but has been stood empty for quite some time. Work has now started on the house. The builders, Glen Dean Construction Ltd, work mostly on listed buildings and previously restored the Old Rectory (Grade 2) listed of 1710. I have spoken to Dean the builder and asked if he found any items that would be of interest to the Totley History Group would he save them for me which he has done.

We now have 4 glass bottles and one stone jar, also a silver spoon and some marbles which Dean says may have come from two of the bottles which were possibly pop bottles and left by the original builders of the house back in 1827.

We are also helping by providing them with the original wording from the old plaque from the front of the house which unfortunately has been eroded away over the years. They are hoping to have a stone replica made and placed in front of the original one to help preserve what is left of the original.

It will by good to see the old house being lived in once again and helping to preserve it for years to come.

Marlene Marshall.

Round up of TRA activities for June

This is the first Totley Residents Association report since we had a committee meeting and the past few weeks have been pretty busy. I would like to start by thanking past members of the TRA for helping and passing on relevant information it certainly made the process a little easier!

TOTLEY OPEN GARDENS 9th – 10th July further details for these events inside TOTLEY SHOW – Saturday 17th September

The first commitment of the TRA was to chair the Ward Forum on the 8th of June. Given that we had 4 days notice to secure a venue we were really pleased that around 20 people attended. The closure of the Natwest Bank in Bradway was discussed and local councillors alongside people in Bradway are talking to the powers that be in the bank. The development of the car park at Dore station was also on the agenda and the impact on the removal of trees between the proposed car park and station platform. Comments on this matter are being received throughout June should be directed to Sheffield City council and a decision will be made by them in July. Speeding Indicator Devices (SID) are also to be used in the ward and will be on trial rotated around trouble spots. Discussions were carried on that had been initiated in the March forum and the meeting agreed that focus groups to address ward wide issues would be formed. The first one of these meetings is to be held on July the 7th, venue to be arranged. The next Ward Forum will be on the 7th September venue again to be agreed.

The new TRA committee finally met for the first time on 9th June in the Heatherfield club. The main focus of the meeting was to look at the aims of the TRA and suggest ways to consult with Totley residents to ensure we are representing the community as a whole. It was decided that we will be placing suggestion boxes around Totley and also offer people a variety of ways to get in touch with us. Watch this space for a Totley Forum, new website and a face book page coming soon! We will also hold some open meetings very soon to discuss Totley issues. We really do want to run the association for you so please let us know your views, what you'd like us to do and what you would like to see in Totley. We will also intend to examine the present constitution and strengthen it to make it more effective and inclusive. We are also considering the suggestion of TRA becoming a charity and will ensure we are acting fully within the law with regard to income.

It was agreed that the new TRA committee needed a strategy to provide uninterrupted continuation of events and committee members were nominated to be links to the Totley show, Totley Music festival and Friends of Greenoak Park.

We are underwriting the Totley music festival by ± 1000 and will be making donations to Transport 17 and Escafeld Brass band.

Jennie Street has sadly withdrawn her organisation of Totley Show and the TRA wish to thank her for her contribution to the success of the show over the past few years. Les and Dorothy Firth have kindly offered to book the venue and organise the show this year, so thanks to them too alongside Tom and Christine Steel. The TRA will continue to support the show financially and practically.

Heather Moran attended the AGM at Cherrytree and both organisations are keen to carry on joint working where possible.

Chairobics is being held currently on Thursday afternoons at Heatherfield club on Baslow Road. I have been in discussions with Activity Sheffield who can ensure the future of the class although it's possible the day and venue will change.

We also had a stall at Dore and Totley Older Persons Road show held at Totley Rise Methodist Church. We devised a questionnaire that enabled people to say what they would like to see in Totley and how we could help make this happen. There was a general consensus that more activities for Older People are needed. It was also useful to meet members of the South Community assembly and put faces to names. Some pupils from King Ecgbert School attended the Road Show and had an in-depth discussion with the police, Activity Sheffield and the local councillors. The TRA will discuss forming a Totley youth council at the next meeting to give young people a real say in what they want to happen in Totley. We will roll out the questionnaire to all the community of Totley.

Most of you will know that the youth shelter was placed in Greenoak Park on Friday the 17th of June.

The TRA Committee feel that it is very important to keep the residents of Totley informed of the situation regarding the Youth Shelter. We have made enquiries into the process of agreeing the trial and a majority decision of 7 to 4 voted in favour of the trial (TRA minutes September 2010).

As you will appreciate the new Committee were voted in at the AGM on May 9th and did not make the decision to have the Shelter installed. The trial has been financed by money raised from Totley Open Gardens 2010, as it was donated to the TRA to fund youth activities. This was detailed in Richard Frost's temporary Chair report for 2010. The public of Totley ran an independent consultation and on the 15th of June the TRA received around 150 names, addresses and signatures with people either for or against the Shelter. The majority of people were against the Shelter being placed in the park. I have passed on questions raised through the consultation process to Keith Hill who has assured me he will answer as thoroughly as he is able.

The TRA wish to impress on residents that this is for a trial period only, permanent installation will be subject to a full public consultation. Kathryn Higgins

Chair TRA

Do you need help?

- In coping with worry, illness, depression or spiritual problems.

Christians believe that God, through Jesus Christ, comforts, heals and brings peace of mind, in response to prayer.

Members from All Saints and Totley Rise Methodist, churches are currently offering

to pray in confidence for anyone who would like to come to:

TOTLEY LIBRARY BUILDING ON SATURDAYS between 12.30 and 1.45 pm and

HEATHERFIELD CLUB (BASLOW ROAD) on WEDNESDAYS between 2.00pm and 3.00pm.

For information ring Brian on 07722236037.

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Cliffhanger 2nd 3rd July

Cliffhanger is one of the UK's largest outdoor outdoorpursuits festivals, based in one of Sheffield's biggest green spaces with over 20,000 visitors in 2 days. The aim of the event is to Inspire & Involve. Featuring elite competitions and/or professional demonstrations in rock climbing, orienteering, kayaking, mountain biking, running, mountain boarding, skateboarding, slacklining, adventure racing and more. Visitors are able to watch incredibly talented sports people of all ages at the top of their game, and then take part in the very sports they have just been inspired by. The activities are aimed at people of ALL ages.

2nd July 2011 to 3rd July 2011 Start Time: 10:30am End Time: 6:30pm

Visit the event Sheffield website to find out more; www.eventsheffield.com/event/20126/cliffhanger

Run for ALL Life

A big thank you to the runners that raised money for the Dr Hadwen Trust for Humane Research on Sat 21st May in Ecclesall Woods. This is the second year that the Run for ALL Life has been held and the weather was again fantastic. My thanks also go to the Abbeydale Model Railway for the use of the meadow, Pure Gym for the warm up, Dore Co-op for donating water and Dore Village Society.

The Dr Hadwen Trust funds medical research projects that use and develop technologies that replace the use of animals. Choosing the most ethical path often proves in the long run to be by far the most progressive, cost effective and healthy. Animal based medical research is fundamentally flawed as the results apply to the particular species of animal used in the experiment. Investment in humane technologies may therefore lead to faster medical progress. Replacing animals in medical research needs real commitment, not just lip service; the Dr Hadwen Trust has that commitment.

According to the latest Home Office statistics, over 3.5 million animals are still being used annually in experimental procedures in the UK. This includes 3,564 pigs, 4,129 dogs, and 2,815 non-human primates. If anyone wants to help to change this you can donate online www.justgiving.com/Run-for-ALL-Life or for more information about the Dr Hadwen Trust visit www.drhadwentrust.org Dawn Biram

Totley Scout Hut

When was the Totley scout hut first built? Was it 1946/47 or later. The reason for asking is, I helped by working on the inside of the building.

I started work (aged 14) on the 17 September 1945 at Hadfields steel works as an apprentice pattern maker (wood worker), so I was into making things out of wood and I made one of the doors that covered the electric meters, plus other things.

The scout leaders at that time were Arthur Birley, Raymond (Kim) Gale, Peter Williams and John Bowie, who were the others? Ask John Bowie.

Before we moved to Hall Lane, we were on the sic(k) in one of the buildings that was to be used for bombed out people. Also at that time, the Parra troops were in tents on the sic getting ready to go to Arnhem!!!

Frank Young, formally of 25 Green Oak Road





On Saturday 16th July we will be holding a Coffee Morning at the "Cross Scythes", Baslow Road, Totley. This will be from 9.30am till 11.30am. Coffee, tea and pastries will be supplied by Stuart Hitchman and his staff. We will have our newest bus there and there will be a raffle. We are very grateful for the chance to show what we do and hope that as many people as possible will come along to support us. There will be a charge and any extra donations will be much appreciated. We are very grateful for the kindness shown to us by Stuart especially the "Meal for Two" as a prize in the raffle.

We get financial help from S.Y.P.T.E., but, because everything such as fuel, servicing and repairs are getting more expensive, fund raising is more important than ever. Michael Finn, our Manager, keeps our 3 buses in very good order. They do a lot of journeys which involve much stopping and starting, often in confined areas and hilly places (well we are in Sheffield!!).

John Savournin and the Committee make sure that all our money is well spent and that not one penny is wasted. Our drivers and escorts work really hard and are committed to T17 and, more importantly, our passengers.

Many clubs and organisations help us with money and that is much appreciated. Let us hope that the Coffee Morning does well. New buses will cost in excess of $\pounds 50,000$ so the longer we can keep ours running, the better. Some of the money will go to making sure there is no rust or chips anywhere.

