

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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Cross Scythes Hotel

These photos span around 40 years of the Cross Scythes at the beginning of the 20th century; the top in the early 1900's, middle early 1920's and bottom late 1930's. In each photo can be seen the garage and buildings and stables.

Here the petrol pump is selling Cleveland diesel petrol at 1s 11d (10p) per gallon from a hand pump. I believe the last operator of the pump was Cliff Dronfield. For a time I believe a young Mr J Perkinton worked at the garage. Well behind the garage and to the right of the hotel was stabling for the horses and behind the hotel was a well-used bowling green. To the left of the hotel under what are now rooms was open resting for horses with a long trough running the length of the building for fodder and water.



Cross Scythes, Baslow Road, Totley.

On this final photo are a number of Totley youngsters - I believe my brother and sister were amongst the group. Also, the blacksmiths building and the police box at the lower end of Grange Terrace are visible. Another point of course - apart from the old 45 bus and the coal waggon there is no other traffic in sight.
J W Abson

Totley Residents Association Update

At the South West Community Assembly meeting 30th September, the Friends of Green Oak Park were delighted to see a display by Parks and Countryside showing the work towards the implementation of the Master plan which is being carried out in the park as a result of co-operation between the Friends and Parks. The younger children now have new equipment with picnic tables for adults. Re-surfacing is still to be completed and another new bin put in place.

There were problems with digging the holes for the zip line because of the slate subsoil, but these have been overcome. The zip line is now operational. After only 3 days it is proving a hit with young people. When I visited, there were 12 young people queuing up for a turn on the wire. They were being organised by a very efficient teenager. I have not seen so many youngsters in the park at the same time before.

This is great news. The hard work carried out by the Friends over the last few years is at last coming to fruition.

The position of the climbing boulders has now been marked out, but it will be the end of the year before they can be built. Just to put everyone in the picture the cost of the zip line is £10,000, the cone climber £8,996, the new slide £5,061 and the picnic tables £3,800. These costs include installation and safety surfacing.

Two new notice boards are now in place at the Lemont Road entrance and the bottom entrance near the playground. They will help to keep the park tidy and prevent notices being blown everywhere.

Thank you to those residents, young and old, who take pride in their park and pick up rubbish every time they visit.

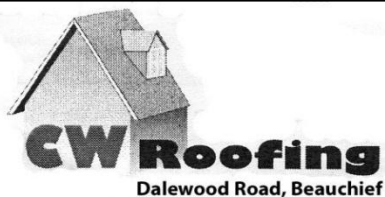
TRA are hoping to obtain charity status. The rules and procedures need detailed examination by all committee members before we can go ahead.

Trustees need to be elected. They will have to accept responsibility for developing, promoting and monitoring the charity, ensuring the financial health of the charity and act as a collective and avoid conflicts of interest to name but a few of the procedures.

The constitution will need to be re-written. More detailed discussions will be required for this.

If we do become a charity, there is a possibility we will stand a better chance of being successful when applying for funding.

I have to inform you that Jennifer Burns, Ann Lee and Paul Savage have resigned from the committee for a variety of reasons. I have reluctantly accepted their resignations and thank them for their help within the community over the years. Jim Higgins has also been co-opted onto the committee. Avril Critchley Chair



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Farming Scene

Winter must be approaching as the deer that normally graze on the moors by the brickworks have started to hop over the fence into our grass field just below the works. Yesterday morning there were 3 mature females plus their half grown calves and a stag, presumably their father, complete with a full set of antlers. They appear to be quite friendly and after jumping back over the fence they were content to watch as I drove round the field. We will obviously have to put up some electric fencing were along the top of the current wooden fence in order to keep them out. I am happy to see them living on the moor but having paid good money to produce the grass on this field I am not so happy at the thought of them eating it, rather than my sheep!

Talking of sheep only 20 or so of our spring born lambs are left, the majority having gone to Bakewell Market. The mothers have been weaned, mineral drenched and feet trimmed, ready to meet up with Narnia, Powerpack and Nashwan, their new "lover boys"! By the time you read this they should be well on the way to being pregnant again.

Talking of pregnancy we had our Dorset ewes scanned this week and out of 117 put to the tups only 4 were not in lamb. The scanning machine does the same job as the hospital based units that are used on pregnant women. To add to the low number of barren ewes, the average number of lambs the ewes were carrying was almost exactly 2. This again is a record high for us. There were a few singles, a lot of twins, 6-8 lots of triplets and 4 lots of quads! Why can't they all just have twins? It would be better for them as well as us. I can see that there will be a few hand reared bottle babies again this year. These are due to start lambing on 21 November, just as our nativity plays start.

Talking nativity plays reminds me that I will have to get our advertising banners in place soon. We already have had a few bookings for the family performances and about 30 school bookings. This reminds me, I shall have to write to Father Christmas and get him booked to appear at the farm complete with presents on a few dates prior to Christmas Day. I wonder how many bikes, dolls, PCs, transformers, dogs, rabbits, computer games, bottles of perfume and pairs of socks he will be asked for this year?

After Christmas towards the end of January there is planned to be a big sheep event at Bakewell Market. There will be lots of agricultural trade stands along with approximately 40 sheep breed stands.

This new event will draw sheep farms from near and wide as they come to find out more about particular breeds, handling systems, and medications. We are booked to be there on the Poll Dorset Breed stand, along with a few of our sheep.

Let's hope the snow arrives after the event rather than just before it!

Edwin Pocock

FAMILY NOTICES

Ken Parkin 1925-2010

Sheila and her family wish to thank all their many friends and neighbours for their support and messages of sympathy at this difficult time. It was comforting to know that Ken was so well thought of in Totley and Dore. He is sadly missed.



Transport 17

Congratulations to Bill & Judy Glossop from all of us at T17. They celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 12th October and gave a donation to us.

They both worked at Dorcas lunch club for many years and our passengers really appreciated their care and kindness at the United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road.

The Rotary Club Sheffield Vulcan have their Christmas Draw on Tuesday 14th December. We will be selling books of tickets for this as we are a beneficiary. They are 50p each in books of 4. Please make sure that you have a name, address or telephone number on ALL the ticket stubs as Rotary members deliver the prizes, not us. I need all the ticket stubs and money back by Friday 10th December.

We are holding a Coffee Morning in our office at 172 Baslow Road, Totley on Saturday 27th November. This is from 10 am till noon. Christmas paper, cards, gifts, bric-a-brac and books. Come and have a mince pie or alternative. We look forward to seeing you.

A lot of clubs will be organising Christmas lunches and outings. Please make sure that you talk to Michael Finn about these on 2362962. It takes a lot of "teeming and ladling" to organise the buses if the times and passengers are different to normal.

Thank you very much.

Best wishes.

Margaret Barlow

Music Hall

Hello again. Just to keep you informed that Vulcan Varieties are preparing the final touches to their new winter show. As always, it is recomposed each time... No madam that is not decomposed, because the show is written entirely from scratch for each production, and this, we feel, is what keeps it's vitality, versatility, and spectacle that stimulate the senses and educational values, that make you go home saying, "By Jove, that has taught me a lesson".

However, venues:

The Lantern Theatre, **Sat 30 October** at 7.30pm

Coal Aston Village Hall, **Sat 6 November** at 8pm

The Gatty Hall Ecclesfield, **Sat 13 November** at 8pm

Tickets: £7- Concessions £6. BYO drinks.

Box Office: Christine, 0114 243 1339

"Now there's a funny thing", (Max Miller)

FOLK CONCERT

On Friday 26th November there will be a charity FOLK CONCERT at Mickley Hall, featuring many of the performers from the recent Totley Music Festival folk event. If you were at the Fleur, you will know what an excellent evening is in store. Tickets are £7.50, which includes a pie and peas supper. The evening gets underway at 7:30 p.m. and all proceeds raised will be donated to Leonard Cheshire Disability. There is a fully licensed bar with a great selection of ales and wine. Tickets are going quickly, so to reserve yours please contact Steve Brook on Sheffield 289 1159.

