

# TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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**COTTAGE CHEESE VAN**

In last month's issue, Joe Abson enquired if anyone remembered Martin's Cottage Cheese Van. Jim Martin did and here is the van on Busheywood Road. Jim recalls that this was one of his favourite photos when he was a child.

## **Totley Residents Association Update**

Most of you are aware the Community has been subjected to youth nuisance, intimidation and criminal damage for many months. Some residents have been supporting the efforts of the TRA Committee by ringing in incidents to the Police. We have also attended PACT meetings since they began - PACT stands for Partners And Community Together. The meetings give us the opportunity to discuss our concerns with the Police and tell them what issues affect our quality of life most. The Chief Constable expects his officers to report back to us the work that has been carried out. PACT meetings enable us to hold the Police to account on what has been achieved. At the last PACT meeting we again voiced our concerns about the youth problems. We were told by the Police that something would be done as the situation was out of control and had been going on too long.

As I write, we are in the middle of a concerted effort by the Police to resolve the problem. Police officers have flooded the area, stopped, searched and spoken to many groups of young people, boys and girls. Over 20 homes have been visited and parents informed what has been going on. Many parents were not aware what their children were doing. Let us hope this has been a warning. The police will be repeating the operation.

This operation would not have taken place without the hard work of a few people. To maintain the "quiet night" we experienced on Thursday night, we must continue to ring in with incidents, so the Police can act. Don't rely on someone else ringing up, it is up to all of us to ring in and help each other.

We have grumbled and complained nothing can be done, but it can, the community and Police can work together. The next PACT meeting is on Friday 13th November 6.00pm St John's Church Abbeydale Rd.

The numbers to ring 101, 220 2020 or 999 if it is an emergency.

PC David Spencer has been moved from his job as Community Constable for Dore. He is now working in the Abbeydale Area. We must thank him for his service to our community and wish him well in his new job. We welcome PC Jo Clifton an experienced officer who has worked at Attercliffe and West Bar. She has joined the team of PC Mark Wadsworth and PCSO Dale Garner. We look forward to seeing her around Totley in the near future.

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Work on the implementation of the Master Plan continues in Green Oak Park. A small, hard working group of residents meet regularly with Miriam Stayte, Parks and Countryside Regeneration Officer to continue working on the Plan which was devised after many public discussions. The group also work in the park weeding, mulching and sorting out the stream area which when completed should attract wildlife. The grass in the orchard has now been cut. It was left long to encourage wild flowers to grow.

We need more help from other members of the community, one or two extra people will help speed up the job. It is satisfying and fun, even if you do get splashed or covered in mud!

Attempts to re-furbish the buildings in the park are on hold at the moment because of funding. It is hoped a fundraiser from the Community Assembly might be available to help, but this will be a long time ahead.

Adult learning is being taken very seriously in Totley. The Tai Chi class has had to move to bigger premises to accommodate all those wishing to participate, 22 at the last count. The class will now be held in All Saints Church Hall Mondays 11.30am-12.30pm cost £2.

Chairobics continues in the Library on Thursdays 2.00- 3.00pm cost £1.

Hopefully other adult classes will become available, please send in your suggestions.

Avril Critchley

## **JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM, TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH, GROVE ROAD**

Everyone is warmly invited to take a special Journey to Bethlehem, to trace the events leading up to the birth of Jesus during the very first Christmas over 2000 years ago. Free 30 minute tours will begin on SATURDAY 12TH AND SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER between 4-30 and 7-30pm. Visitors will be met by a Roman Centurion, who will guide them through scenes from the Bible telling of the birth of Jesus, take them on a visit to the Inn at Bethlehem, and to the village market place, where local crafts will be demonstrated, and visitors will be able to sample food of the time. Having visited the shepherds in the fields, the tour ends at the stable, where a real baby Jesus is cared for by Mary and Joseph.

The tour, in small groups, lasts about 30 minutes and is free, you are invited to stay for refreshments afterwards. Come warmly dressed, as the shepherds,(and their sheep!!) are outdoors. If you have been before, you are most welcome to come again, and bring along your friends: for many people, it has been said that Christmas starts here!

Around 1000 people journeyed last year, and now, as then, it is essential to book your time slot in advance: you can do this from 16th November onwards by calling 0114 236 8726.

All of us at Totley Rise Methodist Church look forward to seeing you, as we prepare together for Christmas 2009.

## **School Photograph**

We have had a couple of phone calls about the school photo on page 13 of the last issue, they think it is early 1920 -25. The second on the left on the back row is possibly Hedley Johnson and the ninth from the left second row Winnie Wortley. And second from left on the front row is Malcolm Wrigglesworth

## **The Bob Hall Show**

Appearing at The Crown Inn, Totley on Tuesday 1 December 2009 will be The Bob Hall Show. The internationally-known duo of Bob Hall and Hilary Blythe have taken their brand of blues and boogie woogie all over the world but rarely play in their home town so this is a special opportunity to see them in action. Bob, on piano, vocals and mandolin, and Hilary on bass, vocals and guitar will be playing songs from their latest CD "What Goes Round" on SPV Records. Check out their web-site at [www.boogie.demon.co.uk](http://www.boogie.demon.co.uk). Entry is free so why not go down?

**The Bob Hall Show  
The Crown Inn, Totley  
Tuesday 1st December 8.30pm  
Free entry**

## **Totley Hall Mead**

Over the last couple of years there has been a steady increase in the number of cars exiting this estate onto Totley Hall Lane without pausing to see if there is any oncoming traffic that has priority over them. The net result of this is that there have been a series of near misses involving farm vehicles travelling down Totley Hall Lane towards the land at the bottom. Just recently a car pulled out in front of a tractor and trailer loaded with 3 tonnes of sheep. Unable to stop before hitting this car the tractor driver managed to steer to the right handside of the road and stopped with the tractor alongside and inches away from the front of this vehicle. Without this quick thinking the car would have been severely damaged and most probably the driver killed as they were right in the path of the tractor. A similar incident occurred again this week but fortunately the farm vehicle involved was a small 4 X 4 that was able to stop in good time. The car driver carried on up Totley Hall Lane seemingly unaware of this ATV or near collision. Quite apart from the non compliance with the Highway Code, this can only be described as careless and even dangerous driving which if continued with end with a tragic accident. Perhaps TRA or SPACE could persuade highways to install some warning signs at the end of Totley Hall Mead in an effort to avoid this?  
Edwin Pocock

## **Email Tip**

Many of us have access to the internet these days and have our own email accounts. There are so many competitive deals around but when we change internet providers, the new one gives us a new email address and we usually lose the email and the address we had with the old provider. This means having to inform all our friends and organisations of our new details – it's almost like moving house!

But there is a simple way round this. If you open a 'webmail' email address it is independent of your internet provider and will stay with you for as long as you want it. It's easy to sign up online with one of the many (free) webmail providers such as Googlemail, Hotmail, Yahoo Mail, GMX Mail. You can also access your email via any computer or any internet browser anywhere – such as those on the computers at Totley Library. The only thing to be aware of is that you have to log into the email every so often or it could get disabled - it'll be in the webmail provider's terms when you sign up.



## **Transport 17**

The proceeds from our stall at Totley Show, plus a

collection by "Health Walkers" at a "Cream Tea" in our garden and some kind donations, raised a marvellous £131, I thought that this year's show was the best ever. Well done everyone. Someone even ordered the sun to shine.

We are, once again, very lucky to be involved in the Rotary Club of Sheffield Vulcan, Christmas Draw. Each charity involved sells draw tickets and for every pound's worth we sell we get to keep 80p. They provide and deliver the prizes. We will be asking everyone to buy tickets. The clubs know that our amazing staff will be asking them to part with their money. You can also get tickets from our office at 172 Baslow Road, Totley.

On Saturday 28th November we will be holding a Coffee Morning at the office. There will be Christmas cards, paper, gifts and books and some bric-a-brac. We will be serving mince pies, tea and coffee. If you don't like mince pies, we can offer you scones. You can give us what you like as a donation for the refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you.

Have you ever thought of being a driver or escort with us? Ring 236 2962 or pop in during the mornings, Monday to Friday.

Best wishes.

Margaret Barlow

## **Totley Show 2010**

### **Date for the social calendar**

The Totley Show Planning Group would like to announce that an amazing profit of £1,035 was made at the Show this year. We are really pleased as this money will be used by Totley Residents Association for the benefit of Totley people. Building on our success this year, we hope that you will help make next year's show even bigger and more fun. It will be held on Saturday 18th September 2010 so you can now get planning what you will enter!