Jennie Street has just told us that the proceeds from the "Open Gardens" weekend will be coming to us this year. This is brilliant news. The amount of work that goes into this is amazing. People show their gardens with pride and make everyone welcome and will talk about the plants etc. I know some sell cakes and teas and plants as well. Thank you one and all.

Transport 17 will close for a break in August. The office will be closed from Monday, 15 August and will re-open on Wednesday, 31st August. This is to give everyone a break. Some clubs will have different times when they close for summer. I would ask passengers to check this with their individual organisations.

I hope that we will all have a lovely summer and that Transport 17 will go on and on. After all, it celebrated 27 years in May/June this year. Best wishes to you all.

Margaret Barlow

Councillor Surgeries

Liberal Democrats:

2nd Monday in the month 6.00-7.00 p.m., Totley Library, Baslow Road and 2nd Saturday in the month from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon, Dore Old School Hall, Savage Lane, Dore Contact details:

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THE MEMOIRS OF DAN REYNOLDS (Part I) By Himself

This is a true story of my life from when I was six years young, spent in what was a lovely village. There were persons of whom I like to think of as characters, not that they did anything deserving honours, but were typical of life in those days.

It was the year of 1916 and the Great War was in progress. This was very apparent in Totley as it was like a small garrison town. Soldiers came by the thousand to do their gunnery training on the rifle ranges, also wounded soldiers from the front line in France were brought to the field hospital (recreation ground fronting Cricket Inn) for treatment. St John's Hospital on Abbeydale Road (now postal sorting office) was the operating theatre for severe cases, and were then transferred to the field hospital on recovery. A Dr Dick Evans, a member of the American Consulate, was a frequent visitor to the sick bay at Totley Bents, where I understand he was able to offer his valuable expertise. I gathered most of this information from his daughter Cornelius, who at the age of seventy two came from America to visit the place and home of her birth, which happens to be where I have lived for fifty three years. That was about ten years ago, and though we started corresponding, the letters ceased to come, but she was able to tell me a lot about her family. Apparently, when war was declared she was sent back to relations in America; her father and two brothers didn't go with her, she did not know why. The brother I remember was called Richard and, like a lot of the lads, was a real daredevil. It was not until her father and brothers returned to America that she was able to acquire the information on the hospitals. This was, of course, after the armistice.

The rifle ranges at that time were spaced at every hundred yards. At nine hundred yards, just inside the field, left hand side of Lane Head Road, they practised with the Gatling and Lewis machine guns, and of a Saturday and Sunday they were watched by many grown ups and we children. To us it was fantastic, but to the grown ups it must have been traumatic.

As happened during the 1939 war, it was compulsory to billet members of the forces if you had the room available. Any buildings which were spare were used to stable the horses, so as you may gather, the friendship between civilian and soldier was simply grand.

Offset from the range was the camp where many bell tents and marquees were erected. These were what the soldier used as his home during training. Eight, or even ten men to a bell tent! There was a specially built swimming pool where they were able to take a bath, and most likely to do any washing. There was no supply of water: the pool relied on water from land drains, and surplus water eventually found the stream. The narrow lane opposite the entrance to Monny Brook Farm leads to the stream, and on close examination you will find an iron pipe with running clear water, which was carried from here to wherever. I would imagine the water supply to the pipe was from a spring in the vicinity. Up to around 1975 this was the only water available for the tenants at Monny Brook Cottages, the last tenant being a Miss Diana Burgess. These were sold, demolished and then rebuilt. As I understand there were many springs in times past which supplied water for the population. A friend of mine, Willis Pearson, was told by his father that there was a well at the rear of 5 Hillfoot Road, and it was his great-grandfather's duty, twice a day to unlock the cover to the well, and the womenfolk would come along to collect water. There was also one on Summer Lane, and according to Arthur Turner this was continually over-flowing, and he and Fred Fox were detailed to concrete over the well.

Yet another which I remember in use was in Hall Lane which was protected by an iron gate, and I most remember its use when the steam roller, which maintained the roads, used to lower a pipe into the well to pump water back to its tanks.

During the years of war we children were interested by the searchlights probing the skies for any aircraft, presumably Zeppelin as it found its way to Sheffield and, I am told, dropped bombs on Skelton Works which I think was in the Heeley district. No doubt data can be found on this in records at the Town Hall. *To be continued*



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Totley All Saints C of E Primary School receives a "good" Ofsted

"Totley All Saints is a good school in which pupils achieve well. Equally importantly, the school promotes their personal development effectively, through a range of activities and responsibilities. As a result, pupils have wide-ranging skills to aid them in their secondary education, which are assisted by both their high attendance and good behaviour.

Many parents and carers indicated their satisfaction with thematic learning, the positive and caring atmosphere and the good range of opportunities for pupils to develop important skills for the future. There was recognition of the good leadership of the headteacher. Inspection evidence supports these views."

This is a well-deserved acknowledgement of the hard work and commitment from our children, parents and all staff. We are very proud of our achievements Mrs Bev Houghton, headteacher.

HOLMESFIELD FLOWER CLUB

Saturday 9 July - "A Taste for Flowers". A free event open to all to have a go at flower arranging - no All materials and flowers experience necessary. provided - just bring scissors. Professional tuition. Two sessions available - 10am - 12 midday and 2pm - 4pm at Holmesfield Village Hall, Holmesfield. Also lunches/refreshments, cakes, plants and flower arranging materials for sale. To reserve a place(s) contact Sandra: tel. 01709 541187, mobile 07900 827581 or Natalie on 0114 267 8564. Also email mailto:sandra.goacher@blueyonder.co.uk Book by 4th July to avoid disappointment.

Saturday 9th July: CHAIRMAN'S DAY We invite you to join us at Holmesfield Village Hall between 12 midday – 2pm for coffee, cakes and lunches – also plants, cakes for sale, books, cards, flower accessories etc and raffle. In addition, all are invited to see the arrangements being created at the free taster session. Everyone welcome.

Highland cattle are grazing the heathland of Blacka

Sheffiel Heathland has developed through hundreds of years of human intervention including forest clearance and grazing. It is inherently dynamic, so grazing helps to keep the heathland relatively open, which is one of the things that people love about Blacka Moor. Highland and Highland/Short Horn Cross heifers (females) of varying ages are grazing, and they'll be on the site from May to October. Cattle have numerous benefits to heathland such as:

- *Keeping the spread of birch, rowan and bramble under control and conserving the open heathland character.
- Helping reduce bracken re-growth following other methods of control, by trampling the emerging bracken fronds.
- Increasing diversity of plants e.g. Cowsick Bog through light trampling & creating gaps where finer-leaved plants can establish.
- Creating small open pools for invertebrates throughtrampling; this provides a food source for chicks.
- Helping prevent the build-up of nutrients (by grazing off the grasses), and hence retaining the nutrient-poor conditions needed by heathland plants e.g. heather & bilberry.

For emergencies out of office hours regarding cattle only, phone the grazier on 07811 378 666. For other info call 0114 263 4335, email a.kennedy@wildsheffield.com or go to www.wildsheffield.com.

Re: Youth Shelter

Response to Roger Hart's reply in June issue

I am aware of the site for the above mentioned, within the present facilities for children - MUGA, playground, zip wire and rocks, thus with the potential to restrict movement between them, also intimidating young children.

I see someone looked up the meaning of gazebo.

As we now have a large rock it is obviously doing the job of a gazebo quite adequately so therefore Herdings can keep their shelter thus saving a lot of money ultimately funded by us the ratepayers, cleaning and removing graffiti - a good result !!

I and other members of Friends of Green Oak Park must be consulted on all matters relating to the park. I must point out that there are procedures to be followed relating to any proposals regarding work to be carried out that has to be put before the Friends Group.

Jean Barber

1st Totley Scout Hut

The appearance of the photograph, on the front of the June **TI**, was topical as I had recently been discussing the names of those who helped to build the new hut.

My son joined cubs around 1978 & I joined the committee. How it happened, I cannot remember, but I became chairman. The Sheffield City Council had served 'Notice to Quit' the Totley Hall Lane site & I fancied the challenge of getting a new site & building, for a worthwhile organisation.

Cllr. Gordon Wragg, to become Lord Mayor of Sheffield, was instrumental in acquiring the land, at the rear of properties in Aldam Road, on our behalf, from the Council for a peppercorn rent. It is a super site next to the river. Consultation with local residents was positive, one or two of them helping us out occasionally. From somewhere we acquired a surplus prefabricated office building & again, by fortune, we found that the Government were funding, through Voluntary Action Sheffield, a scheme to help unemployed craftsmen to find "work". We had to pay for materials & to fit out the inside & decorate. Working parties were needed.

Gordon Wragg submitted the drawings for planning & Building regulation approval. A contractor was employed to dig out the foundations & ditches for the services. We collected paper & bottles to raise funds. Workers from VAS erected the building & put the roof on.

Electrical work was done by Brian Furness (now deceased). Brian Andrews fetched materials with his truck, helped, guided & supervised.

The secretary was Tricia Whitehouse & the Treasurer was Alan Vitty both of whom held it all together.

Scout Leader Robin Carter (now deceased) & leaders Tony Marples & John Lawrie helped.

Mick Stokes, Philip Needham & Brian Crookes also helped, as did many others, with wives & partners and various sons & daughters as well.