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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: telephone 235 2289 Email: keith.hill@sheffield.gov.uk, colin.ross@sheffield.gov.uk or mike.davis@sheffield.gov.uk

TRA Website:- www.totley.org.uk

Totley War Memorial WW1 1914-1918

The Totley War Memorial is tucked away at the north side of Baslow Road between Hillfoot Road and the cottages at Lane Head. It is passed unnoticed every day by hundreds of motorists but few people walk past it and fewer still stop to read the names on the two brass plates.

Once a year on Remembrance Sunday there is a service and wreaths are laid but the names of the young men on the plaques are just that - names. Very few people know anything at all about the all too short lives of those who died. Three members of Totley History Group, Pauline Burnett, Jim Martin and Dorothy Prosser, decided to see what could be discovered about the ten young men who gave their lives in WW1 so that the people of Totley could be reminded that the freedom they enjoy today is thanks to them.

They are from all walks of life - from the youngest son of the family at Totley Hall to a young farm labourer. All would have had their hopes and plans and dreams for the future when they left this quiet Derbyshire village to serve their country. None of them would ever see their homes and families again.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

The Soldiers

Sec. Lt. Roy Denzil Pashley Milner
Pte. Colin Hedley Bishop
Cpl. Tom Brown Fisher
Pte. James William Green
Sgt. Herbert Allan Hill
Pte. Robert Hugh Martin

Pte. Albert Pinder
Pte. James Parker
Pte. Charles Turner
Pte. Bernard Turner

Roy Denzil Pashley Milner

Roy Milner was born in Totley in 1893, the second son and youngest child of William Aldam Milner and Sarah Elizabeth Milner (nee Roberts). William and Sarah were married in Sheffield on 6 June 1883 and the following year they came to live at Totley Hall. Their first child was a daughter, Marjorie Elsie, who was baptized at Christ Church, Dore on 21 June 1884. Two sons followed who were also baptized at Dore, William Alfred (known as Billy) on 20 April 1888 and Roy Denzil Pashley on 1 April 1893.

So far it has been surprisingly difficult to find information about Roy Milner despite his family being the most prominent in Totley. Both of his parents were active in the community. William Aldam Milner was a barrister and J.P. and both he and his wife were governors of Totley All Saints School. Joan Stratford's history of the school chronicles many of Sarah Milner's visits to give talks, donations and prizes.

On 1 July 1909 Roy's sister Marjorie was married at Dore Church to William Wilson junior, a snuff manufacturer of Beauchief Hall. The Sharrow Mill snuff business is still in existence and is owned and run by the Wilson family.

In the 1911 census Roy, aged 18 is shown as a 'scholar' but there is no indication of which school he attended. When war was declared on 4 August 1914 he must have been either a regular soldier or a member of the Territorial Army. The story of him marching up Totley Hall Lane to the cheers of the local people is well known. On 11 September 2nd Lt. Roy Milner arrived at St Nazaire in France with his regiment the 2nd Battalion of the Sherwood Foresters. They formed part of the 18th Brigade of the British Expeditionary Force.

On 14 September 2nd Lt Milner and his men of 'A' company began the 350 mile march to the area around the River Aisne in Picardy. The following day the battalion marched for fifteen hours in heavy rain. The drenching rain continued as they marched for another twelve hours on the 16th. Finally, weary and

footsore, they arrived at Chacrise on the 18th where they were billeted on a farm and were given a 24 hour rest period. On 19 September with three other battalions of the 18th Brigade they moved forward to the village of Vendresse in the steep-sided Troyon valley where they relieved the 1st Black Watch in the trenches. Later that day they were moved back to a reserve line.

20 September dawned wet and cold with heavy rain and sleet falling. The Sherwood Foresters joined other regiments as they attempted, with some success, to retake trenches broken into and occupied by the Germans. Roy Milner, with a fellow officer and most of their men, was cut down by heavy machine gun fire as he led a charge up the valley. His body now lies in Grave Ref. 6. C. 5 in Chauny Communal Cemetery British Extension in Aisne, France.

For the rest of the war Sarah Milner worked tirelessly helping to provide aid and comforts for wounded soldiers and also informing and educating local people about the conflict and how they could help the men at the Front. How difficult this must have been for her as she mourned the loss of her youngest child. After the war William and Sarah Milner gave land on Totley Hall Lane and money towards the building of a new church. All Saints Church opened in 1924 and the chancel is dedicated to Roy Milner.

Colin Hedley Bishop

Colin Hedley Bishop, known as Hedley, was born in Dore on 8 April 1893, the fifth child and second son of Colin Bishop, a gardener, and his wife Mary Ellen (nee Kirk). He was baptized at Christ Church, Dore on 22 October 1893.

By August 1897 Colin Bishop and his family had moved to Totley and in the 1901 census they were living at Rolling Mill, Totley Rise. Hedley attended Totley All Saints School until April 1906 when, at the age of 13, he left to start work. By the time of the 1911 census, Colin and Mary Ellen Bishop had ten children six of whom were still living with them at Ivy

Cottage (now called Mill Cottage) in Mill Lane, Totley Rise. Hedley Bishop is aged 17 and working as a machine file cutter and his father is a gardener.

Hedley's grandfather Joseph Bishop was a farmer and scythe maker who lived at High Greave Farm, Whitelow Lane, Dore. He died young being buried in Dore churchyard on 27 July 1871 at the age of 41 followed 8 years later on 13 July 1879 by his wife Mary, aged 49. Joseph's father, Thomas Bishop, was also a scythe maker who was born in Dronfield in about 1787. He moved to Dore as a young man and was certainly living there with his wife Sarah in 1819 when their eldest child Mary was baptized. Thomas and Sarah are both buried in Dore churchyard, Sarah in 1845 aged 50 and Thomas in 1861 aged 74.

When the First World War began Hedley Bishop must have volunteered almost immediately and he became Service No. 2763 Private Hedley Bishop in the Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons. The regiment arrived at Le Havre in France on 16 July 1915 as part of the 17th (Northern) Division and were deployed to the Ypres salient.

On 1 July 1916 the Battle of the Somme began and on the first day 19,240 British soldiers died. The Yorkshire Dragoons were involved in the Battle of Delville Wood which took place between July and early September. This was a subsidiary attack of the Somme offensive and it seems very likely that Hedley Bishop was wounded during the fighting and eventually died of his wounds on 21 October 1916. He is buried in Grave K34 at Aveluy Communal Cemetery Extension. He was awarded the 1915 Star as well as the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

Tom Brown Fisher

Tom Brown Fisher was born on 10 October 1893, the youngest child of Francis and Emma Fisher (nee Hill) of Hallfield Farm, on Strawberry Lee Lane, Totley.

Tom's grandfather, Thomas Fisher, arrived in Totley from Brampton around 1836 and became the publican and farmer at The Cross Scythes before he moved to live at Hallfield Farm from about 1843 until his death in 1885. Tom's father Francis then inherited the farm but he died in 1895 when Tom was just two years old. Tom started at Totley All Saints School in March 1898 when he was 4½ years old.

In 1901 Hallfield Farm was being run by Eliza Fisher, the widow of Francis's elder brother John and Tom was living in a cottage at Lane Head, Totley with his sister Jessie and mother Emma who was supporting them by working as a charwoman. In August 1907 at the age of 13 Tom left school to begin work. By the time of the 1911 census, Tom had moved out to Beeley where he was working as a cowman at Moor Farm.

Tom Fisher's Army Service Record was among the 60% destroyed during the Blitz in WW2 so it is not known when he originally joined the army. When he enlisted in the Derbyshire Yeomanry in Totley his residence was given as Holmesfield so it would seem that he had moved back to work in the local area by the early years of WW1.

At some point he was transferred to the 6th Dragoons (Inniskilling) and on 1 December 1917 he took part in the cavalry charge south of Villers Guislain. The Dragoons were cut down by heavy machine-gun fire and shrapnel and 169 of them died along with 271 horses. Tom Fisher was among those who died. His body was never found but he is remembered on Panel 1 of the Cambrai Memorial at Louverval.

James William Green

James William Green was the first child of James and Mary Alice Green who married in Christ Church, Dore in 1895.