The Show Group are: Beth Booth, Sue Bridgens, Jennifer Burns, Avril Critchley, Dorothy Firth, Paul Savage, Tom and Christine Steel, Jennie Street.

## **Totley Talents Show**

Being performed by local people

**Saturday 21st November 7.30pm**

Totley Methodist Church

Free refreshments available

Tickets £5 available at the door

Contact Mrs Holmes 235 1897

## **Totley Independent**

From next month, Totley Independent will be going up to 20p. The Independent has been 15p since 1984, not much else has remained unchanged in price for 25 years! We must thank our printers, Starprint, for keeping their costs down all these years, and they continue to do so. Back in 1984 we averaged 8-12 pages per issue, nowadays it's a minimum of 16 and usually 20 or 24 and this is the main reason we're increasing the price. If the Independent had kept pace with inflation by now a copy should be costing 42p!

## **T.O.A.D.S. AUTUMN PRODUCTION**

Well, this is your last reminder about our next play! "Murdered to Death" by Peter Gordon is an hilarious spoof of the best of Agatha Christie traditions, set in a country manor house in the 1930's. With an assembled cast of ten characters, including a strange butler, an English Colonel with a stiff upper lip, a bumbling Police Inspector, shady art dealer and his moll, and the well-meaning local sleuth, they are all caught up in the antics. But will the murderer be unmasked before everyone else has met their doom, or will the audience die laughing first?

To find out, come along to St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Wednesday to Saturday, 25th to 28th November at 7.30pm. Tickets available from any member, or from me, Kate Reynolds on 2366891. Tickets still £3.50, or £3 concessions. Freetrade coffee, tea and fresh orange available in the interval, or red and white wine at £1.25 per glass. Do come and enjoy, and cheer yourselves up on a November evening.

## **The Totley Christmas Ceilidh and Party**

**Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**7.30 – 10.30**

Totley All Saints Church Hall  
Totley Hall Lane

with

### **Airs and Graces**

**Barn Dance Band**

and featuring

### **The First Totley Christmas Mummer's Play**

raffle...mince pies.... family fun for all ages

Please bring your own bottles to drink

**£3.50 or £3 (concessions)**

Please book tickets: Ian Clarke 235 2526  
or Sally Goldsmith 0779 063 7016

All proceeds to Totley History Group for recording equipment

## **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: 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](http://www.totley.org.uk)**

## Landlords of the Cricket Inn, Totley

1865	William Green
1868	John Coates
1872	John Coates
1876	Willaim Barker
1879	William Anthony
1883	Samuel Duncan
1884	Samuel Duncan
1888	John Ashton
1890	John Ashton
1891	John Ashton
1893	John Ashton
1898	Harry Revill
1900	Harry Revill
1901	Harry Revill
1902	James Platts
1903	James Platts
1904	James Platts
1905	Frank Elliott
1907	Albert Hague
1908	Albert Hague
1910	Mrs Grace Ann Alger
1911	Mrs Grace Ann Alger
1912	Mrs Grace Ann Alger
1914	Oscar Creswick
1919/20	Mrs Margaret Creswick
1931/52	Bernard Dungworth
1952/64	William South
1964/78+	Albert Carr

## Share Your Photos

We're planning a 'bring along your pictures' session in December, together with our friends at Dore to Door. No-one likes to lend their precious photos out, so now you don't have to. The idea is that you bring along your photos and we scan them there and then and ask you a few details about. We'd then like to use the photos in the community magazines, websites and exhibitions. The photos should be of interest to the local community – your holiday snaps won't be of any interest to anyone except you! Even seemingly hopeless cases of ripped or worn material would be worth bringing along – much can be done these days once they've been scanned into a computer. So please look through your old photos & bring them along to the Dore Village Society room in Dore Old School on Saturday 5th December 10am – 12 noon. If we get a lot of interest, we'll repeat the exercise. Contact Ian Clarke 235 2526.

## PUZZLE CORNER

### A Scottish Tour.

Sort the letters in each clue to give the name of a town in Scotland. All are in single words.

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. RAY             | 2. RUG HID BEN     |
| 3. TIN WILL HOG    | 4. RING LIST       |
| 5. BATH ROAR       | 6. SLY BERT        |
| 7. SUSIE KING      | 8. MAN TORCH DRUID |
| 9. TEANY HERB      | 10. DANE BEER      |
| 11. MADE SHELL     | 12. BARE ARM       |
| 13. FRESH PET RAFT | 14. AIR BELOW RIG  |
| 15. A LOO PULL     | 16. TEE HER PAD    |
| 17. NOT AS WARY    | 18. NOT BAR MUD    |
| 19. NEVER SINS     | 20. OR SHUT        |

Don Ashford

## Artists making the French Connection

Art d'Or, a group of painters based in Dore Village, is looking forward to a painting holiday with a difference later this month.

A party of seventeen, comprising members of the group and their spouses will make its way to a superb 17th century chateau at Oigny-en Valois in Picardie, in the heart of the French champagne region, where they will spend a week painting and enjoying life the French way. The group, led by Sheffield artist Brian Smith, will paint the chateau and its estate in the open air, and visit historic local towns as well, in its search for subject matter.

"We are incredibly fortunate" says Brian, "The niece of one of our members owns the chateau and for the second year in succession we shall be working and playing hard, with lots of painting by day, and cooking and entertaining ourselves in the evenings. They are a very talented group in more ways than one and we shall enjoy preparing our own cuisine, sourced from local markets (including sampling the local and regional wines) and organising ourselves into teams for some traditional games like boules and croquet in the grounds. We have some talented musicians and singers too, so our itinerary will take account of that as well.

Brian and his wife have time-tabled an overnight stay in Paris en route; "There wont be time to paint this time but I hope to gather plenty of information for future work".

The area is steeped in history; the adjacent forest of Compiegne is the scene of the signing of two historic armistices – marking the end of the First World War in 1918, and later, the occupation of Northern France by Nazi Germany in 1940. The chateau itself was once occupied by a right hand general of Napoleon Bonaparte and also bears the scars of more recent hostilities, where outbuildings have been strafed by adjacent occupying forces.

With all this to aim at, the painting holiday should be a blast.

For more information contact Brian Smith at [brian@fineartist.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:brian@fineartist.wanadoo.co.uk) Tel; 07714 262139 / 0114 274 7339

## NEW BUS STOP

In all the talk of the new lights and bus turn-round, not to mention speed limits, and the cost of it all, (now it seems without proper consultation), no one has mentioned the re-positioned Cross Scythes Bus Stop. Surely this must be one of the most dangerous in Sheffield, never mind Totley!!

That particular bit of pavement is narrow, the road there is narrow, with cars usually parked across the road making it even worse. And no room for a bus shelter on one of the draughtiest bits of Baslow Rd. When it rains, you get splashed by passing cars and lorries.

Need I go on?

The sooner this crazy scheme is resolved and normal service resumed with buses turning outside the pub, would-be passengers safely standing back from the road and out of the wind, and stationary buses turning off their engines, the better for everyone concerned. Does anyone else feel this way?

A Grumpy Kate Reynolds

## Policing Changes Dore/Totley

Many of you will read this article with a degree of trepidation having noted its heading. I'm sure that by the end of it you will be much re-assured.

Before I do indeed cover the main theme it would be remiss of me not to make mention of the Police accident that caused me injury and forced me to have 3 months off work, whilst recovering from my injury.

On the 15th of April, this year whilst on my Police bike I sustained injuries to my right shoulder which required surgery. This was a very difficult time for me and I would like to say many thanks to all those persons who offered support both practical and emotional to both my family and me. This support came in many guises and from across the wider community. If I may, I would also like to say publicly a thank you to my family, especially my wife. Their love and support of me in what I do and the impact it has on us has been unwavering.

Therefore, that said what changes are afoot.

As you will be aware, the policing team that covers Dore/Totley is part of the Sharrow and Southwest Safer neighbourhood team. Due to staff changes, area boundary changes and crime trend changes the team is facing a period of re-structure. These factors have put extreme pressure on our resources. Challenges across our SNA (Safer Neighbourhood Area) are well documented and include a commitment to reduce crime including anti-social behaviour, reduce the impact of gangs, drugs, guns etc, on our youth and communities and requirements to meet our Policing Pledge.

Across our area, we have carried out some excellent work in tackling these areas with a number of successful operations. Many of these successes are documented on our website and I would suggest anyone wishing to know what its local teams are up to then visit us at <http://tinyurl.com/y94u7sy>. This web site also covers the local PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meetings. These are monthly meetings open to all residents where concerns can be aired and agreement met regarding what the local policing priorities will be for the next month. These meetings are a real chance to influence local policing actions. The next meeting is the 13th of November 2009 held at the St Johns Church Abbeydale Road south, Sheffield at 6.00pm.