Can you fill in the gaps in my memory? Who else helped? Where did the building come from? My son left Cubs not long after I joined!

Recent upgrading works to comply with current regulations has been expensive. Joining the Scout Lottery will help to replace spent funds & continue the good work which the Scouts do. Roger Hart

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Farming Scene

We are now into the pedigree livestock showing season. The first show and sale we attended was at Exeter. This is the Premier event for the Dorset Horn and Poll Dorset breed society. Over 100 rams and 2,700 females were sold to pedigree and commercial sheep farmers who had travelled from all over England, Wales and Ireland. This is a 2 day event with vendors vying for the coveted first and championship places in the classes on the first day.

The second day begins at 9.30 am with the auction sale of the pens of females and finishes at approximately 3.30 pm when the last of the show females are sold.

We took one of our yearling rams there to sell and purchased 10 yearling females from a top breeder to bring a new bloodline into our flock. These will be introduced to our rams along with the next of the flock at the end of June so that they should start lambing the 3rd week of November.



The second show we attended was the Staffordshire County Show on the 1st and 2nd June. We took 7 sheep, 3 males and 4 females and came back with 2 x 1st prizes, 2 x 2nd prizes and the overall class championship. Hall Lane Nice One as we call him

stood out from the rest the judge said as he gave him the Championship.

We, like many Northern farmers, are now paying the price for the long spell of dry weather during April and May. We are now getting the wet, showery, changeable weather that we should have had in April. This is causing problems and delays as us livestock farmers we try to make haylage and silage in between the enforced stops of rain.

This harvest was initially delayed by the slow grass growth during the previous very dry weather and now looks as if it will drag on till the end of June when we should be into the haymaking season.

Surprisingly we seem to have a lot of wildlife about the farm at the moment. I would have thought that the very cold winter would have thinned out many of the species particularly rabbits, pigeons and squirrels. I have seen more rabbits and pigeons in the fields this month than I have seen for 2 or 3 years.

The grey squirrels are in abundance as ever and the badger population and their setts are multiplying up rapidly. Many former rabbit burrow are now new homes for badgers as they extend their territory. I wonder if the badgers have pushed the foxes out of the area and that is why there are so many rabbits about.

The moorland deer seem to be staying where they should be at the moment, rather than invading the local farmland. We do however seem to have gained a resident pair of curlews. I have seen them a few times on our fields near to Baslow Road. We used to have a pair of snipe down that end of the farm but I have not seen them this year. Perhaps they succumbed to the snow and sharp frosts.

Some of you may have seen a couple of tippees or is it wigwams in one of our fields next to Gillfield Wood. No, it was not some Indians on holiday from the USA but a local couple who



wanted to have a wedding and reception in a country setting. This was an ideal spot in a grass field away from suburbia, surrounded by woodland and fields where it was quiet and relatively secluded. A good time was had by all I am told! Edwin Pocock



Currently in the Premier division of the South Derbyshire amateur Saturday league.

Experience at good level essential. Training is on Thursday evenings at Graves Park. For more details please contact Mark Daniels on 07984 989893 or Jim on 07879 427407."

THE TOTLEY PINFOLD

We have read the article entitled "A Sterilized Pinfold" submitted by "name withheld" in the June, 2011 **Totley Independent**. The writer was asked to contact us (as we are one of the couples who have volunteered to help with the Pinfold) regarding the concerns they had and an e.mail was sent via the Editor of the **Totley Independent** to be forwarded on to this person. However, we have received no response.

There are currently two couples (of which we are one couple) who voluntarily care for and maintain the Pinfold. It must also be borne in mind that this is an open garden, open to all, so plants could be removed by anyone. Perhaps the writer could advise us as to who is being referred to?

The Pinfold, since its inception, has had a number of volunteers through the years maintaining it, also many people in Totley have donated plants from their own gardens and continue to do so. As this is the case, the Pinfold is an historical representation of both the people of Totley and the volunteers who have worked on the Pinfold, so we would not and have not taken any plants out of the Pinfold garden.

We have been helping on a voluntarily basis in the Pinfold since approximately last October, although input has been put into the garden by us in Jerry Roberts time; mainly to help him tame the rear of the Pinfold as at that time it was badly overgrown (rather like a jungle). After that time Jerry carried on single handedly and did so for many years.

Our aim has **not** been to change the garden. However, we have formed a pathway to obtain easy access for all to the back of the Pinfold, weeded, and trimmed generally and planted mainly to the back of the Pinfold, (woodland & sympathetic type plants to the area, which we purchased, and plants which have been donated).

In conclusion, unless the writer can explain their comments, anyone who has read the original article in the **Totley Independent**, must be completely at a loss as to what the problem is, including us! Ray and Kate Townsend

The Old Fleur de Lys

The original Fleur de Lys in Totley was almost certainly one of the old inns where travellers could not be turned away without offering them food and drink and somewhere to sleep. The inn at Totley was probably built during the time when a mill and a brewery were two of the three credentials necessary for the head of the community to be granted the title Thegn and the community to become a Vill (Village). The name, of course tells us that it had a French influence, it comes from the time of Clovis's victory over the most formidable invaders of Gaul, after which he became a Christian and celebrated his victory by gathering a bunch of wild lilies, which we know as Iris, that grew on the edges of the Rhine and were adopted as emblems of the Frankish Crown. Many years had passed since that victory to the day when the Duke of Normandy invaded Britain when there was still the necessity for inns to accommodate the amount of travellers in this, their new homeland. However, over the years travelling had become easier through the advent of trains and the inns became obsolete as compulsory overnight accommodation and it is likely that the inn at Totley was the last to be used in this way.

When Lord Middleton sold all his estates it included the Fleur-de-Lys and it was sold to John Green, grand-father of my Great Aunt Alice who married my Great Uncle Elijah Salt and for a while lived at The Pewit, Owler Bar, before moving to Grange Terrace in the house next to the Police Station, where they both died.

Jo Rundle

Fleur Planning Applications

As we go to press, Sheffield City Council has received 2 planning applications from agents of Enterprise Inns. They relate to the demolition of the small barn that fronts onto Baslow Road, erection of smokers shelter and walk in fridge/freezer unit to rear, erection of gateposts and railings to front, provision of lighting in car park and landscaping works.

Also of concern is the potential to compromise the Public Right of Way that crosses the Fleur boundaries. The applications can be viewed and commented on by 8th July either online at www.sheffield.gov.uk (and going to the 'Planning Applications' section or type these into your internet browser:

http://tinyurl.com/5va44oj for the first and

http://tinyurl.com/5wdakkt for the second) or at First Point in Howden House. The application references are 11/01854/FUL and 11/01855/CAC.

GOLF COACHING

Golf coaching sessions at Moor View Driving Range, Bradway. The session will continue to take place on Mondays (Except for Bank Holidays) between 1pm and 2pm.

Tuition is FREE, all you have to do is pay ± 3 for the golf balls.

The session will continue until the end of July and is led by Activity Sheffield's PGA Pro Coach. Feel free to bring along your own Golf clubs, but we can also provide use of our Golf clubs as well.

For more details contact James from Activity Sheffield James.Milovanovic-firth@sheffield.gov.uk Tel:0114 205 3724

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Sheffield Food Festival Taste something new!

4 - 10 July 2011 sheffieldfoodfestival.com

Sheffield Food Festival is back for a second helping, offering you the chance to taste something new! The full programme is available to download from the food festival website on www.sheffieldfoodfestival.com. Call 0114 273 6895 or follow us @FoodFestSheff on Twitter. Food fun at events in every Community Assembly area, and the City Centre!

Restaurant, Café & Bar Programme

4-10 July

An exciting programme of special events in restaurants, cafés and bars across the city. **Festival Classroom**

6-10 July

Your chance to learn from the experts at food and drink master classes and tutored tastings.

Festival Fringe and community programme 4-10 July

City Centre Weekend Extravaganza 8-10 July

SUMMER FOOD FAIRS

Following the huge success of their first three Food Fairs at Baslow Village Hall in April, May and June, Totley based food events company Hartingtons are putting on further Food Fairs over the summer. The first Fair on Sunday 10th July features 20 local producers and retailers from in and around the Peak District including Totley's very own Liberty Foods, who will be showcasing a new range of pork pies putting their unique spin on a "Great British Classic" with a range of new flavours and toppings.

There are two Food Fairs in August. The first one takes place on Sunday 7th August when the event will have a Mediterranean theme including lots of Italian, Spanish and Greek delicacies and later in the month on Sunday 28th August there will be an Artisan Food Fair. A tremendous variety of produce will be on sale at all events with free tastings and demonstrations.

The Fairs take place at Baslow Village Hall from 10.30am to 4.30pm. A full line up of stallholders can be found on Hartingtons website www.hartingtons.net and there is a link to their blog, which is regularly updated about all the events.

Chris Horne of Hartingtons says" We are really delighted that the residents of Totley supported our first three Food Fairs. One of the nice things about the Fairs is that visitors get the chance to meet the producers and hear their stories. Everyone is welcome at the Summer events, admission is FREE and you can always combine a visit with a walk in the grounds of Chatsworth House which is close by".

Fairs: 10th July, 7th August and 28th August at Baslow Village Hall. 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. FREE ADMISSION. www.hartingtons.net

Highland cattle are grazing the heathland of Blacka

Anyone visiting Blacka Moor Nature Reserve may have noticed the highland cows are grazing the heathland area again. There are 16 in total, a mixture of highland, short horned highland crosses, and x 3 $\,$ small black ones (that look like calves but are 7 months old).