His paternal grandfather, another James, was a joiner and wheelwright working well into his seventies from



his home in Chapel Walk (now called Chapel Lane). He also owned a grocer's shop at the corner of Summer Lane, his wife Millicent being recorded as a grocer in 1861. James W.'s father was a mechanical engineer and for a short time after his marriage lived in Norton Woodseats where James was born on 17

December 1895.

By 1901 the family were back in Totley living in Grange Terrace, perhaps among the first to occupy one of these houses built at the end of the 19th century. His mother, Mary Alice, was surnamed Green before her marriage to James Green. Their common ancestry appears to be in the early 19th century, making them second or third cousins. Mary Alice was a 17 year old kitchen maid at Totley Hall in 1891. There still exist a number of studio portraits taken throughout her life. The one taken in 1887 when she was 14 years old is reproduced in "Totley District in Old Photographs" by Brian Edwards.

James W., possibly known as Willie when he was a youngster, was admitted to Totley All Saints School in 1900, leaving to attend another school in November 1906. This is unusual as the children of the village stayed at the school until the age of thirteen when they left to start work. His family remained in the village and his siblings in the school.

He enlisted in Chesterfield as Pte J W Green, Service No. 18960, in the early days of the war, although his records have been lost. He was fighting with the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry in the Battle of the Somme when he was killed on 13 November 1916. It was just five days before this long battle ended with the onset of winter.

He was aged 20. His body was never recovered but he is remembered on Pier and Face 10A and 10D of the Thiepval Memorial together with 72,000 other soldiers who shared the same fate. In their later years, his parents lived on Mickley Lane. His father died in 1941, his mother in 1950 and both are buried at Christ Church, Dore.

Herbert Allan Hill

Herbert Allan Hill was born on 19 January 1888, the third son and fourth child of William Colin and Mary Ellen Hill.



In 1891 the family were living on Abbey Lane, Beauchief but had moved to Totley by October 1895 when Herbert became a pupil at Totley All Saints School. The admissions book records that Herbert's elder brother Cecil Graham Hill started on the same day having previously been at the school in Dore so it is likely that Herbert had been there also. In 1901 the

Hills were living on Lemont Road and two younger sisters, Ella and Gladys, had joined the family. Herbert, like his father and two older brothers, was working as a market gardener.

In 1908, at the age of 20, he decided to join the Territorial Army. He signed his Attestation papers on 2 April and became a volunteer in 4th (Hallamshire) Battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment. No doubt he enjoyed the training weekends and annual summer training camps that he would have been required to attend. He was discharged at the end of his two year term and went back to purely civilian life. When the 1911 census was taken only Herbert and his youngest sister Gladys were still living at home with their parents. Mabel, Colin, Cecil and Ella had all married and set up their own homes. Herbert was still working as a jobbing gardener for his father's small firm of Colin Hill & Sons of Green Oak. On 11 July 1912 Herbert married Mary Jane Moore. The young couple moved into Brook Vale Cottage, Back Lane, Totley and life went quietly on until August 1914 and the start of WW1.

Herbert re-joined the Hallamshires on 9 August and on his medical inspection report he is described as being 5ft 4 1/2 inches tall with a 35 inch chest and weighing 140 lbs. He was now service number 2176 Private Hill. The Hallamshires remained in the UK on home defence moving to various camps around the country. They formed part of the 187th Brigade in the 62nd (2nd West Riding) Division. Finally on 13 January 1917 they sailed from Southampton for France landing at Le Havre on the 14th. By this time Private Hill had become Sergeant Hill.

On 3 May 1917 the 62nd Division were ordered to attack the Hindenburg Line and the village of Bullecourt but this attack failed and the 214th Yorks and Lancs became hung upon thick barbed wire. Casualties for the 62nd West Riding Division on this day numbered 2,976 men killed, wounded or missing in action. This is the day that Herbert Hill was recorded as "wounded and missing". He must have been taken from the battlefield by German soldiers as he is noted as being 'Prisoner of War at Limburg' on the 14 May 1917. Limburg was a prisoner of war camp on the River Lahn in Germany. It had a camp hospital and this must be where Herbert died of his wounds. He is now buried at Tournai Communal Cemetery Allied Extension in Grave V.F.13.

Robert Hugh Martin

Robert Hugh Martin, known as Bob, was born in Walkley on 14 November 1896, the second son of Harry Martin and his wife Jeanetta (nee Biltcliffe). Bob and his siblings attended Burgoyne Road School. Cundy Street Chapel featured significantly in the lives of the Martin family. Bob and his brothers Herbert and Victor were keen footballers, playing for Burgoyne Road School football club, Cundy Street football club and, later, Totley football club.



As a very young man Bob worked for Cole Brothers in Sheffield, travelling daily from Dore & Totley Station. A 1910 photograph shows him and other employees on an annual outing. Bob was then apprenticed to Hartley & Son, printers, where his elder brother Herbert was also apprenticed, later becoming a master printer and

bookbinder. The Hartley and Martin families were old friends. Ironically, in Malta in 1918, as Bob was being taken by stretcher, one of the bearers, a Totley boy, said, "It's a long way from Dore & Totley station, isn't it Bob?". He was a Parker, a relative of Mrs Flo. Hartley nee Parker.

In 1912 Harry and Jeanetta Martin, together with their children Herbert, Bob, Doris, Winifred, Victor and Lilian Wordsworth moved to Glenbourne, on Back Lane, Totley Rise. Jeanetta's aunt, Martha Hawes, nee Wordsworth, lived next door at Glenrose. Totley has strong associations for many of the Martin descendants to the present day.

WW1 saw many changes for many families and nothing would ever be the same for any of them. Herbert joined the Royal Engineers and served in France and Germany. Bob volunteered and joined the Household Cavalry and Cavalry of the Line Regiment, Derbyshire Yeomanry Battalion, Service No. 75965, serving overseas.

On 14 November 1917, Bob's 21st birthday, he was shot in Salonika, Greece. The bullet lodged in his heart but did not kill him. He rode his horse back to camp but, as there was no x-ray facility, he had to be taken to the island of Malta which had excellent medical equipment and facilities. He left Salonika on the hospital ship HMHS Glenart Castle. On arrival in Malta he was taken to St Elmo Hospital, Valletta, where pioneering surgery was performed to remove the bullet. The operation was reported in the Daily Malta Chronicle as being "the talk of the island". The Glenart Castle was returning to Britain when it was torpedoed by German U-boat UC-56 on 26 February 1918 and it sank near Lundy Island with the loss of 162 lives.

Bob's operation was successful. The bullet was removed but he died of blood poisoning on 14 March 1918. He is buried in Grave Reference C. XVII. 4. in the WW1 Section of Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta. Robert Hugh Martin, along with his fallen colleagues, is remembered on the Rolls of Honour in Totley Rise Methodist Church and Dore & Totley United Reformed Church.

Albert Pinder

Albert Pinder was baptized at Dore Church on 11 March 1891, the son of Letitia (Letty) Pinder, single woman.



Letty was the seventh of nine children born to John and Phoebe Pinder. Her father was a farm labourer at Mooreedge Farm, Totley when she was baptized on 17 April 1870. John Pinder died in March 1877 and two years later his 46 year old widow, Phoebe, remarried to the 25 year old Frederick Hassall.

Four years after the birth of her son, Albert, Letty married Robert Hodgson and they moved to Sutton in Ashfield leaving

Albert to be brought up by his grandmother and her second husband. He lived with them in New Row (now called Summer Lane) Totley in 1891 aged 4 months whilst his mother works as a living-in domestic servant for Mr & Mrs Sydney Oxley at The Elms, Coal Aston.

In 1901 Albert and his cousin Harold Carr are still living with Phoebe and Frederick at Gleadless, Myrtle Hill where Frederick is working at his trade of brickburner. By 1911 Phoebe has died and Albert has married Ella Maude Hill, the sister of Herbert Allan Hill, another of the men named on Totley War Memorial. The young couple have a six month old daughter, Phoebe, and are living at Moor View House on Butts Hill, Totley.

Frederick Hassall must have been a good substitute father to Albert as he continues to live with Albert and his wife after Phoebe's death. Albert gives his occupation as cutler on the 1911 census although at his daughter's baptism a few months earlier he is a postman. He must have been doing pretty well as Moor View is a substantial stone built house.