The above changes in staffing and boundaries should enhance the effectiveness of our SNA in meeting its local priorities. The implementation of these changes is phased to ensure minimum negative impact.

As part of these changes, I have taken up the challenge of establishing a team based around the Abbeydale area focusing on intervention work with young persons. This type of intervention intends to deflect young persons from criminal activity by engaging them and offering a realistic alternative. Abbeydale is certainly a more diverse area to Police, with many cultures, faiths and attitudes.

Personally, I am very excited about this. I am looking forward to putting into practice some of the skills I have learnt from 26 years service working in many types of area and across a number of Police disciplines.

This of course means that I shall be moving from the Dore/ Totley Area. This is not a decision I took lightly. I have enjoyed my time as your local "bobby", been extremely well supported, and will really miss the many friends I have made. However, I will also relish the challenge.

Naturally, you will be thinking that is ok for you but what about us?

I am pleased to say that there will be minimal adverse effect on the policing team's performance. This is due to the arrival of Pc Clifton, who is here on a temporary basis to complement the work done by Pc Wadsworth and PCSO Garner. Pc Clifton's arrival, whilst welcome, is however only temporary. The restructure

mentioned earlier will however identify a more permanent staff member. In the mean time Pc Clifton can be contacted on our usual numbers of 296 3184 or via e-mail at: [jo.clifton@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jo.clifton@southyorks.pnn.police.uk) These changes took effect from the 12th October. PC David Spencer

## King Egbert's Update

It has been a very busy start to the new year at King Egbert School and there are many exciting events still to come.

We are pleased to announce that our drama production this year will be an in-house adaptation of "Titanic" written by our head of drama, Cheryl Bartlett and produced by sixth form students. The second half of the show will be excerpts from popular musicals to showcase the talents of as many of our pupils as possible. We hope you will be able to come. The performance dates will be in February.

There are a number of visits planned this year which we feel really enhance the rounded education we try to offer to our pupils. There is a trip to a German Christmas market in December and a London theatres' trip including workshops during October half term. In addition to the more local geography field trips that take place every year to Snowdonia, the Yorkshire Coast and the Peak District we are venturing further afield at October half term to one of the most fascinating countries in the world for geographers and geologists - Iceland. This is our third trip organised by acting headteacher, Tim Eldridge, and will enable a party of 40 to see volcanic features at first hand and experience a very different culture.

In November Lynda Bowen and the history department will take around 50 Year 9 pupils to visit the World War 1 battlefields in Belgium. Many of the pupils take the opportunity to trace the memorials of their ancestors who took part in the conflict. This trip is always oversubscribed and has run for a number of years giving pupils an incredible insight into the scale of the tragedy and the implications for individual soldiers and their families.

Alex Armitage and the Art Department are finalising plans for their second trip to New York at Easter, when a party, mainly of A level students, will have the opportunity to visit the fabulous collections on view in the most exciting of cities to inspire and influence their own developing artistic styles.

Closer to home, the Film Club allows pupils to view a broad spectrum of films and a number of our pupils have had significant national recognition for the reviews they have written of the films they have watched. Valuable analytical skills are being developed in a relaxing environment. This club is offered free to all pupils and is divided by age group - details are available in school from Mr Armitage.

## What would you like in the way of adult learning classes in Totley?

Totley Residents Association has learnt from Glynn Stones, the Adult Learning Officer for Sheffield City Council, that money is available to run some adult learning classes in this area.

The point is – what classes would you like to happen here? Obviously, Glynn may not be able to run more than one or two classes, but would like to know if there are some subjects which Totley people would like to pursue and then he can balance the demands with what is possible.

One suggestion heard on the street recently was the idea of a Totley Art Group. Does that appeal to you?

The sorts of classes that happen elsewhere in Sheffield are word-processing, book-keeping, Internet and email, languages, crafts and textiles, literacy, numeracy etc.

If you have any ideas, please let me know and we will invite Glynn to the TRA meeting on November 16th to discuss what he might be able to provide.

Avril Critchley, Tel. 236-1568

Email: [avril.critchley@btopenworld.com](mailto:avril.critchley@btopenworld.com)

Chair, Totley Residents Association



## Totley Talent

The Totley Show Planning Group would like to make a sincere apology for omitting Ray Sable's name from the list of winners at Totley Show in the last issue of *Totley Independent*. Ray won First Prize in Class 49, Sculpture Any Medium, for a wonderful stainless steel sculpture.

In fact, Ray is a very talented metal worker who spent his working life as a steelworker.

Before he retired last year Ray turned his talent to artistic expression. There are three garden gates in Totley created by him, all of them on The Grove and visible from the pavement. They are quirky delights with small animals and garden tools built into them to make a gate which makes people smile as they come to it.

All strength to Ray in future entries in Totley Show. Jennie Street



Ray Sables' prizewinning metal sculpture, entitled "Website".

## Happy posting at Christmas

Everything you need to know to deliver your seasons greetings

Last recommended posting dates	Service
<b>UK</b>	
Friday 18th December	Second Class
Monday 21st December	First Class
	Recorded Signed For™ has the same last posting dates as the 1st or 2nd Class service that the customer has chosen to apply it to
Tuesday 15th December	Standard Parcels
<b>Special Delivery™</b>	
Wednesday 23rd December	Special Delivery™
<b>Parcelforce Worldwide</b>	
Tuesday 22nd December	express48
Wednesday 23rd December	express24
Wednesday 2nd December until Friday 18th December**	Global Priority
<b>International Airmail</b>	
Friday 4th December	South & Central America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, Far East, Asia, New Zealand and Australia
Thursday 10th December	Japan, USA, Canada and Eastern Europe
Friday 11th December	Western Europe
<b>International Surface Mail</b>	
Thursday 1st October	All non-European destinations except Canada, Far East, Middle East, Hong Kong, South Africa and the USA
Tuesday 6th October	Far East (except Hong Kong and Singapore) and Middle East
Tuesday 20th October	Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa and the USA
Tuesday 10th November	Eastern Europe, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Malta and Iceland
Tuesday 24th November	Western Europe

\*\* Last recommended posting dates vary by destination. Please ask at the counter for further information or visit [www.parcelforce.com/countries](http://www.parcelforce.com/countries)

For a full list of all recommended last posting dates please visit our website  
[www.royalmail.com/christmasposting](http://www.royalmail.com/christmasposting)

## More Light on Baslow Road

As someone who uses Baslow Road on a daily basis often with slow moving vehicles or wide loads, sometimes accompanied by a flock of sheep, I think I can safely say that I have a good knowledge of the problems associated with this highway. It has always been subject to motorists driving dangerously fast and taking chances when overtaking. This is particularly true of the motorcycling fraternity during the week and even more so at the weekends. Most drivers drive more slowly down this stretch of road even if it is a bit above the new limits. But as always there are those who continue to be impatient and impetuous and drive up or down at 60mph. These are the people, lorry drivers included, who cause the problems, not the "almost" limit observers.

Every winter cars go off this road and smash into our walls. This year, even with the limits and lights, will be no exception as one vehicle has already destroyed part of a wall just past the first 2 bends out of Totley. Fortunately most drivers can veer away from this type of accident, however, if they hit a car coming in the opposite direction in the process it can become very serious indeed. The new limits should curtail this type of accident if they are observed and enforced.

Without doubt, the movement of the terminus from The Cross Scythes pub to its present location, has greatly improved the safety on this part of Baslow Road. To have a bus turning across a main road, on a bend, by a crossroads and a pelican crossing has been a hazard for a long time. Particularly so when it has had to shunt backwards and forwards to enter the parking area due to the number of cars parked in this area. This move has greatly benefited the local residents, as evidence by the letter in the last month of The Totley Independent, as well as the through traffic. The area is now much safer for the many school children and mums who cross the road in this area.

Richard Lamb enquires as to how the new terminus site came to be chosen. My understanding is that it was initially proposed by Totley Residents Association, seconded by the Passenger Transport Authority and the bus operators, and approved by the Council and its officers as being the best, most economic site available in the area. Certainly it has the benefit of good access, good screening and good exit sight lines. Richard is obviously familiar with the footpath that he claims has been closed off. This has not been affected in any way by the terminus construction and is in exactly the same condition and availability that it always has been. The walls he talks about have always been there and have stepping stones in them to assist the walker to get over the top and continue on their way, whilst preventing the escape of livestock.