Heathland has developed through hundreds of years of human intervention including forest clearance and grazing. It is inherently dynamic, so grazing helps keep the heathland relatively open, which is what people love about Blacka Moor.

Cattle have numerous benefits to heathland such as:

Keeping the spread of birch, rowan and bramble under control and conserving the open heathland character.

Helping reduce bracken re-growth following other methods of control, by trampling the emerging bracken fronds.

Increasing diversity of plants e.g. Cowsick Bog through light trampling & creating gaps where finerleaved plants can establish.

Creating small open pools for invertebrates through trampling; this provides a food source for chicks.

Helping prevent the build-up of nutrients (by grazing off the grasses), and hence retain the nutrient-poor conditions needed by heathland plants e.g. heather & bilberry.

If you are interested in getting involved and helping keep an eye on the cattle you can join our Lookering scheme.

Contact details: www.wildsheffield.com or phone 0114 263 4335. Email a.kennedy@wildsheffield.com for information.



Dore & Totley Veterinary

Dore & Totley Veterinary offers a high standard of animal care at affordable prices ranging from routine vaccinations to advanced medical and surgical procedures, all carried out on site by our local, experienced veterinary surgeon, James Farrell.

Please call to speak to one of our friendly staff for advice about your pet, whether its general information on how to look after your new addition to the family, or concerns about an older companion growing old.

We are here to help: We are open for appointments

Monday to Friday 8:30am - 7:00pm Saturday 8:30am - 1:00pm

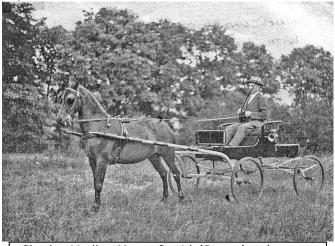
77 Baslow Road, Totley, Sheffield, S17 4DP 0114 262 1444 www.doretotleyveterinary.co.uk

Marcroft Family

I am writing to enguire if any of your Totley residents have memories of the Marcroft family.

My great uncle, Charles Linley ("Len") Marcroft lived in Totley and built many of the properties in the area. He was responsible for Marstone and Stonecroft developments for example and The Quadrant, where the family lived at number 14.

I never met him personally but am related to him through my mother's side of the family. She was a niece and William Henry Marcroft, her father, was of course a brother of Charles. I am in touch with a daughter of Charles, Betty, who is fit and well, aged 90, and lives in Sussex.



Charles Lindley Marcroft with 'Peggy' and trap at 14 The Quadrant 1925

We would appreciate any anecdotes or memories some of your older residents may have of the Marcroft family. Thank you Michael Kirby



Plea for cakes

On the weekend of 2^{nd} and 3rd July Totley will get national recognition when the garden at 16, The Grove is open for the National Gardens Scheme's Yellow Book.

As part of the opening, teas and cakes will be sold to raise money for charities supported by NGS - Macmillan Nurses among them.

It takes about 30 cakes to satisfy the demand at such a weekend!

Please would you be willing to provide a cake, or scones or buns, to help promote *Totley's* welcoming image and help raise money?

If so, please ring Jennie on 236-2302 or email: jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk

Park Shelter

Past and present members of the TRA Committee attended installation of the Shelter (called an 'Upton Shelter' by the supplier), into Green Oak Park on Friday June 17th. When the idea was first discussed by the committee it was agreed that funding should be sort to purchase one. The funding was not forthcoming but in May 2010 the opportunity to borrow one, on a free trial, arose from a conversation with the Police.

The committee, agreed by a majority decision to take up the opportunity. The Open Gardens scheme, run by Jennie Street, gave the proceeds of the event to TRA to be used for the benefit of youth in Totley & the committee agreed to use some of the money to install the shelter. Edwin Pocock, present vice chair of TRA, ably assisted the installation with his teleporter, saving over £300.

The trial is for 6 months & it is hoped that young, old & those in between will give it a fair trial with objective comments, passed to Amie.Rowland@sheffield.gov.uk. Roger Hart



From left to right,

PC Kevin Marsh, Edwin Pocock, Andy Philips, Amie Rowland, both from Parks & Countryside, Neil Bunting, former TRA committee member, Cllr. Keith Hill, PCSO Katie Gavin, Roger Hart former member of TRA Committee.

Blacka Moor Volunteer Days help protect your patch and the wildlife it supports



It's a great time of year to get out and about making the most of the summer weather whilst helping conserve your local nature reserve. Right on the doorstep of Totley and Dore, Blacka Moor Nature Reserve is only a short walk away. Come along and learn some conservation skills and give Sheffield Wildlife Trust a hand on their monthly volunteer days. Join us for the whole day or just for a couple of hours, tools, advice and refreshments are provided.

The next sessions will be bracken bashing and pulling to help conserve the heathland species and control the bracken spread. The bilberries will be ripe so bring the family along too and pick some bilberries whilst your there. It's not all hard work. Due to the success of the weekend days Sheffield Wildlife Trust are also setting up mid week volunteer days as well.

Saturday volunteer days dates and tasks are:

- July 2nd: Bracken control in the woodland glade
- August 6th: Bracken control on Lenny Hill
- **September 3rd**: Rhodedendron management at Strawberry Lee Plantation
- October 1st: Thinning and coppicing at Bole Hill

Mid Week volunteer days will be running of the third Thursday of the month starting in August.

Sheffield Wildlife Trust would like to say a Big Thank you to everyone that have helped so far, installing benches, carrying out vegetation and footpath work and been out and about in all weathers!

The support is really appreciated and all the extra hands have made light work of all the tasks.

Volunteer days volunteer days start at 10am, and finish 3pm Meet at: Stony Ridge car park, A625 Hathersage Road, grid reference SK 278 806.

Please wear warm clothes and sturdy footwear, and bring a packed lunch

For more information phone Hannah Wittram (Community Wildlife Ranger) on 0114 263 4335.

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TOTLEY SHOW 2011 Saturday September 17th. Totley Primary School

8.45am to 10.45am Entrants registration **11am to 12.30pm** Judging & awarding of Certificates **1.30pm** Doors open to the public (Entrance 50p, children 20p)

1.45pm Official opening

3pm Prize giving and Auction of donated items **4pm** Conclusion

Entry forms available in this issue of **Totley Independent,** at Totley Library, Totley Post Office and The Ironing Parlour or at the door on the day.

Offers of help would be appreciated. There will be a planning meeting at 7.30pm Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road on Thursday 21st July

Within the photographic section we once again have "Totally Totley", the idea being to bring along your views of Totley in any medium, so let's see plenty of entries as we are sure with digital cameras these days there must be lots of shots available.

Escafeld Brass Band have been booked to play again. If you would like to donate a gift for the Tombola stall, it would be greatly appreciated. Any donation can be left at either "The Ironing Shop" on Baslow Road or at 6 Milldale Road, Totley.

Any group wishing to have a stall at the Show, please contact Les or Dorothy Firth, 6 Milldale Road, Tel 0114 236 4190, e mail "lesanddotfirth@talktalk.net

All proceeds after costs will be donated to Transport 17

Les & Dorothy Firth

TRA, TOG & The Show

The report of the Totley Residents Association AGM printed in the June 2011 issue of Totley Independent failed to mention that Totley Residents Association had an income of £18,000 in 2010 and that this falls way beyond the boundary of legality for voluntary associations. Charity law states that a voluntary body which has an income of over £5,000 MUST register as a charity.

I wish to inform residents of Totley, that as a member of the TRA until the AGM in May, I was one of the people who took legal advice that the TRA needed to become a charity, and we had thus all worked on a Constitution according to the Charity Commission's guidelines. The TRA in 2010 had in fact voted to become a charity and work towards that end. Like it or not, this constitution was long and complicated, but we have to realise the world has changed.

Mob rule, false rumour and false accusations ruled at the AGM and it was the most appalling example of hostile and irrational behaviour that I have ever seen in my life - and that is saying something, because for 6 years in the 1970s I was the Chair of The Gypsy and Traveller Support Group and have been on the platform at some very hostile meetings in communities where a traveller site was proposed. But never at that time did I witness as dreadful behaviour as that of certain Totley people at the May AGM.

Those among us who want to turn the clock back have been very successful in Totley, but another disastrous outcome of the vote against the TRA becoming a registered charity is that it will disqualify the TRA from funding from a whole host of funders. The TRA had already not only been turned down for funding by one funder for having a wholly inadequate constitution, but other funders stated that since the TRA was not a charity it did not qualify for their funding. Some voices say the TRA doesn't get funding because it is not an area of deprivation. Actually, this is a spurious claim, because a well-presented funding bid, for a good cause, and fitting a funder's criteria, will succeed.

It is with regret then that I have withdrawn from being the Co-ordinator of Totley Show. I took over this role in 2009 and ran a highly successful operation making £1,000 profit, involving many children and their families, an aspect that had sadly declined previously. The reason I am not going to be involved this year is because I cannot ethically be part of an organisation which deliberately and publicly chose to flout the law. When we act in a voluntary capacity for the local community, it is essential that we are seen to act not only with probity, but within the law, and accountable as such.

Furthermore, as a result of the AGM, the Totley Open Gardeners have unanimously decided to become a separate organisation, since they also do not want to be under an organisation that chooses to operate illegally. The Totley Open Gardens Association is now a constituted voluntary body and will decide where it gives its proceeds to and is not now part of Totley Residents Association.