Albert's Army Service Record is among those that were destroyed during the Blitz in World War II so it is not possible to discover when he joined the Notts & Derby Regiment. He was probably among those conscripted during 1916 but he may have volunteered and been among the men of the 17th Battalion (Welbeck Rangers) who landed in France on 6 March 1916 and suffered heavy losses on the Somme.

By June 1917 the Welbeck Rangers were in the trenches which were very heavily shelled and on the 4th June the Battalion HQ was at St Jean and took several direct hits. Albert was probably wounded during the Battle of Messines Ridge which began on 7 June 1917. He died of his wounds on 20 June 1917 and is buried in Grave II.D.67 at Mendingham Military Cemetery. This cemetery was used for the dead from the 46th Casualty Clearing Station which is probably where Albert Pinder died.

James Parker

James Parker was the third child of John Henry and Rosa Parker and was born on 8 June 1888, being baptized at Christ Church, Dore on 8 July that year.

His grandfather, John Henry Snr. was born in Totley, but the family moved to Attercliffe soon after the birth of James' father, John Henry Jnr. in 1857, where a

brother, George, was born some 9 years later in 1866. Were there other siblings born during this time that did not survive? By 1871 Sarah, his grandmother, was widowed, in her early 30's and had returned to Totley with the two boys to live with her mother and father, James and Elizabeth Newbould. She established a grocery shop on Baslow Road that she was to run for over 30 years until her death at the age of 67 in 1903.

John Henry Jnr. became a stonemason and married Rosa Taylor from Dore in autumn 1883, having 10 children over a period of 25 years, the last being born just a year before the death of John at the age of 52 in 1909. Rosa lived on in their cottage in Summer Lane with 8 of her children including James. Rosa used many forms of her name in documents over the years. There are at least five, and possibly six! In the 1891 census she was Rose but became Rosie, Rosey and Rosa in future censuses and was finally recorded as Rosia at the time of her death in Mickleover Asylum near Derby in 1918. This is also the name on her memorial stone in Christ Church, Dore.

James was a pupil at Totley All Saints School, enrolling just before his third birthday in 1891 and leaving ten years later to begin work. He was recorded as a labourer in 1911. Initially James enlisted with the Lincolnshire regiment but was transferred to 507th Agricultural Company, Labour Corps. Was this because he had been injured? The men of the Labour Corps were usually those not fit enough for front line duties and were occupied in preparing, supplying and clearing theatres if war. Early in WW1 these jobs were being performed by the fighting forces or local civilians, but as demands increased the Labour Corp was formed in 1917 to fulfil the demand. Amongst their duties were road and rail building and repair, moving of stores and ammunition, loading and unloading of ships and trains, and burying the dead. They were present in huge numbers in France and Flanders, often being drawn into the battle front and not always in armed units.

The Agricultural Companies were normally in England, the soldiers being of the lowest fitness level but providing labour on farms to help in the production of food. The 507th Company to which James was attached had its HQ in Beverley and he died aged 30 in the Military Hospital Patrington near Spurn Point, where the Agricultural Company had a training camp. The cause of death, recorded by Capt. Morgan FRCS, was influenza, pneumonia and heart failure. James Parker was a victim of the Spanish flu epidemic that would eventually claim more lives than those lost in the hostilities of WW1.

He is remembered on the family memorial stone in Dore Christ Church. His date of death was 10 November 1918, the eve of Armistice Day.

Charles and Bernard Turner

This was the only Totley family to lose two sons during WW1, both in 1917. Charles and Bernard were sons of Charles and Hannah Turner who lived in what is now the Old Orchard on Hillfoot Road. Their house, a small cottage, can be seen in Brian Edwards's book "Totley District in Old Photographs" and still stands, although now part of a much larger property.

The cottage had been given to Charles Turner senior by his mother. An original indenture dated 10 June 1895 gives the cottage and land to their father "in consideration of the natural love and affection of the

said Keturah Turner for her son the said Charles Turner". At the time of the indenture Keturah was widowed and working as a laundress. She had been married to Charles Edward Turner who had died in the summer of 1871. Her husband's occupations had been listed as shoe maker and agricultural labourer. It is not known from what date the family owned the cottage.

Keturah and Charles Edward had been married in spring 1849, their eldest son being born early in 1850, although Keturah already had a daughter, Esther, prior to her marriage who always kept her mother's maiden name, Wragg. Charles, the father of the boys who were killed in the war, was their last child born in 1866.

In 1881 at the age of 15 Charles senior was an errand boy but by 1891 he was a scythe smith, a common trade in Topley as the mills on Old Hay Brook had been used for this purpose during the 19th century. However, by the end of the Victorian era these were derelict or had been converted to farms, so it was possible that Charles senior would have been working at Abbeydale Works, now the Hamlet.

In 1890 he married Hannah Stiles from Dore and within a year their first son, Arthur, was born. Arthur was to live in the Old Orchard cottage all his life, dying in his eighties in the 1970s. By 1901 there were five children including Charles junior, born on 16 August 1892 and Bernard, born on 13 December 1897. Their mother Hannah died in 1903 at the age of 34 and is buried in Christ Church, Dore. Their father, Charles senior, died in 1944 at the age of 78, having outlived three of his five children.

Charles junior attended Topley All Saints School between 1898 and 1905, leaving after the summer term not yet quite 13 years old to begin work. As his father before him, he became a scythe smith before enlisting in the Royal Marine Light Infantry as Private PO/1399(S). He lost his life on 17 February 1917, aged 24, during the Battle of the Somme. He is buried in Grave I. J. 5. at Queens Cemetery Bucquoy approximately 8km north of Arras.

Bernard's military records have survived, a rarity. He enlisted in Chesterfield on 13 September 1916 and is recorded as being under 5 ft 4 inches tall, weighing 10 st 4 lbs and employed as a wood-working machinist. He joined the 2/7th Battalion of the Royal Scots as Private 301896 and was posted to Etaples, France in mid June 1917. Within two weeks he had been moved to the 9th Battalion, this being very common as heavy casualties meant frequent reorganisation of available fighting men.

Reported as missing on 20 September 1917, his death was officially accepted three days later. He had been killed, aged 19, during the Battle of Menin Road, part of the infamous Passchendaele campaign in which there were half a million casualties. He is remembered at the New Irish Farm Cemetery, memorial reference XX.D.17 near Ypres. In 1921 his father received from the army "2 discs, 1 numeral". Were these Bernard's identification tags that had finally been found?

Do you have any information or photographs?

We are still doing research on the soldiers and plan eventually to publish a small book about them. We would welcome any information that you may have about any of the men or their families.

Photographs of Roy Milner, Tom Fisher, Hedley Bishop, James Parker, and Charles and Bernard

Turner would be particularly welcome. Many of them were pupils at Topley All Saints School between 1891 and 1907 so they may be on school photographs from this period.

If you have any information or perhaps can correct an error, please contact Dorothy Prosser on 0114 236 2483 or by e-mail at topleysoldiers@riverwyre.com

PINFOLD GARDEN

TI OCTOBER - TRA CHAIR'S ARTICLE

I note that the TRA's Chair refers us to a plaque having been installed to acknowledge the contribution, towards the upkeep of the garden, made by the late Jerry Roberts. Well done Jerry (and TRA for organising the plaque).

I am however staggered to note that there is no plaque to acknowledge the creator of the garden (nor indeed any reference made in the Chair's article).

My dear friend, the late C.S. (Stan) Bingham dedicated a vast amount of time and effort in converting the plot of land from waste-ground into the landscaped garden we see today. Although this was not a single-handed effort, I have no doubt that without Stan's drive and determination, we would have no Pinfold Garden.

After the creation of the garden (until his failing health prevented it) Stan committed himself to its ongoing maintenance, a task in which he was later joined by Jerry Roberts.

Surely Topley (and TRA) should not allow Stan Bingham's major contribution to the Pinfold to go without similar acknowledgement?

Yours faithfully

Alan Ibbotson

Ed - the Chair will discuss with the TRA committee at the next opportunity

Scout Lottery

Winners of the 1st Topley Scout Lottery September Draw.