In my view the planner who drew up the plans, together with those who construct the terminus have made an excellent job of creating a visually unobtrusive yet very user friendly facility. The fact that the land was already owned by the council and had an existing access point on the highway were additional factors that made it the prime site. The published cost did not therefore contain any purchase fees. Even if it had, they would have been a small percentage of the total costs.

I hope these few lines will shed more light on what has become a hot topic.

Edwin Pocock

## Dronfield Against Incineration

A local campaign group is keen to highlight to Totley residents the potential dangers of a planning application currently with Derbyshire County Council planners.

Cyclamax, a Wales-based company with no previous experience of operating commercial hazardous waste incinerators, has applied to Matlock for permission to build such a plant just 4 miles from Totley.

"The most worrying aspect of this application is that we have an unproven company planning to use an unproven technology based on an unsound options report. All of this, and right on our doorstep," said Richard Bembridge, one of the coordinators of the campaign group.

"One of my concerns is that our communities know very little about the plans, and what they can do to oppose them," he continued.

The Dronfield-based group, in association with Chesterfield Against Incineration, plans a public information campaign followed by a mass rally in November.

"Attendance is key," said Richard, "since this will literally be our last chance to show the Derbyshire planners, all of whom live a long way from the proposed site, that we strongly oppose these incinerator plans - here, or anywhere for that matter."

Anybody wishing to learn more can contact the campaign by emailing Angelique at malika30@hotmail.co.uk or Julie at julie@dunstonlodge.com, or visit [www.againstincineration.org.uk](http://www.againstincineration.org.uk).

## Totley Primary School Update

Well another summer has been and gone! The building work has finished and what a job Kier Construction has done, it looks fantastic. To see is to believe. At the start of this project everyone was asking for different things, one thing that our Deputy Head Mr Stewart and our Y6 teacher Mr Paxman asked for was a shower room so they could freshen up after football practice. Mrs Lant the Head Teacher said if this happened she would eat her hat, so when we had discussions with the architects I pushed for the shower room as I felt one could be built. So on Tuesday 8th September Mr Stewart christened his shower room, then in assembly he presented Mrs Lant with a cake made to look like a Kier hard hat, all the children loved this joke.

This year the gardening club won silver for their hanging baskets and tubs plus silver gilt for the new garden in the Lord Mayor's Sheffield In Bloom. We also got judges achievement for the Rose Bowl Allotment Contest. There is not a category for schools in this contest but hopefully next year our school could have instigated a new category. My thanks yet again to Carol Gardener, Tom Steel and Chris Measures for their help and expertise, also Mrs Lant and Mr Stewart for their support. Not to mention my thanks to Avril Critchley, Christine Shimell and all the T.R.A. who supplied the plants to make our, and indeed YOUR school a colour extravaganza.

The new Year 6 class are off to Thornbridge and once again I'll hope not to poison anyone with my cookery skills on the BBQ.

That's all for now!

Allen Miller, Building Supervisor

## Farming Scene

At last, a long spell of warm, dry and windless weather. Many cereal farms in the south west and northern parts of England were running a month late, as they tried to gather their crops in very unfavourable weather conditions. The sudden and prolonged change to summer weather in September and October has enabled the cereal harvest to be completed, the potato harvest to be gathered in and a good start made on the sugarbeet harvest. Indeed, most of the land has now been replanted with cereals/oilseed rape that will grow over winter and into next year, ready to be harvested in July/August 2010. The sugarbeet harvest will continue for a couple of months yet, probably into January. Any crops left in the ground then will be harvested and stored in on-farm dumps ready for delivery to the processing factories up to February when they normally close down. Farmers are allocated delivery dates and tonnage so that a steady continuous flow of beet arrives from mid September through to mid February for processing. During the last 5 years quite a few factories have been closed down. Amongst these is the one at York plus one or two in the Midlands area. This has had the effect of concentrating sugarbeet production in the East Midlands and East Anglia areas. To be economical the crop needs to be grown within 30-40 miles of a factory due to the high transport costs incurred for longer road journeys.

The nearest factory to us is at Newark which takes a lot of beet from the Mansfield area. A lot of the sugar used in this country is produced here, but this is supplemented by imports of "cane" sugar from the West Indies, Brazil etc. When it arrives at the factory the beet is thoroughly washed, then sliced, then boiled to extract the raw sugar. Further refinement yields the granular and castor sugar we regularly use, plus the treacle (Golden Syrup) used in puddings and tarts and mollasses which is mainly used as a high energy livestock feed. My wife tells me that mollasses (black treacle) is also used in Christmas Cakes and puddings to give them their traditional dark colours. Just think as you eat your Christmas pud this year that part of it could have started life as a root crop in a field near Mansfield!! Approximately 350,000 acres are grown in this country yielding some 8.75 million tonnes of beet which when refined yields approximately 1.5 million tones of sugar. That is a far heap of sugar!! Today, 15 October, we have put the crayon harnesses on our tups ready for them to meet their new girlfriends on Monday. Similarly, we have been in the final stages of preparing the womenfolk for their annual "love in". This involves dosing them

with a mineral supplement and a worm killer, giving any new ewes 2 doses of anti-abortion vaccines, trimming their feet and tails and gradually increasing the quality of their feed so that they are in prime breeding condition when they mate with the tups. Only time and lambing will tell how good a job we have done of getting them in that condition.

On Tuesday Ian Smith, a professional ultra sound scanner, will be screening our Dorset ewes to see whether they are in lamb and if so how many lambs they are going to have. Last year 90% of these ewes were in lamb and were carrying 1.9 lambs each on average. We

obviously got it right last year and we shall soon know how successful we have been this year.

Our schools' nativities start on 25 November this year, a week later than last year as the recession and the ecoli scare appear to have had a marked effect on our bookings to date. I suspect that all farm based children's activities will be hit in a similar way for a while. Fortunately, our pedigree sheep sales have been good this year so they may help to counter balance the lower income from our Christmas events. In general terms, apart from the weather, it has been a pretty good year for us in practical performance and financial term.

Let's hope it carries on improving next year.

Edwin Pocock

### NUTS and BOLTS and CHEESE and ALL THAT

Since my eyesight became too poor to read I have been grateful to receive a newsletter compiled, recorded on CD and distributed weekly by the Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind. Occasionally an item sets me thinking in odd ways. One such recently was about a family owned hardware store, still going after more than fifty years. However the support was largely from the student population, rather than local residents. Apparently, particularly fresher students, find themselves short of all sorts of items which the store is pleased to supply. I recall 4000 multi outlet electric sockets, 2000 rubber door wedges and a record £10,000 being taken on one freshers' day. I suppose my interest was caught particularly because our grandson is to leave home and go to university just now.

Many long time residents of Totley will remember the old hardware store opposite the end of Mickley Lane.

In there, you could buy say a single bolt or three brass wood screws if that was what you wanted. I wonder how many like items, purchased from Homebase or B&Q, surplus to immediate needs are rusting away in some forgotten corner. Not just a waste on an individual basis, but a waste to all humanity in production, packing, transport and storage. The same must happen on a much wider scale with pre-packed food. The same grandson, has been working in a small branch of a well known supermarket chain. He tells me that all goods past their sell-by date have to be destroyed as rubbish - as much as £300 in one evening- more Global

Warming - while millions around the world starve.

I realise that the bigger the scale of production, the more standardization will be involved. I, like most people, enjoy the luxury of having standardized supplies, knowing that a particular packet of biscuits will be the same whether purchased locally or in some remote spot on holiday.

But are we morally justified? Would I be making a small contribution to future generations if I had to have my biscuits weighed out at the purchase point as when I was a lad. When I was sent to the Co-op, not only were vegetables weighed out but also the flour, tea, sugar, butter, cheese etc. Imagine this at a Sainsbury's check out!

Don Ashford.

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# Live Nativity Plays

with the Animals & Father Christmas  
12th - 24th December 2009



Totley Hall Farm  
0114 2364761

# Live Nativity Plays

## The Event

A very special and magical start to your Christmas celebrations as you visit the authentic manger setting in the barn at Totley Hall Farm where our live nativity plays will be happening. The children will love dressing up and joining in together with the new born lambs, 'Spirit' the donkey and 'Rosie' our new calf, as we bring to life the events surrounding the arrival of the baby Jesus. Be sure to bring your camera as this will truly be a memorable experience. You can see pictures of last years events if you visit our website at [www.totleychristmasfestivals.co.uk](http://www.totleychristmasfestivals.co.uk)

## The Schedule

- On arrival all children (and adults too if they wish!) are encouraged to choose a part and dress up in one of our many costumes.
- Actors and animals are guided to join in at the appropriate times as the nativity story is unfolded
- The audience can join in with the carol singing
- Refreshments served: mulled wine & mince pies for all adults, squash & Christmas biscuits for each child. Tea and coffee also available.
- Children and parents visit and chat to Santa in his grotto as he gives out presents to the children.
- Plenty of time to hold the lambs and ride on the donkey.