The tragedy of all this is that the voluntary community of Totley has become dissipated – it is now several separate organisations and not one. The strength of a community is the sum of its parts, and Totley is now in lots of separate parts.

I trust that one day Totley will come to its senses and realise that the world has moved on and they cannot live in the past – we have to accept the reality of current legislation. Jennie Street

TRA response:

We are very concerned about Jennie Street's article regarding Totley Residents' Association.

Jennie states that the income for 2010 was £18,000 and we can quite understand why Charitable Status was required for this level of revenue.

However this year, as you will be aware from Jennie's article Totley Gardens are now acting as a separate body, as are Friend's of Green Oak Park, Totley History Group and we are in discussion with Activity Sheffield about Chairobics.

Jennie refers to "Mob Rule" and we cannot understand why she would refer to Totley Residents as a Mob, in our opinion they are just good people wanting the best for Totley.

Jennie gave much of her valuable time to act as Coordinator of the Totley Show, however to denigrate the hard work put in prior to 2009 is unacceptable.

We understand that Jennie feels very unnerved and upset by what has happened and hope that at some time in the future she would feel able to give her invaluable support to the residents of Totley, and would like to take this opportunity to thank her.

We can confirm that the Totley Show is going ahead, thanks to core members of the community and will take place on Saturday 17th September 2011 at Totley Primary School.

The Totley show has been an important event on the TRA calendar for many years and we will ensure it is for many years to come.

Kathryn Higgins Chair TRA

TOTLEY SHOW ENTRY FORM 2011 THE TOTLEY SHOW THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD AT TOTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL, SUNNYVALE ROAD, ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, ENTRIES BETWEEN 8-45 am. To 10.45 am.

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5. Cross Stitch	season	39. Water Colour
6. Collage, any medium	22. Foliage Plant in pot	40. Pen and Ink Sketch
7. Greetings card	23. Flowering plant in pot	41. Pencil sketch
DOMESTIC SECTION.	FRESH PRODUCE.	42. Open Multi media
8. 4oz. Victoria Sandwich Plain(see	24. 1 Plate 4 Eating apples	43. Open Multi Media
recipe)	25. 1 Plate 4 cooking Apples	44. Reclaimed art/ sculpture
9. Dundee Cake (see recipe)	26. 1 Plate 8 Blackberries	45. Sculpture any medium
10. Carrot cake	27. 4 Matching Potatoes	PHOTOGRAPHY (Prints only)
11. 5 Biscuits	28. 3 Matching Leeks	46. Colour
12. 3 Scones	29. 3 Matching Onions	47. Black and White
13. Apple Pie	30. 5 Matching Runner Beans	48. Computer Prints
 Jam Lemon Curd 	31. 1 Plate of 5 Tomatoes	49. Totally Totley (any medium)
	32. 1 cucumber	WOODWORK
16. Marmalade	33. 3 Courgette	50. Wood Turning
17. Chutney	34. Largest Onion 35. Heaviest Marrow or Scaush	51 .Small furniture
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CHILDRENS SECTION.		
53. Vegetable animal	58. A Wibbly Wobb	
54. Age 8 to 12, Miniature Garden	59. Flower arrangeme	
55. Computer Art A4 size maximum for ages		
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57. 3 decorative buns (up to 14 yrs)	62. Painting- aged 12	to 14 years
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GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY/AUGUST

Well the dry spell ended with a really good splash! A few flowers were beaten down with the heavy rain, the peonies were the worst hit; they had just come into full bloom and looked to be the best ever. I will have to stake them up as best I can (there's always something extra to do). We must be thankful for the rain - the farmers are worried I don't suppose their troubles are over yet. The lawn came up green instantly (almost) after the downpour and looks a treat; I'm always amazed how quickly it recovers from a dry spell.

The ponds are behaving themselves after all the bother we had with leaks etc., the fish have had babies so we have little black darters dashing around, and we waste an awful lot of time sitting watching them. I'm told it's very therapeutic; well that's my excuse anyway.

The birds must be feeding a lot of young ones - the food is disappearing fast; I think the pigeons must take a lot. It's nice to see the variety of birds witch visit us.

My tomatoes are a bit slow at setting this year therefore I don't think I will be having my traditional first sungold the little orange variety - on my birthday (13th July nod nod wink wink). I don't think it will be much after; it's surprising how quickly they catch up. Did you know that tomatoes are one of the fastest growing fruit (from seed to crop) that we have?

The veg garden is coming along nicely the onions and leeks should be ready in time for the Totley Show in September (17th). I hope you are getting your exhibits ready; the schedule is in this issue of the **Totley Independent**. So you will be able to plan your campaign to sweep the board with your magnificent exhibits, the committee are working hard to keep this traditional activity going despite the TRA troubles. The thing that makes a good show is for you good Totley folk to make a real effort to support the people who volunteer, we cannot have a show if you do not join in by putting your skills on show. I look forward to seeing the talents I know are in and around the Totley area so please make that extra effort to be there. I know you will enjoy taking part - I do - even if you don't get a cup or medal you will be able to see your efforts on display and argue with the judge's decision (it's all part of the fun).

It's holiday time so don't forget to arrange for plant sitters whilst you are away, you don't want to come back to a dried up mess in the garden, or to a droopy lot of indoor pot plants.

I can hear Christine calling me so I must go we are trying to make the garden at least a bit tidier for you to visit on the open gardens weekend on July 9th and 10th, I hope to see you then for a nice chinwag, and I will be able to tell you about my leek project for next year's show - WOW!!!!

FLOWERS If you lift your tulips and hyacinth bulbs now is the time to lay them in shallow trays and stand them in a cool dry airy place to dry (not in the sun). Perennials and biennials sown earlier will need pricking out into a nursery bed (in your garden not in that old cot!)

Border carnations can be increased by layering, bend over a young non-flowering shoot to ground level, make a small slit and peg it down, cover at this point with sandy soil and keep well watered, in 4-6 weeks they should have rooted and can be planted elsewhere, or potted up to use later.

The end of July is an ideal time to plant Madonna lilies, plant them 8 inches apart (20 cm) and only cover them with 2 inches (5 cm) of soil. If they push themselves up DO NOT cover them again, they like a sunny position and a good rich soil that has not been freshly manured.

Don't forget to keep taking off dead heads from flowers, thus encouraging better growth and possibly more flowers. By late August most hydrangeas will have finished flowering and will benefit from a little pruning, cut off each faded flower truss as far back as the first plump looking growth bud, remove any weak looking stems. Don't forget to give plants a feed during July and August; it really does pay dividends giving you strong healthy plants and better flowers. Ericaceous (lime hating) varieties will love a tonic of sequestrine fertilizer, especially if leaves are showing yellow patches. Watch out for mildew and moulds on plants, especially towards the end of August and deal with it as soon as it is seen, a good quality fungicide should cure most attacks if it is caught early enough.

VEGETABLES Earth up early celery and draw up about 4 inches of soil every ten days or so until only the leaves can be seen. To keep them clean you could tie brown paper round them before earthling. They should be just right for the show on Sept.17th. Don't forget it is a bit of fun and you might win a prize (see show schedule on Page 11 for entry catalogue). Give runner beans a fairly thick mulch of well-rotted manure, keep them well watered and don't forget to leave a long specimen on for the show - longest bean gets a prize.

It is time to sow spring cabbage, sow one lot now and another in the second week in August, the later ones may be better, it depends on the weather. Scatter the seeds thinly on finely broken soil and cover lightly, water freely if the weather is dry. Make a final sowing of parsley for autumn and winter use, sow in a sheltered place, and transplant some of the seedlings to a frame if you want parsley for Christmas. Continue blanching leeks until you have about a foot of blanched stem. To help onions ripen (ready for the show) bend over the leaves just above the neck of each bulb.

TREES, SHRUBS, and FRUIT Water and mulch around azaleas, rhododendrons, hydrangeas, magnolias (grass cuttings are O.K. if they don't have weed killer on them). Dead head flowers as they fade, especially roses and buddleia. Tie in new replacement growth on rambler roses and cut old flowered shoots down to ground level. Half ripe cuttings, rooted in a shaded cold frame can be made from most shrubs and trees, though rhododendrons, clematis, honeysuckle and wisteria do better if layered.

Prune shrubs which have finished flowering. Cut back established wisteria taking out tips of young shoots at 3 or 4 leaves. In August stop feeding roses but watch out for greenfly, blackspot and rust and deal with it as soon as it is seen. Thin out fruit on apples and pears where crops are too heavy, prop up heavily leaden branches. Tie in cane on trained blackberries etc. Clean up and clip over strawberry beds when fruit is finished. Summer prune apples, pear, cherry, peach, plum and blackcurrants.

Cut out raspberry canes when they have fruited. Watch out for mildew and other fungal diseases and spray with a good fungicide, do not pick fruit until the required time is past, see the manufacturer's instructions.

GREENHOUSE and INDOOR PLANTS Feed plants, keep them well ventilated and shaded from the hot sun (we hope). Pick over plants regularly (daily is ideal) removing dead or yellowing leaves. Pot up seedlings of cineraria, primula etc. Re-pot cyclamen and start into growth. In August pot up hyacinths to be ready for Christmas. Spray pot plants with water in the morning; keep them on pebbles to increase humidity, sponge the leaves of foliage plants, except hairy species.