1st Prize No 09
Salter Kitchen Scales
Miss Blackwell
Green Oak Avenue

2nd Prize No 66
£10 Voucher
Mr N Rolfe
The Grove

Peter Casson

SHEFFIELD CRICKET LOVERS SOCIETY

Are you interested in cricket?

Do you play or watch it in summer?

Do you get withdrawal symptoms in winter?

If the answer is YES then you may be interested in the Sheffield Cricket Lovers' Society.

Meetings are held at Abbeydale Sports Club from September to April with interesting

speakers covering all aspects of cricket nationwide. County players and officials, National and International officials and players together with media contacts.

For more information please contact; Mr David Drabble.

Tel: 01246-416145



St John's Church Abbeydale



Special Services coming up in the next few months

14th November

10am Service of Remembrance

28th November

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

19th December (Amendment: NOT 24th)

6.30pm Carol Service—Nine lessons and carols

24th December

5pm Christingle

Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

25th December

9.30am Family Communion Christmas Day

Normal weekly services are:-

8am Either Morning Prayer or Holy

Communion

10am Parish Communion. Provision for children is made on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month either by way of Family Communion or Fish Club

The first Wednesday of every month Holy Communion 10.15am

Talk, Fork and Walk Books.....

Last night, weeks late, I finished the final final version of my memoirs. ***Who's Been Talking, Twenty-Six Years of BBC Broadcasting Without a Mistake***. The Totley launch is at the History Group meeting on **24th November** in the Library at 7.30.

If you like your Totley, there's loads of Totley in the book, because there's loads of Totley in me. Included are the stories of my Totley conception, birth and death. And of scabrous family life on the Laverdene with Our Dave and Our Geth. There's one story of Lily and Gethin Robinson nobody in Totley knows, yet, and it's not about Bowling or the Community Centre or The TOADS, though they're all in it. As are the Vicar's daughter and Nanny Jessop. And my Goronwy, Eleanor and Megan who gave me my second childhood in Totley. And Eric Shaw who was in The Cremorne on match day and missed something amazing.

The night before the Totley launch, Sheffield Hallam Uni have organised this big do that already feels like my funeral, with loads of pals and relatives coming to pretend to remember my life, and have a laugh at my expense. Except for two things. It's at their expense this time, and all the money from the gig and the book goes to the Children's Hospital Charity. And I'll be there.

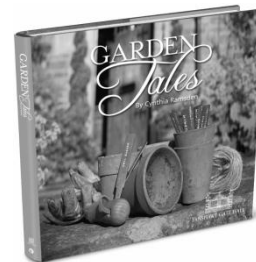
And I'll be at our Library the night after I hope. And I hope you will be too. (You might be in it).

Rony Robinson

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Many of you will have visited the garden at the ancient Fanshawe Gate Hall, just a mile or so away on foot! If you are short of ideas for presents, as well as buying a copy of Rony's ***Who's Been Talking***, you could hardly do better than buy one or both of the beautiful books by Cynthia Ramsden about her garden at Fanshawe Gate.

One book is the eagerly awaited reprint of ***A Garden in My Life***, about the making of the garden - which is opened every summer under the National Gardens Scheme. The other, ***Garden Tales*** was published last year and is a delightfully warm oral and pictorial record of all the local volunteers (and even a cockerel) who help there. They are both stunningly designed and illustrated and would make fabulous gifts. Cynthia will be doing a book signing at Waterstones on 28th November, or you can order them online at www.fanshawegate.com for £16.99 each, or both together as a boxed set at £32. Profits go to the Oesophageal Patients Association.



And while we're at it, I have been involved with a book of local walks, ***Women's Ways*** (ed. Sue Beardon). We even got on ***Radio 4's Ramblings!*** This features two walks by me - one of which will take you up to Fanshawe Gate, the other looks at the history and archaeology of Big Moor. There are lots of others - from the shortish to the full blown trekish! Profits go to Medical Aid for Palestinians and the Palestine Womens Scholarship Fund. It's at Waterstones, outdoor shops and Peak Park outlets for £7.99.

Sally Goldsmith

Weight Management Service

New NHS support service launched to help people lose weight

A new NHS weight management service launched in Sheffield, offers an alternative to people who are significantly overweight or obese and have been unsuccessful in managing their weight either alone or through commercial weight loss groups.

The free service, called Weigh Ahead will provide an alternative to the more drastic measure of surgery. Through an intensive 12 week weight management programme, it will help people make long lasting changes to their lifestyle with the aim of reducing or maintaining their weight.

The programme delivered by a range of experienced, qualified health professionals from Sheffield Primary Care Trust provides personalised support that is tailored to each individual. Friendly, personal or group sessions can be arranged with dieticians, physiotherapists and a psychologist, to help people make far reaching changes to their diet and physical activity to achieve their weight loss goal.

A personal guide maintains weekly contact to help answer any concerns and keep people inspired and motivated. Access to a dedicated website also provides an opportunity to share problems, advice and experiences with other people on the programme through an online forum.

Anyone who has a BMI of over 40, or 35 with other health conditions and thinks that they may benefit from the Weigh Ahead programme should speak to their doctor or health professional to arrange an appointment with the service.

More details about the Weigh Ahead service can be found at <http://sheffieldweighahead.nhs.uk/> or by contacting the team on 0114 237 1166 or shef-pct.weighahead@nhs.net



TOTLEY HALL FARM'S CHRISTMAS 'LIVE NATIVITY PLAYS'



ONCE AGAIN

A WORRIED NEW FATHER!

A HAPPY SANTA

We have recreated the Bethlehem stable scene in our barn complete with live animals, Rosie our cow, Dorset ewes and lambs, and Spirit our donkey, giving it a flavour of real authenticity and atmosphere.

The children who came last year enjoyed dressing up as Mary, Joseph, the angels or wise men and playing out their role as we narrated the wonderful nativity story. The parents filmed or photographed the performance in between joining in the carol singing. The after performance refreshments proved very popular, particularly the mulled wine for the adults! Santa's house was the main attraction for the children as they collected their presents from him, although the free donkey rides were a close second!

Why not give the whole family a Christmas treat this year

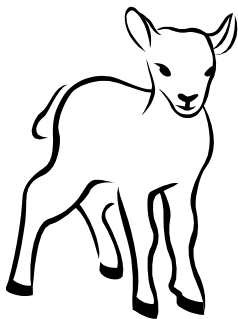
by coming to one of our plays? The whole event lasts approximately 1½ - 2 hours, the narrated play taking about 30 minutes at the beginning. Do visit our web site at www.totleychristmasfestivals.co.uk for pictures of last year's performances and a list of special options for groups and clubs that start at £4.80 per person.

Below is a schedule of this years performances and we would love you to join us for this unique and special start to Christmas.

TO HELP YOUR BUDGET WE HAVE KEPT OUR PRICES AT LAST YEAR'S LEVELS

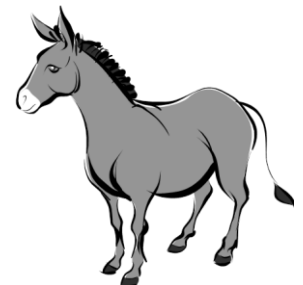
Adults @ £9.80 - includes tea, coffee or mulled wine and mince pies.

Children 3 - 16 @ £9.80, Children 2 and under @ £4.80 – includes a present, drinks and Christmas biscuit.



A PLAYFUL LAMB

Sat 11th Dec		01:30				Tue 21st Dec		01:30	04:30		
Fri 17th Dec			04:30			Wed 22nd Dec		01:30	04:30		
Sat 18th Dec	10:30	01:30	04:30	06:30		Thur 23rd Dec		01:30	04:30	06:30	
Mon 20th Dec		01:30	04:30			Fri 24th Dec	10:30	01:30	04:30		



A SPIRITED DONKEY

For further information, or to book your places using our credit card hotline, please call Jenny on 236 4761

Comments from some of our schools last year

A wonderful and memorable experience for us all. The children were all involved and interested. Very well organised and thought out.
Ashdell School

Had a lovely time. It was a good hands on experience for the children to tell them about the nativity story. It will have prepared the children for our own nativity plays.
Dinnington Community Primary

A stress free nativity – what a novelty !!