## The Facilities

- Newly constructed integral, high quality toilet block with disabled and baby changing facilities
- Tiered seating giving good viewing of the play
- Parking area adjacent to the barn, with level access
- Wheelchair access
- Sheffield City Council licensed & fire authority approved
- Fully risk assessed and insured

## 2009 Booking Form

Teachers and Group Leaders - please note we can put on performances for groups of 30 to 70 from 9.30 am to 6.30 pm daily from Nov. 18th.  
Ring for details of options and charges

To: Totley Christmas Festivals.  
Please send tickets for:

.....no. of adults @£9.80 = .....  
(price includes mulled wine and mince pies for adults)

.....no. of children @£9.80 = .....  
(3-16)

.....no. of children @£4.80 = .....  
(aged 2 and under)

(prices include a good quality, age appropriate present, drink and Christmas biscuit for each child)

TOTAL = .....

Please tick first and second choice dates.

Sat 12th Dec	10.30	1.30	4.30
Mon 14th Dec			
Tue 15th Dec			
Tue 16th Dec			4.30
Thur 17th Dec			4.30
Fri 18th Dec			4.30
Sat 19th Dec	10.30	1.30	4.30 6.30
Mon 21st Dec		1.30	4.30
Tue 22nd Dec		1.30	4.30
Wed 23rd Dec		1.30	4.30 6.30
Thur 24th Dec	10.30	1.30	4.30

Name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

Tel. No.....

Names of children:

Name.....

Age.....Boy/Girl

Names of children:

Name.....

Age.....Boy/Girl

Names of children:

Name.....

Age.....Boy/Girl



## The Timing

- Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes before the performance starts.
- The whole event lasts about 1 1/2 hours, the first 45 minutes being the nativity play. This is held in the barn so please wear warm clothes

## How To Book

- You can use our credit card hotline on 0114 236 4761. There is a £1 charge for this service
- Alternatively fill in the booking form overleaf or a downloaded form from our website.

Enclose a cheque payable to J.E.Pocock and post to Totley Christmas Festivals, Totley Hall Farm, Totley Hall Lane, Sheffield, S17 4AA.

Enclose a Stamped Addressed Envelope - we will post your tickets to you.

- If you would like to make a group booking (for a minimum of 30 and maximum of 70 people) at any alternative time to those listed overleaf, please contact us to discuss your requirements.
- If you would like to arrange a group visit just to perform the nativity play with/without refreshments/ Father Christmas please ring and ask for our special price/option form.
- Tickets are not transferable and we regret that refunds cannot be made.



# Totley Community Centre - Welcome!

Wouldn't it be nice if this was the noticeboard outside a Totley Building?

Dream on.

Whereas most communities in Sheffield have their own buildings Totley is one of the few in the whole city without such an asset. Dore has a whole unused school, most council areas have specially built facilities. Those buildings that exist in Totley for public use are either unsuitable, expensive or unavailable, as you will see from the table below:-

Venue	Daytimes?	Evenings?	Cost	Comments
Totley Primary School	No	Yes	£20+c.£5 for elec/hr in summer £20+c.£11/hr for elec in winter <sup>1</sup>	Only available in term time.
Totley Rise Methodist Hall	No	No	N/K	Occasional one-off bookings may be possible, but no regular bookings.
Totley Library	No	Yes	£20 for up to 3hrs for comm. Groups. No charge public meetings.	On the only day that the Library is not open for borrowers there are bookings both morning and afternoon. Small space, cannot accommodate big meetings.
Heatherfield Club	Yes	Yes	N/K	Small room, poor condition, scant kitchen facilities. Too small even for current Over 50s group of 15.
All Saints Church Hall	A few	A few	Hall - £12/hr Small room - £7/hr (2007)	Regular bookings less available
All Saints School	No	No	N/A	Do not take bookings as no caretaker on site.
Greenoak Park Building	No	No	N/A	No toilets, no heating, cold, unsuitable at present except by Bowling groups during summer.
Bradway Community Hall				Inaccessible, too far from Totley, no bus there.
Totley Scout Hut	No	No	N/A	Don't take bookings, not geared up to hire out, lights, heating, toilet facilities, hot water problematic.

<sup>1</sup> Approximate figures – about to be revised upwards

Over the last year, TRA committee members have been meeting with Council officials to discuss the refurbishment of the almost derelict buildings in Greenoak Park. These are only used by a bowling group in summer and are in a terrible state through Council neglect. The TRA wants to refurbish the building and raise funds to match the £63.5K available for this work. The Council quoted £175K for a refurbishment, and £225 for new-build though neither would give us any extra facilities. They also insisted that Kier contractors had to be used, and since these are the most expensive contractors you could imagine, the TRA estimates that the work could be done for half this estimate. The Council have clearly denied us a community building, despite promises to the contrary. Our councillors have been ineffectual in helping us get what we need. A supposed proposal for a fund-raising officer from Community Assembly is hollow as this post would never be funded by CA. We have had lots of promises but as ever, no effective action is forthcoming. Even our own efforts have been foiled by the Council and the failure by councillors to overcome these unreasonable obstacles. One of the local councillors, Colin Ross, stated at a Community Assembly meeting that Totley is well served by community buildings. Cllr Ross – you are not engaged enough with Totley. As you will see from the above the reality is very different from your theoretical information.

I write this in a personal capacity but my frustration on this issue is echoed by many Totley people. When will we get any real action from the Council and councillors to make sure Totley gets its own facilities? We would be able to do so much more and create a better community atmosphere, instead of just annual events like the Show if we in Totley had our own community building. Classes could flourish, social groups meet, drop-ins, History Group would have somewhere to store their scattered archives, the committee would have a central record storage and meeting room, youth groups could meet, social events could be held and the Show Group could have all their materials, tables and chairs, now stored in 9 different sites, in one place. Etc etc.

Jennie Street

## PUZZLE CORNER

### Solution to A Scottish Tour.

1. AYR; 2. EDINBURGH; 3. LINLITHGOW;
4. STIRLING; 5. ARBROATH; 6. LYBSTER;
7. KINGUSSIE; 8. DRUMNA DROCHIT; 9. ABERNETHY;
10. ABERDEEN; 11. HELMS DALE; 12. BRAEMAR; 13. STRATHPEFFER;
14. RLAIRGOWRIE; 15. ULLAPOOL;
16. PETERHEAD; 17. STORNAWAY;
18. DUMBARTON; 19. INVERNESS; 20. THURSO.

Don Ashford

## Green's Cottage

In the October edition of the *Totley Independent* a drawing appears on the Front Cover of our cottage by Brian Edwards. He writes that in recent times it has been much altered and extended. This information is incorrect as the dwelling was completely rebuilt 1987-1989

Following the Totley Open Gardens which for the first time we participated in, and the publication of the October *Independent*, many visitors and passers-by have shown interest in the name and history of the cottage and the families who have lived here.

This has led to us dusting down the deed box and investigating the history and ownership of the original site. We know there were three dwellings on the original piece of land from the late 17th Century, but we have only the deeds and conveyancing documents from 1843 which we enclose extracts and facts from.



On the 12th July 1843, William Green, farmer of Totley in the said county of Derby died, leaving all his three tenanted dwelling houses to his wife Elizabeth Green and on her death to her son George Boot along with rents from the dwellings. She would not survive him long. One month later on the 14th August 1843 Elizabeth died (she is buried at Dore Church)

On reaching the age of 25 under the terms of his step-father's will, George settles £15 to each sister namely Lydia Boot and Mary Ann Boot whilst he retains the cottages. In October of 1892 at Branson and Sons Solicitors of Sheffield, George, now of Upper Newbould county of Derby, unemployed, sells on three cottages, to a Thomas Earnshaw, fish and game dealer of Sheffield in the county of York, for the sum of £260 plus Stamp Duty of one pound seven shillings and sixpence. Incidentally, this is the year William Gladstone, at the age of 80, forms his fourth government.

Thomas Earnshaw would not enjoy much longer the pleasure of owning three dwellings on Butts Hill, as he died on the 3rd May 1893. He left his property to his son Arthur. Several occupants lived in the cottages paying rent (amounts unknown) namely Amy Ward, Arthur Bradley and George Ward.