July and August is a good time to take cuttings, most will root in a sandy compost, especially pelargoniums, and fuchsias Ventilation is the order of the day for greenhouse owners. I find my automatic vent openers invaluable, they can be set to suit the plants all year round, and the doors have to be left open when it is hot. I use a piece of wire netting across the doorway to keep out cats etc. Watch out for greenhouse pests, spider mite, greenfly etc., they love the warmth of a greenhouse. Pot on seedlings which were planted earlier. Continue to remove side shoots on indoor tomatoes, don't forget melons and tomatoes need fertilizing to make fruit set (it is a real sex orgy this gardening game!)

Keep feeding and watering to get the best out of your plants.

LAWNS Set mowers high if the weather is dry, take the grass box off so that fine clippings act as a mulch to keep in the moisture. At the end of August seed can be sown in a prepared bed, keep well watered.

Have a good holiday. Come back refreshed and ready for the Totley Show on 17th September. See you there Tom

Help protect your local wildlife



As most people who visit Blacka Moor know, it's a haven for wildlife. At this time of year, during the bird breeding season, there are ground and scrub nesting birds present on site. This means extra care must be taken so as not to disturb nests. Eggs and young will soon die without protection from their parents.

Most people are aware of the need to keep their dogs under control from 1st March to 31st July. Legally, you do not have to use a lead on public paths but we ask that dogs are kept under close control. This means ensuring dogs stay on the actual path route and within sight, and respond to being called. If you can't rely on your dog's obedience, put it on a lead. This is especially important on the heathland and pastures.

There is real potential for nightjar to nest at Blacka Moor, and there is a good variety of birds nesting, but with the presence of dogs running across the heath and pastures during breeding season there is little chance of them breeding successfully.

For more information phone Annabelle Kennedy (Reserves Manager) on 0114 263 4335. For more information about dogs and the law, go to www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY JULY 20TH

VISIT TO BEAUCHIEF ABBEY

MEET AT THE ABBEY AT 7PM.

WHEN WE WILL BE SHOWN AROUND THE ABBEY

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A WALK AROUND THE GROUNDS AND A TALK BY TONY SMITH.

PLEASE WEAR STOUT SHOES.

PLEASE NOTE -THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH

TOTLEY LIBRARY 7.30PM

LEAD MINING IN DERBYSHIRE

(WITH MENTION OF SMELTING IN TOTLEY)

TALK BY JIM RIEUWERTS

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, Totley Hall Lane.

The Reverend David Rhodes

David Rhodes is to retire as Vicar of Totley All Saints on 31st August. During his ministry in Totley, David has worked hard to encourage, inspire and instruct to equip the church community to "Love God, love one another and love a broken world". David is a man who has not been afraid to stand up for Christian value whilst at the same time seeking to present the Christian faith in an accessible way that is relevant to modern day life. Much of what David does goes unseen and unsung but he is a man of great kindness and compassion. David has devoted his life to the service of God and to serving the needs of others. He has encouraged others in their faith, challenged us to be bold and unashamed to share the love of Jesus with others. Of course as David retires and moves away from Totley, the church also loses his wife Sally. Sally has played the organ, introduced new and exciting worship music, encouraged and supported young musicians to lead worship and the church owes her a huge debt of gratitude for this and all that she does to support David's ministry. Sally is not retiring, however, so you may still see her at school where she will continue with her music tuition. We will miss both David and Sally and we wish them both every happiness for their future and pray that David will have a long and well deserved retirement. David's last service will be at 10.00am on Sunday 17th July.

Liz Hayden and Steve Spendlove. Churchwardens.

The pattern of services will remain as before. Morning Service 10.00am Evening Service 6.30pm.

Once David has retired the church enters a period of interregnum. The churchwardens (supported by the PCC) are responsible for the church during this time. Please contact Liz Hayden 236 4944 or Steve Spendlove 236 1752. As we approach the end of the school term and the beginning of summer holidays here is a student's (and perhaps a teacher's) prayer.

Dear God, School's out! One more year over and I'm so ready for a break. If I had to take one more test, if I had to eat one more whatever-it-is from the school cafeteria I know I'd scream very loudly. Thank you for getting me through another year. Thank you for times to stay up late and for times to sleep in! Thank you for a chance to just take it easy for a while and to get some much needed rest Thank you for summer holidays.

Summer Smoothie

115g blueberries115g raspberries150ml apple juice2tbsps natural yoghurtsome crushed iceextra raspberries and blueberries to garnish.

Pop all ingredients in a blender and whizz until smooth. Pour into a glass and garnish with extra fruit.

Add a scoop or two of ice cream if you like.

Dorothy Firth



Book Reviews

Man's impact on the landscape is an ongoing story, part of all our histories. The Making of the British Landscape by Francis Pryor, now published in paperback, helps us to understand the process, interpret what we can see, and what it tells us about the past. This is the changing story of Britain from prehistory to the present day, as it has been preserved in our fields, farms, roads, buildings, towns and villages, mountains, forests and islands. Historian, archaeologist, farmer, familiar face on Time Team, Francis Pryor explains how these clues interlock to tell the fascinating history of our land and how people have lived on it. The book covers both urban and rural landscapes and is full of pictures, maps and reference information. Despite it length, the book is an easy read that will permanently change the way you see your surroundings. Published by Penguin in paperback, 800 pages, price £14.99 ISBN: 978-0-141-04059-2

Wherever you go in the Derbyshire countryside you will find history under you feet and all around you. Now in its second edition, **Walks in the ancient Peak District** by Robert Harris details 28 walks, from 4 to 9 miles long which will bring you into contact with the different periods of the areas history. From stone carvings on Gardom's edge, past stone circles, burial mounds and fortifications. Each walk is circular with details of starting point, length, and time necessary. There is a sketch map for each walk, a description of the route and what you will see along the way, complete with pen and ink drawings of interesting features. There is no better way to understand our past than to see things first hand . Published in paperback by Sigmapress, 200 pages, price £8.99 ISBN: 978-1-85058-859-7

For many people, written history starts with the Domesday Book, not because it is the earliest written work, far from it, but because it is the first attempt at recording population and resources across the country, and in terms that can be related to places today. So if you are interested in history **Domesday Book, Derbyshire** with the original wording and recent translations is irresistible. Not only does it record the situation at a specific time, 1086, but it refers to earlier land values, so indicating in many cases the impact of the Norman conquest on ordinary folk. Thus Holmesfield is held by Walter of Aincourt and valued at 20s against 40s before 1066, while Peaks Arse (around Castleton) is valued at 50s against 40s before 1066 no doubt due t the addition of Peverel's Castle. Published by Phillimore & Co Ltd price £10.80

Cycling in the Peak District is a new guide to cycling in and around the Peak District National Park, on road or trail bike. The area is a popular cycling destination with its network of quiet lanes, gentle off-road trails and stunning upland views just right for two-wheeled exploration. The guide covers 20 day routes and one multi-day cycle Tour. Routes are graded from Easy to Hard according to a combination of distance, gradient, terrain and ascent. All are described in detail, with information about nearby refreshments, cycle hire, public transport and parking, and illustrated with OS maps and route profiles. Appendices cover cycle hire outlets, car parks and public transport in detail as well as outlining a basic toolkit and basic tips on bike maintenance and repairs. Published by Cicerone in paperback, 220 pages, price £12.95 ISBN: 978-1-85284-630-5

A Grim Almanac of South Yorkshire by Kevin Turton is a collection of stories from the county's past, some bizarre, some fascinating, some macabre, but all equally absorbing. Revealed here are the dark corners of the county, where witches, body snatchers, highwaymen and murderers, in whatever guise, have stalked. Accompanying this cast of gruesome characters are old superstitions, omens, strange beliefs and long-forgotten remedies for all manner of ailments. Set out by month, date and year the Almanac's pages give a fascinating glimpse of life in the not so distant past. Comprehensively illustrated, this is a book to dip into - on a daily basis ! Published by The History Press in paperback, 138 pages price £14.99 ISBN: 978-0-7524-5678-2

One of the most magnificent great houses of the Elizabethan period, Hardwick New Hall was built in the 1590s by Elizabeth, Countess of Shrewsbury ('Bess of Hardwick'), and stands in stark contrast to the ruinous remains of the Old Hall, also built by Bess in the 1580s. A new book **Hardwick A Great House and its Estate** by Philip Riden and Dudley Fowkes, looks at the history of both the halls and the wider estate, the changing fortunes of the Cavendish family, and the growth and eventual decline of the coal mining industry in the area. With over a hundred photographs and illustrations, many in colour, this book is a must for all those interested in finding out more about the social and physical history of this great hall and its surrounding villages. Published by Phillimore & Co Ltd, 198 pages, price £14.99 ISBN: 978-1-86077-544-4

Walking with kids can be fun or a nightmare depending on how you choose to approach it. To our rescue comes a new book **Walking with Kids** by Angela Youngman, offering a collection of games and activities which will make taking kids for a walk fun, entertaining and educational. Children like to have reasons and things to do when they go for a walk. Talking about tracking wild animals, hunting minibeasts or searching for the Green Man can encourage a burst of enthusiasm and a dash for hats and coats. It just needs a little bit of advance thought and planning. This book aims to help with lots of ideas and suggestions for activities, games and things to do while walking. The books illustrations are by Angela's own artist daughter, Karis. Published by Sigmapress in paperback, 128 pages price £8.99 ISBN: 978-1-85058-887-0

We are all familiar with the importance of watermills and water power in the development of Sheffield and its industry.

industry. Step over the border into Derbyshire and you will find a similar picture. In his hook Water Mills on the Derbyshire Wye, Alan Roberts the traces significance of water mills along the length of river Wye. From the Otter Hole corn mill at Burbage to Rowsley fulling mill, this single river enabled the



processing of grain, timber and lead ore, the production of cotton, combs and ornamental marble. Averaging more than one per mile over the entire length of the Wye, water mills played essential roles in their own localities influencing development and reflecting changes in technology or the wider market place. Each mill is listed on a table of locations complete with grid references. The Domesday Survey gives mills at Bakewell and Ashford, while later records relate to the strict control of operations over the ensuring centuries, involving Lords of the Manor, the Church and even the monarch. Many sites can be visited today and one at least has been converted into a restaurant in Bakewell, with water still rushing by under a glass floor. The book, illustrated with some 50 photographs, drawings and plans, is published by the author in A4 format, 45 pages price £9.50 incl p&p and available from 01298 24952. John Baker

Chemical Yard Memories

Now that I have 'discovered' your magazine I am eager to contribute some more of my memories! The response from my childhood memories of The Chemical Yard has been very satisfying and I am pleased that so many people have read and enjoyed my story.