What a fantastic experience! The children enjoyed every minute.
Herringthorpe Junior School

It was well organised and presented.
Brotherton & Byram School

A really lovely presentation and friendly staff. Well done.
St Bedes Nursery

Wonderful memories for the children. The staff absolutely brilliant with the little ones.
St Bedes Nursery

Thanks for a super morning. The children really loved it. Top marks for organisation and patience too
Whitwell Primary



We are delighted that a lot of Special Schools and Resources visit us too. We have easy wheelchair access and a range of costumes specially designed for wheelchair users. Here are some of their comments –

We had a lovely time dressing up and taking part in the nativity. Just the right level and length for our children. The children especially enjoyed riding the donkey and holding the lambs afterwards.
Bents Green School

A wonderful experience – thanks for adapting to meet the needs of our children.
Kilnhurst Autistic Resource.

We had never seen our children respond so positively to a completely new experience. Truly amazing.

The children were enthralled and captivated by the whole experience.
Mossbrook Special School

A very realistic sensory experience – our children were entranced by the animals. Please do it again next year – we'll book in now.
Hilltop Special School



Abbeydale Miniature Railway



Sunday 5th December & 12th December

Gate opens at 11am
Last Entrance 3.30pm

Admission at the gate is £7 each

Admission covers 'unlimited' train rides, seasonal refreshments, a visit to Santa in his grotto and a present for each child.

Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield S17 3LA (Next to The Glen Nursing Home)

Look for the yellow notice board on the grass verge

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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24TH

TOTLEY LIBRARY 7.30PM

AN EVENING WITH LOCAL CELEBRITY

RONY ROBINSON

TALKING ABOUT HIS RECENTLY PUBLISHED MEMOIRS

£1 FOR MEMBERS, £2 FOR NON-MEMBERS

St. John's Luncheon Club

We now have a new cooker installed in the kitchen of the church hall at St. John's after the old one (only 10 years old) was condemned on health and safety grounds. We are very indebted to South Yorkshire Community Foundation who gave us a grant covering all the costs, and the timing was just right - we only had to cancel one of our weekly sessions following our normal two weeks off in August (T17 holiday) Our cooks can now continue to provide first class fare to our members, all except one being 80 or over. We have a long waiting list which means hopeful new members often have to wait for a year or more before getting a place.

In December we celebrate 25 years as a club, and at our Christmas Lunch on December 16th, we will welcome not only our founder, Rev Trevor Hudson and his wife Jean but the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress have accepted an invitation to join us for lunch. The club will then close until January 6th 2011.

Totley Brook Badminton Club

This club play social Badminton on a Tuesday evening in the Church Hall at St. John's Abbeydale Road South, and we are looking for a few new members. We are a friendly group - enjoying not only badminton but a chat and a cup of tea etc. If you fancy giving it a try, turn up on any Tuesday evening about 8pm or phone John 235 1129 or Derek 236 2597 for more details. Our subscription rate is £40 for the season from late September to pre-Easter or £20 for half season. We might even find you a racquet if you don't have one.

A Magical Christmas

Sheffield Botanical Gardens

Friday 10th December, Saturday 11th December and Sunday 12th December 2010 4.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Enjoy a truly magical evening and be entertained by illuminations, carol singing, free traditional children's rides, a miniature steam train ride and enchanted fairies in the Glass Pavilions. Entry is £5 adults and accompanied children U16 free. Buy tickets on the gate at Thompson Road, Clarkehouse Road and Botanical Road/Clarkehouse Road for wheel chair and buggy friendly access.

TOTLEY SHOW

Totley Show made a profit of just over £800 this year - a very successful event. Put next year's date - Saturday 17th September - in your diary!
Jennie Street

Census 2011 Recruitment

As you may be aware, the 2011 Census is fast approaching. The census provides information to help government make key decisions that will affect public services. Run in England and Wales every ten years, the next one takes place on 27 March 2011.

Recruitment is now underway for over 35,000 temporary part-time and full-time vacancies to help make the census a success.

The roles would be ideal for retired or semi-retired staff, returners to work, students or anyone looking for a short term income boost.

Applications are invited via the internet on www.censusjobs.co.uk



HEY NICODEMUS, LISTEN TO THIS RECIPE FOR TURGID TOTLEY TRUFFLES!

GARDENING TIPS FOR NOVEMBER

November is a busy month for gardeners pruning, clearing beds of summer plants, digging over vacant plots in the veg garden and preparing soil for next year's planting, dividing perennials, overhauling garden tools and machinery, insulating the greenhouse. The list is endless; I hope you get the more essential jobs done before old Jack Frost comes calling. I have not quite finished my list yet I have quite a lot of unfinished jobs.

We have enjoyed our garden this year we have had lots of colour (still have mid Oct) the cosmos has been particularly good, the runner beans have given us a good crop after a slow start, my onions and leeks came up trumps for the Totley Show it's a pity we didn't have more entries the show bench was a bit sparse this year, I hope you will bring your produce next year and make it a bonanza show.

The seed and plant catalogues are coming in the post just now, so get your orders in early to avoid disappointment I love picking out my selection of seeds, planning where they are to be planted and working out whether I have enough room to accommodate them all, I very often have to condense my list as my eyes are bigger than my garden.

Don't forget to keep feeding the birds especially as the days get colder, it is always a pleasure to see the overwintering birds on the feeders squabbling over the little tit bits.

Maintenance work on fences, huts and greenhouses can be done at this time making sure they will last a bit longer by giving them a good coat of preservative. Paving slabs which have developed wobbles or are coming loose need to be attended to, health and safety you know.

Lots to do so get cracking...

FLOWERS

As the weather deteriorates it's important to get as much tidying up done as possible, dig over any vacant beds. Complete the planting of spring bulbs, cover or wrap any tender plants, use straw or bubble wrap, be sure to leave space for ventilation, don't wrap too tight or they will rot. Lily of the valley can be planted now they need a shaded position, water side plants, such as astilbe and trollus can be planted now it's not a good time to move true aquatics or plant into the water. Prick over flowerbeds with a fork (not too deeply) apply a dusting of bonemeal, protect any soft leafed alpinas by covering with glass on supports; they must have air circulating round them. Lift border chrysanthemums and place them in a cold frame or greenhouse in a box of light I soil watch out for mildew and dust with sulphur this will usually cure this. Keep an eye on the bulbs potted up earlier they must be kept moist (not wet) watch out for mildew and deal with it. You could bring into light any that have developed a good root system for bringing on earlier. They will not need high temperatures 60 degrees F day time 50 degrees night will be just right at first, increase to 70 degrees F once the flower buds have formed.

VEGETABLES

Dig over vacant plots, add compost or farmyard manure, do not add lime if you are applying manure. Leave the digging rough so that the frost can work on it. Check any stored vegetables remove any suspect ones. Make sure your cauliflowers are protected from frost by bending over some of the leaves. Lift and store Jerusalem artichokes, parsnips, horseradish and salsify before the frost makes them too hard to dig them up. Keep hoeing all over wintering vegetables to keep weeds from getting established. Remove any yellowing leaves from Brussels sprouts; pick them from the bottom up a few off each plant.

TREES, SHRUBS AND FRUIT

Prepare the ground for planting all kinds of trees and bushes, canes etc. Dig as deep as possible and work in some manure or compost with a little bonemeal added. Prune fruit trees trained on walls or fences. Make sure that all supports and ties are firm. When buying fruit trees make sure they are a dwarf or semi dwarf stock if your garden is small. This month is a good time to deal with those neglected trees and bushes, take out all cankered branches and crossing ones open up the centre to give light and air. Trim the



edges of cuts with a sharp knife and paint with arbrex or similar. The end of November is a good time to plant blackberries and loganberries; try one of the thornless varieties. Keep an eye on stored fruit, particularly pears take out any suspect ones, and pears that are beginning to mellow should be taken indoors for use.