In 1899 Arthur Earnshaw died, leaving his estate to Thomas his son. Thomas died in 1917, but unfortunately, we have no information as to what happened to the land and cottages, or indeed who lived in them.

Frankly, inheriting property on Butts Hill didn't seem to be such a good idea!

There is not much information about the cottages from then on, as to who lived there or when properties fell into ruin.

We do know that on the 24th June 1987 Doctor Marjorie Hanna Earnshaw Flowerday sold the land and what was left of the remaining cottages (shown in the photographs) to Mr Clive Crossland. In late 1987 Planning Permission was granted for a much larger building to be erected. Although the remaining derelict cottage was not listed, many restrictions were put on the development of the new building, one of which

was that only natural random stone could be used in the construction.

The old cottage was demolished and the new building was completed in 1989. Mr and Mrs Crossland wisely named the much larger building "Greens Cottage", presumably after the original owners.

We bought the house in 1993 from the Crosslands. In 1994 we purchased more land from our neighbouring property which now forms part of a second Garden, using old stone to wall the boundary.

A few years ago we were contacted by a lady who was born in the original cottage, on site where Greens Cottage now stands; she asked if she could come into the garden to remember her childhood. We agreed and she came with her son and granddaughter, she spoke fondly and tearfully of all the lovely times her and her siblings and cousins had enjoyed in the garden.

She was one of three children and when her mother was told she was pregnant with twins they had no alternative but to move to Sheffield (named City of Lights by Totley folk) to a bigger property. The children missed their old cottage in Butts Hill so much, that at every opportunity, they would catch the tram to Millhouses Terminus and then walk the rest of the way to play in the garden. She told how the kitchen faced the rear and told us where the well and toilet for the cottages had been. Her memories were very interesting and heart warming. We have unfortunately lost touch with the lady, but if anyone knows more about the families that lived here prior to the cottages falling in to disrepair, we would be delighted to hear from them.

On a lighter note:

On searching these documents, (from 1843) the conveyancing states that 12 shillings a year must be set aside to buy bread and take to Dore Church. I hope the Dore Vicar doesn't read the *Totley Independent* as Martin's sandwich shop on Totley Rise is going to be very busy with back orders.

Chris and Martin Campion



## GARDENING TIPS FOR NOVEMBER

The sun is shining but there is a bit of coolness in the air time to start wrapping up those tender plants or bringing them into the greenhouse or cold frame. My garden is a bit of a mess at the moment my cleanerupper has had her hip mended (No 2). I now have a bionic wife to help me as soon as she gets over the operation and settles down to normality or as near to normal as possible

There is still a lot of autumnal colour in the garden , the Virginia creeper on the barn has been really spectacular this year with large deep red glossy leaves which now need sweeping up (is it possible to fix a brush to crutches? perhaps not!!!).

The acer has not turned colour yet it is called autumn blaze so we are expecting a lovely show. The ponds are looking healthy at last, I have made a lightweight net cover for them which makes it easier to lift when removing the leaves, the frogs are hopping around I suppose they are fattening up for their winter hibernation .

We have had a good crop of eating apples, the cookers are a bit crabby so we will have to cook and freeze them because they will not last long in storage. The beans have finished I am waiting for a few pods to ripen so that the seeds are good for next year. Clearing up is the task for this month, fetch in any tender plants, composting old tomato and cucumber vines and generally tidying up the fuchsias and geraniums repotting any plants witch have outgrown their pots and potting up any young shoots which will make extra plants for next year lewisias are very good at this, they put out at least 2 more plants each year, and they are such a lovely flower and are vary easy to look after they prefer dry conditions, they can be planted outside in a well drained soil a steep rockery is ideal I have seen them growing in cracks in walls but I have never had them survive over the winter in my walls.

Paths and patios need to be checked over making sure the paving slabs are secure and the decking is clear of algae or wood rot - we don't want any broken limbs over the winter we must keep in good fettle ready for the new season. I must try harder next year. I have never won the best in show shield at the Topley show. I hope 2010 is the year for my turn. The meetings are already fixed for planning the next show if you have any suggestions or ideas which might make next years show even better than this years please let me or Jennie know.

I am pleased to see people who are interested or have a problem with their garden. I might be able to solve though I cannot guarantee a solution but I will do my best.

**Flowers** Tidy up herbaceous borders cut off all dead or dying leaves and stems, dig over any vacant plots. If you have not fed the ground recently then a good dusting of bone meal will work wonders, work it into the top 2 inches of soil the worms will do the rest. It is a good time to half prune roses this stops the wind from rocking them, you can prune them down properly in the spring when the frost has done its worst. It is also a good time for planting roses, dig a large enough hole to spread the roots in a natural formation, fork a bit of bonemeal or better still rose fertiliser into the bottom of the hole (don't let the roots lay directly on the bonemeal). Fill up the hole making sure there are no air pockets, firm them in well but leave the final 2 inches or so loose. Check dahlia tubers in store, cut out any rotting parts and dust with flowers of sulphur.

The planting of hyacinth and tulips should be completed this month. Check over bulbs planted in pots for winter flowering one or two of the most forward can be brought into the light but keep them cool. 60 deg F max, make sure they have plenty of root formed. Time to plant honeysuckle, clematis, jasmine and ornamental vines, if they are dry when they arrive give them a soak in tepid water and drain them for an hour or so before planting them, tie them to the supports straight away. Herbaceous and moisture loving plants can be planted now, split up perennials like michaelmas daisies, gold rod, scabious, replant the best bit usually the outer portion pot up any surplus for the charity plant stalls, don't forget to wrap up the tender plans or bring them indoors before they get nipped by frost.

**Vegetables** Clear any plots of old veg and roughly dig over leaving the clods big so that the frost can get to them, this is one way the frost helps the gardener in breaking down clay soils and killing off any nasties. Stake up brussel sprouts and broccoli, remove any yellowing leaves. Cover any green crops with netting or fleece to protect from birds and watch out for the dreaded slugs and deal with them pronto. Keep the old hoe busy eliminating weeds before they takeover. Lift and store Jerusalem

artichokes, also a few roots of parsnip, as they will be difficult to dig up if the ground becomes frozen. Lift a few crowns of rhubarb for growing in the greenhouse. Leave them on top of the ground for a week or so before taking them inside, the crowns can be close to one another and light excluded (a grow bag would do if you do not plant in the ground).

**Trees Fruit and Shrubs** Move container grown evergreens to a sheltered spot out of the wind, any deciduous hedges etc can be cut back at this time. Fruit trees especially those trained against a wall can be pruned, after pruning make sure they are tied back securely. Make sure that all supports for your fruit stock is in good condition and the wires etc are not biting into the stems or trunks. Prepare ground for planting all kinds of fruit trees, bushes and canes, dig it as deep as possible and work in some manure especially if you are planting blackcurrants. When pruning trees watch out for canker (a crusty like scab) on the branches cut it out with a sharp knife and paint the wound with a tree paint. Look over fruit in store use any suspect ones or discard them.

**Greenhouse and Indoor Plants** If you have not done already give your greenhouse a good fettle, remove all those dying plants and any other debris that is lying around. Give the glass a good wash with greenhouse cleaner, make sure none goes on the plants and fix up the insulation, one of the most important things at this time is getting a nice balance of temperature and ventilation. The temperature on a sunny day can reach 100 deg F which would build up quite a damp atmosphere if adequate ventilation is not provided. Most plants do not like it. So keep a wary eye open and try to avoid these conditions. If you are a summer greenhouse gardener when the greenhouse is empty in the winter (shame on you) then a good wash down with Jeyes or similar is all that is required, do not store tools etc in the greenhouse, this reduces their life quite considerably. Cyclamen and winter flowering primulas are ready to come into flower and will benefit from a feed once a fortnight remember

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## The Crown

### Leading to Christmas & the New Year

Hello again, as promised in the last edition for the Totley Independent I am providing more information concerning the arrangements for Christmas and the New Year down at The Crown.

First, we will be offering a Christmas Fayre Menu from December 1st – 23rd. This will be priced at £25.00 per person and will be a five course set menu with a bookings only policy.

For New Years Eve this year I wanted to do something a bit special so Simon has drawn up a fabulous five course New Years Eve menu and we will be providing music from the sensational New Orleans piano player Dale Storr. This will be priced at £35.00 per person. Tickets for those not wanting to dine will be priced at £5.00 but will be provided free to those choosing to eat with us. As with the Christmas Fayre Menu this will be bookings only.

Booking sheets and more information are available at the bar.