Before I embark on another epic story I thought I would write a short reply to some of the comments and provide other little snippets of information.

Many people have commented that I did not write about the Siddall brothers. They were called Tommy and Freddie and they did live in The Chemical Yard possibly during the late 1930's early 1940's. My memories are from the mid 1940's to late 1950's and during this time the two brothers were living on Queen Victoria Road with their sister Mrs Sharpe, her husband and daughter Jennifer. Jennifer was just a few months younger than me and we were good friends. Their house overlooked our cottage. As Mike Roberts says in his letter in your June issue, Tom and Fred were gentle, kind and helpful. I couldn't have used better words to describe them! My mum was especially fond of them and she would find little jobs for them to do on our tiny smallholding. She would reward them with cigarettes for their help. Sadly, some children did tease them but our mum always taught us to treat others with respect and she wouldn't have tolerated us making fun of them. We just knew that they were a bit different to us, that's all. They, in return thought a lot about my mum, she was always kind to them. One day, they were helping us to tidy the garden and they were filling the wheelbarrow with weeds and overgrown branches etc. They worked hard and were eager to please but my mum was upset to discover that one of them had ventured into the greenhouse and pulled out her carefully nurtured grape vine and tossed it into the barrow where it lay irretrievably buried under all the other garden waste!

I am so pleased that Mike describes the blacksmith and gives his name as Mr Bradbury who lived on Queen Victoria Road. I can distinctly remember watching the blacksmith at work; I recall the heat from his fire and the loud ringing sound as he hammered out the red hot glowing horseshoes on his anvil. I instinctively knew that I would be allowed to watch as long as I didn't get too close or make a nuisance of myself and I was fascinated. I must have been a very small child and I wonder when Mr Bradbury retired. I think that Mr Marcroft bought the premises when their role as a blacksmiths ended. My step-gran told me that the horses which were brought to be re-shoed had often been walked for a long distance and they would be taken into the river which was similar to a shallow ford at this point so that their feet could be cooled down. Mike describes a sledge made for his family by Mr Bradbury. We also owned a large sledge, it was heavy and had strong iron runners, I wonder if this was one of Mr Bradbury's creations too.

On the map of The Chemical Yard, which I attempted to draw as accurately as possible, I didn't quite get the river in the right place as it ran directly behind the blacksmiths and Marcroft's Builders yard.

I find so much of interest in the Totley Independent and I loved the picture of the cottages in Totley Hall Lane which was featured on the front page of the May issue. I remember Mrs Stubbs very well. She was a dinner lady when I attended Totley All Saints School during the 1940's. Her son, I think his name was John, was in my class. He was off school once for quite some time and our teacher told us that John was feeling lonely and isolated and that he was missing seeing all his friends from school. Our teacher thought that it would be a nice idea and a friendly gesture if some of us would visit him. I went to their cottage and Mrs Stubbs kindly invited me inside and showed me into John's bedroom where he was tucked up in bed looking lost and forlorn. Both John and his mum seemed pleased and grateful to have me visit them. I don't know what his illness was but I trust that it wasn't contagious!

I also enjoyed reading Jean Smithson's contribution to your June Issue. I always knew the woods by the name of Gillyfield and, the first time that I saw the name in print, I thought that the printers had got their facts wrong! I remember walking through the woods in early springtime, they were full of bluebells and the sun's rays shone through the baby green leaves of the beech trees, I thought I was in the Garden of Eden. I recall seeing the remains of the swimming pool and wondering why it was there. I would often go for walks all by myself or often accompanied by one or more of our dogs. One of my favourite pastimes was jumping over the river just as Jean describes and I would always have friends with me on those occasions. One day, we came across a large, square piece of stone which was partly in the river, partly on the riverbank and partly buried. We examined it with curiosity and thought that some of the writing on it was similar to Roman lettering. When one of my friends suggested that it might be a headstone from a grave we hurriedly left and never went back to it again. I wonder if this was by any chance the milestone which Jean mentioned?

I only intended to write a few short words but, finally, I have to mention Tommy Barber as both Mike Roberts and J W Abson have mentioned him in their letters to your magazine. Others have asked if I knew him and I understand that he was guite a well-known character for various dubious reasons. Well, he did indeed live in The Chemical Yard. My step-gran was his mother and his father was my maternal grandfather who I have only recently discovered was also called Thomas. My grandfather had 5 children (one of them being my mum) with his first wife, Hannah. Hannah died and granddad married Ada, my step-gran. Together, they had seven more children and it seems a shame that, out of all my grandfather's children, it is only my Uncle Tom who is remembered so well. The rest of his siblings grew into hardworking and respectable people who were a credit to the local community. I am beginning to realize that he must have been the black sheep of the family. When speaking to me or writing about him people have been guarded and discreet, they probably know more about him than I do as I only knew him well when I was a child and rarely saw him in later years. Today, in this of open-mindedness and acceptance, era his behaviour might not seem as scandalous.

My step-gran was a lovely mum and grandma and the people who knew her respected and admired her honesty and down-to-earth attitude. She was what was then known as a 'grafter', her home was spotlessly clean and she was a good cook. Her life hadn't been an easy one but she had dignity and a pride in her appearance. She worked as a cleaner at Gratton's shop on Totley Rise and as a cleaner at Mrs Gratton's home.

One incident which highlights my childhood naivety was when I was sent on an errand one day to Gratton's. I was about 9yrs old and as I walked along the Back Lane holding on tightly to the money I had been given, I kept repeating to myself the name of the product I had been asked to purchase. I reached the shop and stepped inside; even though the shop was only small it was always staffed by several assistants. No self-service in those days! One of the assistants came to serve me. "Please may I have a jar of Pond's vanishing cream'?" I asked politely. I felt smugly proud that I had remembered the purpose of my errand but my pride and confidence swiftly vanished as she held out two jars and asked which size I wanted. "I don't know" I said. One of the other assistants came over to help. They checked my money, I had enough to buy the larger jar so we didn't know if I should buy that one or take the smaller one and some change. Seeing my bewilderment, one of the assistants asked in a gentle voice, "Who is it for Anne, is it for your gran?" When I answered her question I was even more bewildered as all the assistants looked embarrassed, thev exchanged knowing looks and put their hands over their mouths to try and still their nervous laughter. I had replied with the total honesty and innocence of a child, "No, it's for my Uncle Tom!" Enough said I think!

Anne White (Russell)

Chemical Yard

I read with interest memories of the Chemical Yard by Anne White in issue 342 of the Totley Independent. My name is David Lee and like Anne was born in 1941 and went to Totley All Saints School.

I was friendly with the Nicholson family at that time and can remember playing in the river outside the cottages with them and either Anne or Audrey Russell I am not sure which perhaps they could enlighten me! We used to catch small fish putting them in glass jars filled with water one of these fish I remember was named a "BulleyHead "

One strange thing I remember was a Jaguar car parked up in the Chemical Yard only a few years old which would have been in my opinion worth a considerable amount of money at the time of its abandonment.

In those days very few people had a car at all let alone a Jaguar! It was being slowly vandalised and used as a plaything by local children. How it came to be there and who had owned it I never knew, does anyone know?

Just behind the car there was a large tree high up on the embankment to which we had tied a long rope which we would all swing from.

Times were happy then except for a terrible accident when one of the twin boys of the Nicholson family named Eddie was knocked down and killed on Totley Rise at a very young age.

I never found out why the place was called The Chemical Yard and in 1958 we moved up to the North of England and so lost touch with the whole thing.

I returned to Sheffield in 1978 twenty years later by which time it had radically changed, but I still maintain warm memories of that bygone age. David Lee 262 0890

Bee Buddies is a buzzing success

Sheffield's air is abuzz with 2 million honeybees introduced by our Bee Buddies project. The 12 month project set out to address the dramatic decline in UK honey bee numbers over the last few years. The British Beekeepers' Association estimate that onethird of all honeybee colonies were lost last year, and that if positive action is not taken immediately, Britain's honeybees will disappear by 2018.

The project introduced 35 new domestic bee hives to the city – situated on Sheffield's urban spaces including allotments, museums and rooftops to demonstrate that bees can thrive in underused city locations. The hives were used as an educational tool to train a new generation of beekeepers. They were managed by the local community in partnership with Head Beekeeper Jez Daughtry, facilitating knowledge and skills transfer.