GREENHOUSE and INDOOR PLANTS

Give the greenhouse glass a good clean inside and out to maximise any light. Ventilate cautiously only on fine days, close doors in any case by 4.00pm. Now is the time to prune grapevines cut back the side growth to within one or two dormant buds of the main stem. Pot up Lily of the valley crowns - just cover them with soil. Keep most plants on the dry side, pot on any cuttings which have made a good root system. Keep them in the propagator until they have got over the stress of re-potting, give as much light as possible. Remove dead leaves etc. from pot plants, dust with flowers of sulphur to prevent fungus growth. Cut back chrysanthemum when they have finished to within 5 to 8cm (2 to 3 inch) of ground level, this will encourage the roots to throw up sucker shoots which will make ideal cuttings later on. I find that insulating the greenhouse with bubble wrap helps to keep plants during cold weather and helps keep down heating costs. Make sure you buy bubble wrap, which is UV stabilised it lasts longer. I have not lost many fuchsias since using it.

LAWN

The lawn sowing season is almost over and the lawn mower needs to be cleaned, overhauled and put away in a dry place, if it needs sharpening etc. now is the time as it is usually cheaper at this time. Clean up leaves regularly, spike and sand areas which are prone to being soggy in wet weather. Keep edges trimmed it makes the lawn look cared for. Cheerio for now. TOM



Totley Pharmacy

Totley Pharmacy (158 Baslow Road, near Mickley Lane) has recently installed a state of the art pharmacy robot to dispense medicines safely, accurately and efficiently. The project has taken 12 months including research, planning and design and installation.

The robot's priority is patient safety. The robot is an award winning engineering masterpiece made from

aeronautical parts which guarantee reliability and accuracy. When stocking a medicine, the robot identifies it is the correct item by checking the barcode and pack dimensions against a reference drug database. If either of these checks fails, the robot will reject the pack, so preventing errors. The robot then gives exact coordinates as to where the pack will be placed.

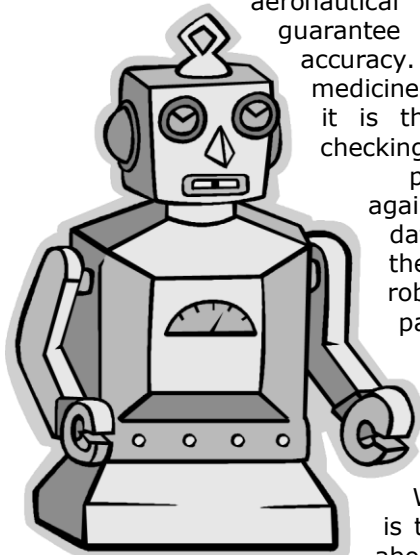
When the medicine is to be dispensed, the above checks are again carried out using lasers. If any discrepancy occurs the robot will refuse to dispense the pack, so preventing errors. The robot dispenses the medicines down a chute to the pharmacy staff who then perform another check and label the prescription. Finally the pharmacist performs a final check. So, in addition to the robot checks, each prescription undergoes two human checks. This robust procedure is unique to robotic pharmacies and vastly improves accuracy and patient safety.

The robot also dispenses far quicker than traditional manual methods so waiting times will be reduced. The workflow is a lot calmer and more organised which also helps safety. Since the technical tasks are done by the robot, the pharmacist has more time to spend with patients and discuss their medication. So if the pharmacist is counselling patients in the pharmacy or on the phone, the robot continues to prepare prescriptions ready for checking, and the dispensing process never stops. We hope this will help provide a more personal and complete service.

Other advantages include automatic date checking so all medicines dispensed should be in date. Also the storage is remarkably space efficient; this allows the pharmacy to hold more stock and so be out of stock less.

We are very proud of the results of our investment which has been undertaken in response to patient feedback and the changing demands of the modern health service. Together with our dispensing software, we believe it optimises the use of technology to provide the highest levels of safety and service to the community. To share this with the community, we will be having an open day in November, and we encourage everybody to come and see the robot in operation. As part of the open day, we are running a "name the robot" competition with a £100 prize to the winning entry, so please pop your suggestions into the pharmacy.

Tajinder Singh



Friends of Gillfield Wood

On the 26th September a practical conservation day was held in Gillfield Wood, which involved the removal of the style at the top woodland boundary. This was replaced with a wood kissing gate which is more user friendly towards dog walkers and mountain bikers. The event was attended by three members of the group and the work was supervised by Henk Littlewood, who is a Countryside Ranger with the Parks and Countryside Dept. at Sheffield City Council. The meeting held at Totley library on the 5th October discussed the forming of a Friends of Gillfield Wood Group together with a constitution and for members of the public to show their interest in joining a management committee. Three people are required to form a committee and on the night, 6 people showed an interest in joining.

The next FOG meeting is to be held at Totley Library on the 9th November at 7pm (posters will be put up to confirm), when the positions of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary will be decided together with the firming up of the constitution. All members of the public with an interest in the wood and its upkeep are very welcome to attend.

Dave Gash



Tony and Julie at The Crown Inn

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CLOSED SUNDAY EVENING

**16th November
Live Music
With
Rodger Unplugged**

**30th November
Impressions Quintet
With
Karen Lake**

All Saints Church,

Totley Hall Lane

All Saints' Day

Since our Church is called All Saints this is of particular interest to us.

All Saints Day is a celebration of all Christian Saints, particularly those who have no special feast days of their own. In many western churches it is annually held on November 1st and in many eastern churches it is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. All Saints Day is observed by Christians in many countries around the world. In countries such as Spain, Portugal and Mexico, offerings are made on this day. In countries such as Belgium, Hungary and Italy people bring flowers to the graves of dead relatives. In other parts of Europe such as Austria, Croatia, Poland and Romania, it is customary to light candles as well as visiting graves of deceased relatives. It is also observed in parts of Asia such as the Philippines, where people visit the graves of deceased relatives and clean or repair them. They also lay flowers on the graves and light candles. In France church services in memory of all the saints are held on November 1st, but by evening the focus turns towards the dead. Cemeteries everywhere are crowded with people who come to clean and decorate family graves. According to some sources the idea of All Saints Day goes back to the fourth century when the Greek Christians kept a festival on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Other sources say it began to be celebrated in 270AD. Pope Gregory IV made All Saints Day an authorised holiday 837AD. It is speculated that 1st November was chosen in an attempt to supplant the pagan Festival of the Dead.

Services for November

7 th	10am	Morning Praise
	6.30pm	Holy Communion
14 th	9.45am	REMEMBRANCE DAY
	6.30pm	Open to God at All Saints
21 st	10am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
28 th	10am	Morning Praise
	6.30pm	Holy Communion

There will be a Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11am on 14th November.

Heavenly Father,
As we reach the 1st of November
We thank you for all the Saints in past times
For the dangers and hardships they endured,
We remember them with gratitude and pray we
too may be strong in our faith,
Amen.



RECIPE

A Treat for Bonfire Night - Yorkshire Parkin

8 oz medium oatmeal	5oz Treacle
1oz sugar	4oz butter
Pinch of ground ginger	½ teaspoon
Pinch of salt	bicarbonate of soda
2 tablespoons milk	

Grease and line an 8" (20cm) square tin.

Mix all dry ingredients together.

Place treacle, syrup and butter in a sauce pan and gently warm until melted.

Dissolve the bicarbonate of soda in the slightly warmed milk.

Pour the liquids into the dry ingredients, stir and mix well.

Pour into the prepared tin and bake for 55-65 mins at 160deg or Gas mark 3 Main oven or 150deg Gas mark 2 Fan oven

Cut into squares when cold.

Makes 16 portions

Archaeology group

Are you interested in archaeology? We are a small group of local people, who plan initially to share enthusiasm/information/ideas but eventually to research, develop and pull together a record of what we know about the surrounding area. Would you, or anyone living locally who you know, be interested? If so please contact John Baker on 236 9025 or Dorne Coggins on 236 5769 to find out more.

Sheffield Bach Choir

SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2010

**Sheffield Bach Choir presents
BACH'S CHRISTMAS ORATORIO**

at Sheffield Cathedral, Church Street, S1 1AA

7.30 pm

Tickets £12-£15; Students £6 from 0114 266 8257 -
boxoffice@sheffieldbachchoir.org.uk

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60 YEARS ON

On a recent ride to town on the 98 bus I couldn't help overhearing a conversation between a lady and a male acquaintance on a nearby seat. She was the dominant speaker informing him of her experiences this year. Her accent was local and some in dialect which I will not try to convey in the written word.