Moving away from the more seasonal offerings I am delighted to announce the arrival of a revised lunch time menu. Our wonderful lunchtime cook Yvonne, who has been with The Crown for five years now, is offering a selection of hot and cold sandwiches, served on Roses bread with a salad garnish, our renowned ploughman's lunch with homemade pork pie, as well as hearty main meals such as liver, bacon and onions with mashed potato and vegetables and homemade pie with chips and vegetables. We serve our lunches Tuesday-Saturday 12-2.

If you would like to book call us on the usual number.

Whilst on the subject of lunches we have also totally revised our Sunday menu (served 12-2.30) recently, giving more choice than before. There is still the traditional roast beef dinner with all the trimmings but now running along side that are honey roast chicken breast served with all the usual Sunday accompaniments, lamb three ways (stuffed lamb loin, tender on the bone lamb cutlet, minted lamb sausage and homemade Yorkshire puddings) homemade vegetable moussaka and our chef's popular honey-roast fall off the bone pork hock, with wholegrain mustard flavoured root vegetable mash and mixed bean casserole. We also serve a selection of sandwiches and homemade soup if you don't want something quite so filling. Again for bookings please call us on the usual number.

Whilst on the subject of Sundays we have recently started to open Sunday night time for drinks, starting at 6.30 and finishing at 11pm. So if you fancy a pint on a Sunday night you now know where to go!

Soon everyone will, as promised, be able to enjoy a

pint next to the fantastic open fire as I have had confirmation as to when the work will be taking place. If all goes to plan (fingers crossed) by the time this article comes into publication the fire should be in operation. What better that to enjoy a beer next the roaring fire on a cold winter's evening.

Talking of beer our new guest ale Black Sheep is going down very well, with its dark wintry flavours complementing the season perfectly. We also have a new wine list in operation to work alongside and accompany the new dishes and suit the more autumnal weather

As I have mentioned before one of the successes of this year has been the fantastic Pie Night and Live Music every Tuesday. Throughout November and December there will be live music and pie as normal every Tuesday, just pop in to find out who's playing next. However there are two nights coming up which I believe need a special mention. Tuesday 22nd December will be "Merry Christmas from the Screaming Kidneys" with the three lads playing their fantastic music as normal with a little bit of Christmas spirit thrown in for good measure. The other date of mention is Tuesday 29th December, the week after. This will be a pre New Years Eve New Years Eve with the lads from the Screaming Kidneys being joined by other musician friends of theirs in what will surely be a night to remember.

If you want to come down to either those nights or any other music and pie night then just give the pub a ring and we can reserve a table for you. Spaces are limited however so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Our regular opening times and other information can be found on our website [www.crown-at-totley.co.uk](http://www.crown-at-totley.co.uk); however our Christmas and New Year's Eves opening times are as follows.

#### **Thursday 24th December - Christmas Eve**

Lunches served 12-2 closing for drinks at 3pm

Opening for drinks 6.30pm- 12am

#### **Friday 25th December - Christmas Day**

Drinks served 12-2

#### **Boxing Day 26th December**

Lunches served 12-2pm closing for drinks at 3pm

Closed in the evening

**Sunday 27th December** as normal

**Monday 28th December** as normal

**Tuesday 29th December** – New Years Hootenanny with the Screaming Kidneys, a pre New Years Eve New Years Eve!

**Wednesday 30th December** as normal

#### **Thursday 31st December – New Years Eve**

Lunches served 12-2pm closing 3pm for drinks

Opening at 6.00pm- 1am in the evening

Thanks again to all my fabulous customers for coming down and supporting me.

Cheers Phil and the team

0114 236 0789

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calceolarias must be quite dry before they are watered, this rule applies to most pot plants except those that are in full flower or those that are growing rapidly in a heated greenhouse, seedlings and cuttings should be kept on a shelf as near to the glass as possible. Plant indoor lilies, gladioli and hyacinth to flower in spring (you see there is no need to have an empty greenhouse). Prune flowering maple, musk, fuchsias, oleander and plumbago. Try to keep the atmosphere around indoor plants especially those near radiators etc moist by placing them in a tray of damp pebbles (or glass chips which look a bit posher) and spray mist them occasionally except the hairy leafed specimens. Do not over water plants at this time and avoid spilling water about in the greenhouse and cold frames.

**Lawns.** As usual keep lawns clean and well raked, scarify and give them a feed of autumn winter fertiliser, keep off when they are covered in frost. In mild spells you can dig and prepare new lawn sites ready for sowing or turfing in spring.

Cheerio for now

Tom

# THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL by Jo Rundle

## Part 1

The two central pivots of village life until 1924 were the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel and the Church of England School. One might say the former offered spiritual guidance, the latter Discipline in the Community, for it was not unknown for a boy to be chastised, or even punished, for not lifting his cap to an older person in the street, and woe betide misbehaviour out of school if the 'grape vine' carried the message to the Headmaster.

Sunday was a day of rest from the usual chores in most households, including ours; my Father was very strict about observing the 'Lord's Day'. If something had not been done by Sunday, it had to wait until Monday. We were not allowed to play outside on Sunday, no whips and tops, no shuttlecocks, no skipping, and even standing outside talking was frowned upon. Buttons must be stitched on, stockings darned, and all sewing jobs finished before Sunday. If, by any chance, something had been overlooked, it had to wait until Monday. Sunday was for Chapel. Sunday school classes for various ages were held in the morning from 10am. The Superintendent, Ernest Elliot, and Jim Green from Mickley Lane, Assistant Superintendent, took the older classes, whilst Doris Martin from Totley Rise was the teacher of the younger children. Dinner was at 2pm, and the Children's Service from 3pm to 4pm. The latter sometimes taken by the Minister from the Methodist Church at Millhouses when he was scheduled to take the evening service.

I was two years old when I started attending Sunday School, for the only reason that Nellie Smith, who lived next door, asked if she could take me. Evidently I behaved myself and so was allowed to continue. Although primarily a centre for religious teaching, the chapel was also a meeting place for two temperance organisations. One of these was the 'Rechabites', whose origins were connected with 'Rachab' who had a son called 'Jonadab'. Jonadab abstained from all meat and wine, and a Rechabite was a disciple of Jonadab. The Rechabites therefore, was a Society of total abstainers. The other was 'The Band of Hope', whose members were strictly forbidden to imbibe in any way. This, I believe, was the backbone of the Wesleyan Philosophy, and many of the senior members of the Chapel were complete abstainers. The Band of Hope was a more exclusive organisation, fewer people belonged to it as a more strict organisation and, on reflection, it was rather more a rehabilitation society for alcoholics for it was not discussed quite so openly as the Rechabites and never organised outings for its members as did the Rechabites. Most people supported the Rechabites, not I think because they believed in its philosophy, rather for the benefits to its members, for it was the Rechabites who arranged many of the outings from the Chapel. Such trips were popular, whether all the trippers were members is debatable; and no pressure was put on anyone to abstain. One or two regulars had 'pumper's elbow' before the day was out, including the women.

One of the first outings that I remember was to Baslow, (don't laugh, 6 miles in 1920 was a long way!).

And a six-mile ride on bare forms in a lorry was not exactly the comfort of a Channel Tunnel train!

Tea at one of the cottages at the entrance to Chatsworth Park after a picnic lunch, and playing with bats and balls in the park all afternoon was a novelty and a veritable feast. I was a little older, about nine years old, when I remember an outing to Darley Dale, near Matlock, a journey of about 12 miles. We parked at the Orchard Cafe at Darley Dale, where we were later to have tea as part of the trip, and set off from there to walk to Matlock for a picnic lunch in the gardens there, leaving some of the party to play on the swings and roundabouts in the park opposite the Whitworth Institute. My Mother had risen early as she always did on outing days, after working well into the night preparing clean shirts, socks, and trousers for the three boys, and pressing needlework knickers, petticoat, and frilly dress for me. There were sandwiches to make, and bags to

pack with home-made scones, teacakes, and other goodies for four ravenous children who could gobble through mountains of food after playing in the open air, particularly in competition with their friends. The one who could eat most was the greatest! We were just approaching Matlock when there was an agonised cry from behind, "my sandwiches, I've lost my sandwiches". Poor Dorothy Gascoigne was distraught.

She had been happily walking along with the rest of us when, looking down, she realised she was holding only the string; the parcel of sandwiches was somewhere back on the mile of road we had just traversed. Two people offered to go back with her to see if they could find the offending parcel, but without luck. All the parents had a whip round when we sat down in the park to eat our picnic lunch, but Dorothy could only wail for the loss of "my tongue sandwiches". Ours were nothing so grand as tongue; just jam, home made brawn and potted meat, but at least, Dorothy didn't have to go hungry.