The project has delivered over 20 educational events to schools and the local community, engaging over 400 children and 100 adults. The 2-day Introduction to Beekeeping courses attracted a diverse range of attendees now keen to get started with their own hives.

Over 10 local primary schools received education sessions from the Head Beekeeper which included honey tasting and beeswax candle making. The bees provided an excellent way to engage children with environmental issues, including current hot topics such as climate change and the origins of foodstuffs.

Gail Hudson from Springfield School commented "The beekeeping session was a great success, capturing the imagination of pupils and children alike. We have now created a bee friendly area within the school grounds using the bee seed mix produced through the project. The sessions were well delivered and featured engaging activities, and greatly complemented the Eco Schools programme."

Over 20,000^{m²} of foraging habitat have been planted in Sheffield's back gardens through the specialist seed mix created as part of the project. This will replace bee habitat lost to development, and help to ensure colonies have enough food stored to survive winter.

The legacy of the project lies in the re-establishment of the Sheffield Beekeepers Association, which will offer long term support and advice to local beekeepers. Educational resources established through the project, including the Pocket Guide to Beekeeping and a Teachers Resource Pack are available on request from Groundwork Sheffield.

Gillfield Wood Update

A practical conservation day was held in the wood on Sunday 5th June. The metal gate, at the top boundary, was replaced with a wooden one, which blends in very well with it's surroundings.

Also, on the 8th and 9th June, some volunteer workers from the Works and Pensions Dept. at Sheffield City Council, with the help of a Countryside and Parks ranger, put in some new wooden benches and drainage channels, at various locations, along the main footpath through the wood.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 26th July in Totley library at 7pm.

All are welcome.

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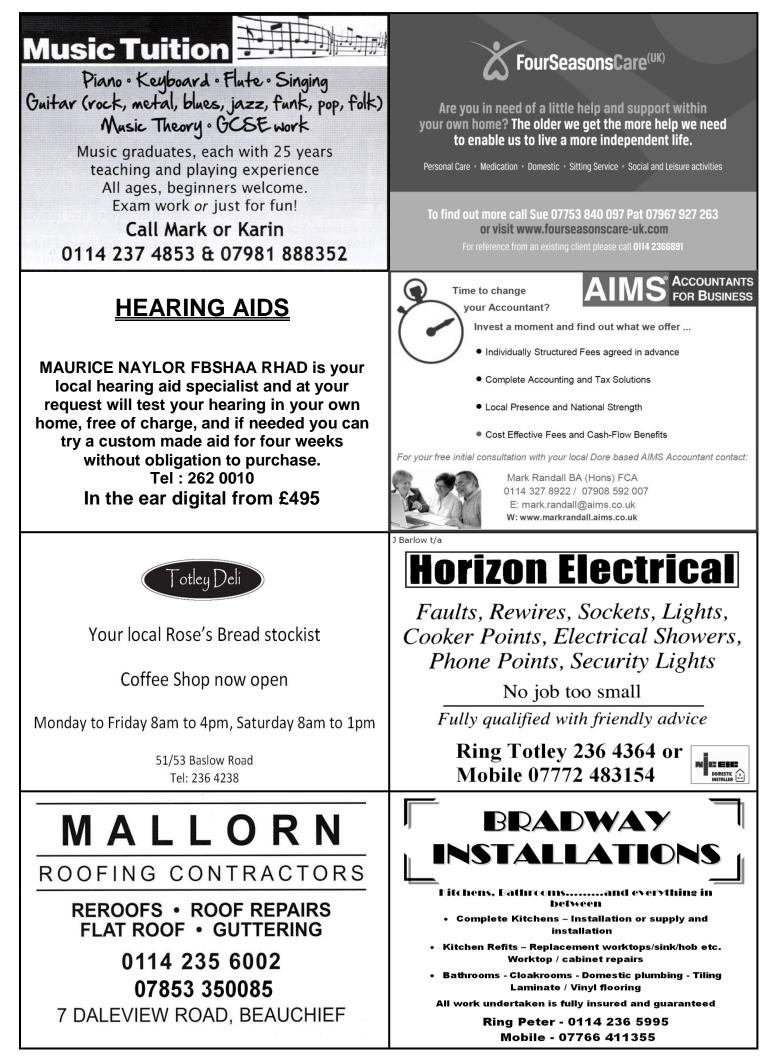
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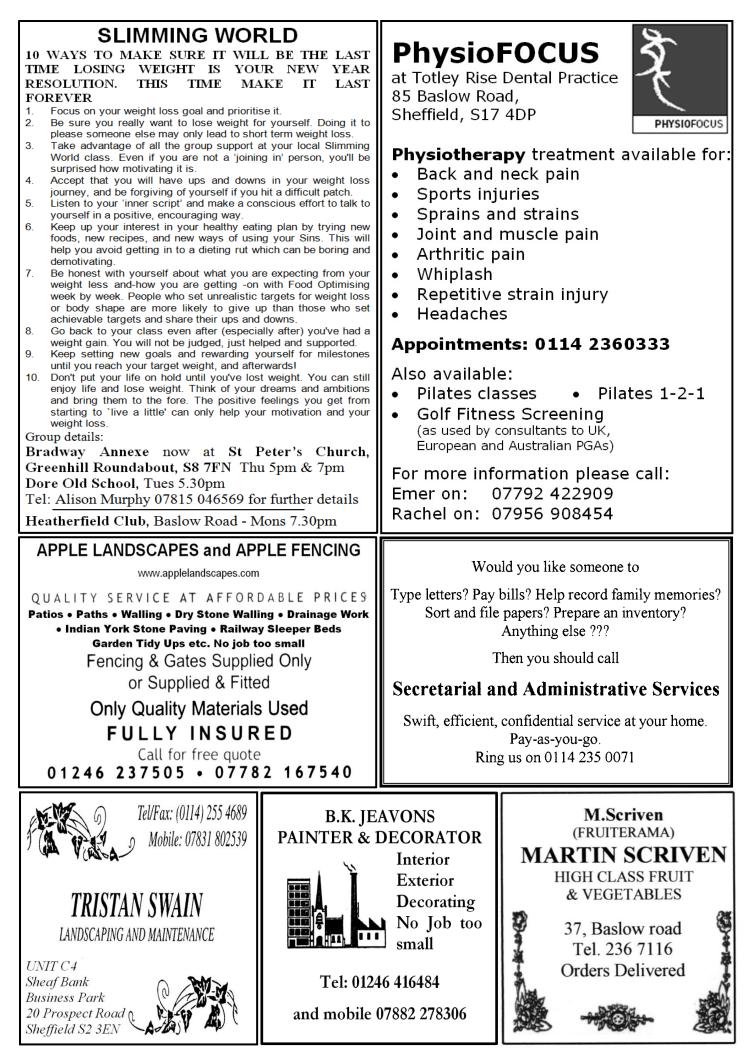


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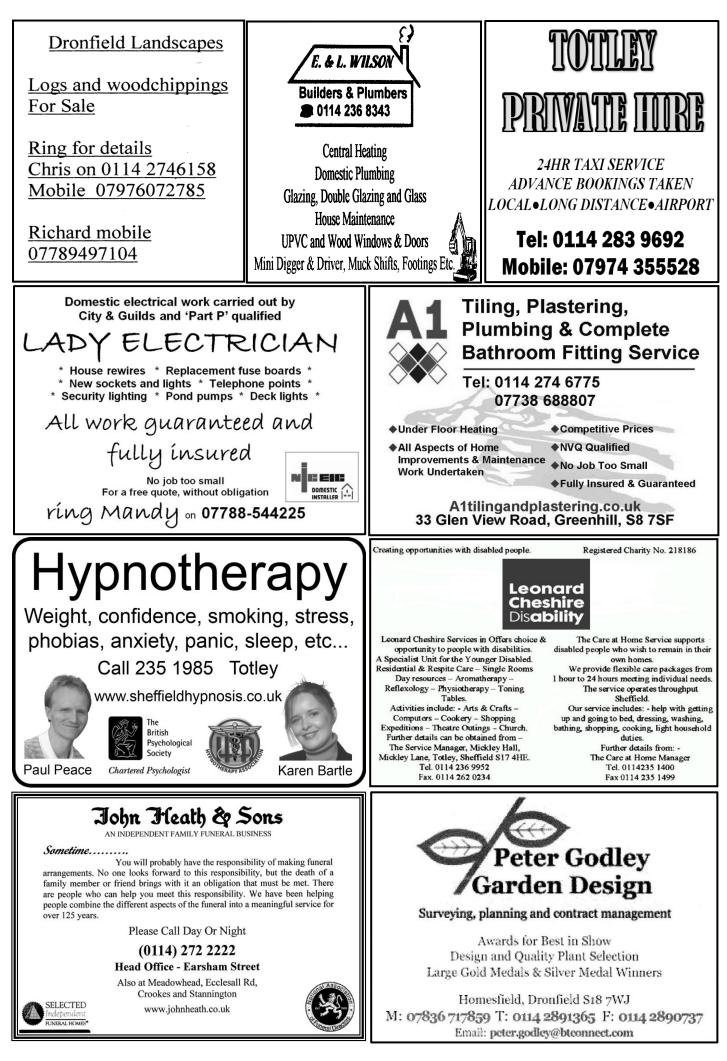
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