"Have you been on holiday yet." Before the poor chap could reply — "I had a lovely time in Benidorm in February, it's a lovely place." In a quiet voice the chap returned that "He might go to his daughter's for a few days" She came back "I had a phone call from my sister at Crystal Peaks — she'd had a fall. It was the day before I was going to the Costa del Sol so what could I do." Then off again "We went to Skegness last Saturday, just for the day - we should have been going on holiday but it was cancelled."

I coupled this with a recent comment by a friend "I think we have been lucky in the time we've lived." This year we shall shortly celebrate our diamond wedding, and in my quieter moments have been reflecting on the changes in everyday life over the last 60 years. We had 38 guests to our wedding reception. No one owned a car, possibly two whose parents were in business, had phones at home. No one had been to university, though two of the young ladies had been to college for teacher training. In the previous generation one of my aunts and one of my wife's cousins had also followed the same route. Was this an early manifestation of "women's lib?"

In our first home we had no central heating, no double glazing, no washer, no fridge, no freezer, no television and no telephone. Colour photographs were the exception, did not occur in newspapers and were a rarity in magazines. The cinema was the major form of entertainment and also in monochrome. Most ordinary folk had holidays in the British Isles and only Mr Butlin had an early type of "Package holiday". None of our friends who married then dreamed of having a "stag night" in Amsterdam or a "hen party" in Bucharest or having a video recording of their wedding, or a honeymoon halfway across the world.

At our anniversary lunch a family affair of 27 people, we expect there will be 10 graduates, 3 college trained teachers, 1 current undergraduate, 1 about to start and 3 too young but hopeful. Quite a change from 60 years ago. As my friend said "We've lived through the best times"

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Don Ashford

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THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

There was much publicity about the Battle of Britain in September seventy years ago, but in fact it started in mid-August 1940, how do I know? - because I was there. My Husband, a Sheffield Policeman, recently retired Coldstream Guards Drill Sergeant and small-arms instructor, on four and a half years reserve, had been re-called to train groups of conscripted eighteen year-old men for six weeks instead of the usual three months, until there were sufficient to satisfy the immediate demand at the beginning of August 1940, when he was granted two weeks leave. We had a two-year old son, and it was decided that I should have a break whilst things were quiet. On his return to barracks arrangements were made for me to stay for two weeks with another Sergeant and his wife who lived, with their three young sons in Coulsdon, a small town about a mile from Caterham Barracks in Surrey, where I arrived with my son on the 21st August 1940. This was when I heard that the arrangements had gone a little awry, but it had been too late to tell me before we set out from home.

The air-raids had begun two nights before, all guards leave was stopped and my husband had a 'pass-out long enough to meet us at Coulsdon Station and take us to the house that was to be our home for the next two weeks. I met Eva and her husband, another Sergeant Instructor who, like my husband had been allowed two hours absence from barracks in order to see us safely established, and we didn't see either husband again until two hours before I left ten days later.

What happened in between? I soon learned from Eva that Kenley Aerodrome was the base for the fighter planes protecting London and was in a direct line from the coast, passing over Coulsdon on the way. They were no threat on their way to Kenley, but dreaded on their way back to the coast if they still carried unused ammunition. She had no fear for her sons for Keith, the eldest knew exactly what to do and the air-raid shelter was safer than a house! One morning about a week later she asked if I would like to spend the afternoon in Coulsdon and perhaps do a bit of shopping, I was delighted and we set off walking directly after lunch, viewing for the first time The Red Lion public house on the corner, the rows of shops, cafés and open stalls on our way. Then, just before we came to Woolworths a low drone could be heard, growing louder. "Quick" shouted Eva, "Get into Woolworths fast, downstairs, over in the corner", as I hesitated, mesmerised at the sight of the assistants, one with a huge Gladstone bag, which she held wide open whilst the cashier held the till upside down over the bag and tipped in all the cash, and both ran off to the far corner and down the steps to the shelter. This was, of course, the days when all stores like Woolworths had their wares on long benches behind which two or three assistants served the customers who then passed down to the till at the end to pay. Whilst this was going on two other assistants at each of the long counters were un-winding huge rolls of cloth at the far end of the counters each taking one corner and pulling, until the counters were covered and safe from any debris that might fly as the plane flew down the street, disposing of his spare ammunition before ditching in the sea. "come, quick" Eva kept shouting, "the far corner. Down the stairs." After all the commotion when we all ventured outside once more, a woman lying in the middle of the road got up brushed down her dress, and went on her way. I was amazed, but Eva was used to such happenings, "It's safer than standing, the bullets pass over you" was all she said.

I asked about the four lads we had left at home, "Oh they'll be all right, Keith knows exactly what to do, and he did. When we arrived home they were all four playing happily as if nothing unusual had happened! Eva was wonderful during the first ten days, finding all sorts of things to do to make me feel comfortable, and as I could do nothing to change the situation I was quite content to see the children all playing happily together, and watched as the bombers with their fighters passed high overhead, and an occasional fighter struggled back to the coast. Then, on the first of September I received a telegram from my Mother

asking me to return home at once as Jeff my youngest brother had arrived home on three days leave before embarking to Aden as cook/butcher and head of the canteen. I quickly sent a message to my husband, who obtained a two-hour pass to see me before I left for the mid-day train to London. The railway station was over a mile away, and had been no trouble on arrival, but with a large suitcase in one hand, a two year old son holding the other, and in the middle of yet another air-raid warning, and another warning from the air-raid warden in the street I felt very vulnerable. With one stop up the final half-mile (described in a previous article about fear) the Station Master came out and, grabbing my son under one arm, the suitcase in the other hand, rushed us to the train that had been waiting for us. "Get under the seat and sit there with all the other passengers, and don't lift the blinds", was his only warning. However, there was one little girl a few feet in front who did lift a blind, and whispered, "Yes they're there " and when I also had a peep through my nearest blind, sure enough there was a Spitfire , so close that I could see the Pilot grinning. Thus we were accompanied all the way to Waterloo Station when, just before we entered, the two Spitfires left with a roll-over and a wave and returned to Kenley. As on our journey to London the streets were empty due to an air-raid warning, but no sign of an actual raid, and so we boarded our train first to St. Pancras, then to Sheffield to be met by my Dad, relieved to see us but not so happy to see Jeff leave for Aden two days later. A letter from my husband two weeks later told me that the Red-Lion Pub had taken a direct hit one afternoon and all inside had been killed, and a few days later we heard of the first raid on London.

Jo Rundle

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"Improbable Fiction", written by Alan Ayckbourn in 2005, is the title of the next play to be performed by TOADS. The dates are from Wednesday 24th November to Saturday 27th November and the venue is as usual, St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South, at 7.30pm.

The play centres around a group of amateur writers - the clue is in the title - and is one of Ayckbourn's cleverest plays with a twist in the tale. This should be an evening not to be missed. Just the ticket for a cold winter's evening which will unfortunately come around sooner than we think!

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TUES 16th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, 'Caravanning', Mrs Ann Cresswell, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am
FRI 19th-FRI 24th DEC, SHEFFIELD CHRISTMAS MARKET, Peace Gdns
WED 24th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP, Talk by Rony Robinson, Rony's Memoirs, Totley Library, 7.30pm, all welcome
WED 24th - SAT 27th T.O.A.D.S. AUTUMN PRODUCTION, St John's Church Hall, 'Improbable Fiction' 7.30pm further details page 16
THU 25th SHEFFIELD FARMERS MARKET, 9am-4.30pm, Barkers Pool
FRI 26th FOLK CONCERT, 7.30pm, Cheshire Home, Mickley Hall, Tickets £7.50 includes pie & pea supper, contact Steve Brook 289 1159
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SAT 11th SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Members Christmas Party, Miss Ginny Marie, Heatherfield Club. 8.30pm.
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TUES 21st TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Christmas Meeting, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am
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