Our transport on these journeys was not the most comfortable. The vehicle was a lorry owned by Jack Pearson (who later kept the Grouse Inn in the Bents), and was garaged in the building called the 'bates stables' below the Cross Scythes.

As a matter of interest, the stable got its name through it's use as a holding stable for overstaying and exchange horses for the old stage coaches. The name 'bate' is believed to come from the old English meaning of 'to hold' or 'to restrain' as "He bated his breath" or "I'm batin' me time", expressions often heard amongst the old residents of Derbyshire). Others sometimes call it the baiting shed, referring to the fact that the horses were given bait (food).

Jack hired his lorry out to the Totley football team when they played matches in the Derbyshire villages in the Hope Valley League. For their games two forms were positioned down the sides of the lorry, and the lads scrambled on board. For family outings there was a little more refinement, when extra care was taken to secure the forms to the sides of the lorry and, after letting down the back-board, a flight of three steps was set in place for easier mounting; refinements not always done for the footballers; not that they were concerned about such trivialities, they usually stopped on the way home at some Derbyshire pub and were too inebriated to notice, or care. In wet weather, a tarpaulin was drawn over a frame, the sides being secured by a looped rope on hooks around the sides, and blinds of thick cellophane sheltered the passengers from driving

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rain. Transport improved for later trips, the outings became longer, and travelling more comfortable. By the time we went to Cleethorpes in 1922 when I was six years old, we travelled in comparative luxury in a 'Chara-a-Banc', which we always called a 'Chara Bang'! Nothing like the coaches of modern times, it had a rounded 'boat-shaped' body on high solid wheels, and the uncovered top was open to the elements, to be covered over in wet weather by a fabric roof fitted to a metal framework which folded back like a concertina resting along the back of the 'Chara'. The seats were a great improvement on the bare forms; we now had proper seats, later covered with leather, and were arranged in rows across the width of the body, with a pathway down one side, so that now we could see where we were travelling without too much craning and turning of necks.

Cleethorpes was a three hour journey, and exciting; not every day did we have chance to ride in so splendid a vehicle. For me there were plenty of people to listen to, and children to play with although, as I was only a little girl, it was difficult for me to see over the side of the vehicle. However, when we were well into the Lincolnshire countryside, there was a chorus of "oooh, look at all them poppies!" and my Mother lifted me up so that I could see over the side, and what a sight! All the fields were covered with bright red poppies and the glow seemed to stretch for miles as we turned each corner of the road; it was a sight never to be forgotten such as the poor soldiers must have seen in Flanders in the War only recently over, as we children were reminded by our elders. I remember little of the actual day in Cleethorpes, except that there was a helter-skelter on the sands with an iron staircase to the top of the tower, where we sat on mats and sailed round and round to the bottom, taking a header into the sand. But, my Mother remembered the day very well. Summers in those days seemed to be much hotter than the ones experienced today, (1999 excepted), in fact it wasn't unusual for my Father, Maurice Johnson, and Charlie Smith to sit on the wall outside our cottage talking at midnight because it was too hot to sleep, and we children sat in the window listening to the gossip. The day we went to Cleethorpes was no exception. My Mother had made a new dress for me for the occasion, and I remember the excitement of wearing it for the first time. It was made of mauve checked gingham bought from Emily Green's shop at the end of Summer Lane. It had a fitted bodice with a Peter-Pan collar, short puff sleeves, and a full gathered skirt which I loved to pirouette in, seeing the skirt billowing round like a fully-opened umbrella. My Mother was very pleased with her creation, and it was greatly admired. All Mums liked to be appreciated by their friends, and they all took pride in the smart turnout of their children, no less than the smartness of their husbands. But, woe for the hot day at the seaside, for, by the time we arrived home it was obvious that the sea air had taken its toll, and had removed all the colour from my pretty dress. It was bleached white.

As we grew older there were trips without our parents, and on these occasions we always brought back a present for Mom, and the trip to Blackpool was no exception. We had been saving for the occasion from our weekly spending money. Mom gave us a penny each on Friday after Dad had given her the housekeeping money, and Dad gave us a

penny on Saturday dinner time, usually when he was getting changed for his weekly visit to Sheffield. There was an extra penny for the lucky one who cleaned and polished his shoes for the visit, a penny well earned for he was very particular. I suspect partly because we were always drilled to do the job well, and partly it was another occasion for teasing. By the time we set off on our trip we had at least sixpence each, although Geoff always had more than the others. Geoff was very thrifty; if by an unlucky chance one of us needed to borrow a penny from his earnings at the farm, he reminded us every day until it was returned. However, he never demanded interest, which was probably as well, for I'm sure it would have ruined the system. He was content to have all the debts called in when he needed them. Presents from Geoff had to be sensible and useful, nothing so frivolous as the little green cruet like two baskets of flowers that I had chosen for something pretty was what I thought most appropriate for my Mom. No! Geoff thought differently, Geoff was practical. He looked long and hard, and when, on the way home we compared purchases, he opened his parcel and drew out a serviceable white pudding basin. It had cost, he said, all of two pence. When I had blown all my wealth, namely sixpence, on my cruet; I came back broke, but Geoff was wiser, as he always was on holiday, he came back with cash still in his pocket, seed to sow towards saving for the next trip.

Chapel was not all fun and outings, there were serious things to make children more conscious of the needs of the rest of the world, and one I shared with two or three friends was collecting for the Methodist Missionaries. My Missionary box sat on the end of the big dresser in the living-room where it collected a few coppers according to the generosity of our visitors, and once a year I went round the village collecting ready for the great 'unsealing' day, when we competed with each other for the highest amount.

There were four highlights for the children in the Sunday school calendar, Whitsuntide, the Anniversary Sermons, Harvest Festival, and the Christmas Concert. On Whit Sunday every little girl wore white, and it was the custom always to have something new for that day; if it wasn't a dress, or new white shoes, it might be a pair of socks, or a new white hair-ribbon. There was nothing so sure in the folklore of Whit Sunday, that if you didn't have something new to wear, the birds would poop on you, and that would be bad luck indeed.

The custom of the community at Lane Head, and I have no doubt, in all other parts of Topley, was the visit to the neighbours to show off the new suit, or dress as the case may be, and, after parading a little to show every aspect of the new garment or accessory, a penny would be discretely slipped into a pocket or hand, just for good luck. The custom was not confined to Whitsuntide alone, except that the necessity for new clothes was often left until then as a matter of expediency, sort of 'killing two birds with one stone'; all new clothes were acknowledged and perused with the same reward, until the age of embarrassment, or when we felt we could be independent of the small reward. I have never questioned the philosophy behind the custom, but, on reflection, it may have encouraged us to value and respect the clothes we had, after all we might not get any more until next Whitsuntide.

*Part 2 next month*

## Abbeydale Picture House

The figures have come in and on the Keith Peter's Big Band event in the main house in September we made a staggering £1,400. We would like to thank Keith, his big band, all the volunteers who helped out and of course to all of our loyal audience members for helping to make this such a successful event. All the money raised will of course go towards the restoration and up keep of the Abbeydale.

We are in full swing preparing for a very special Christmas Spectacular. For the first time since the Picture House Youth Theatre was formed they will be performing a pantomime called "Panto-monium" by Simon Slade as part of the annual Christmas Spectacular. It is sure to be a fantastic 70 minute pantomime full of magic, humour, songs and of course huge costumes. Other members of the PHYT and Friends of Abbeydale will be showcasing their talents with various acts. We will be topping off this explosion of entertainment with a Christmas sing a long.

We would also like to give a massive thank you and congratulations to the Wednesday Gang. A fantastic group of retired tradesman and thespians who meet up every week to not only build the sets for the Abbeydale but who also build scenery for the various theatre societies. A major thank you to them for working so hard on the scenery for 42nd Street performed by Splinters at the University Drama Studio which had a sell out run at the beginning of October. And also a thank you to the props team at Abbeydale for sorting out the van load of props that was used by Sheffield City Opera for their performance of La Bohme at the University Drama Studio. If anyone is looking for props or scenery for upcoming productions give us a call on the Abbeydale Information Line 0114 281 1155.

That's all for now but don't forget to come down to the Saturday Coffee Mornings every Saturday 10:30-12:30 or have a night out in Bar Abbey.

### Still to come in the Main House:

Christmas Spectacular - December 18th and 19th  
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Tai-Chi was being held at the Heatherfield Club, but due to the session being so successful we have had to move it to the Totley All Saints church Hall due to space requirements. The session is on a Monday 11.30am to 12.30pm and all are newcomers (50+) welcome.

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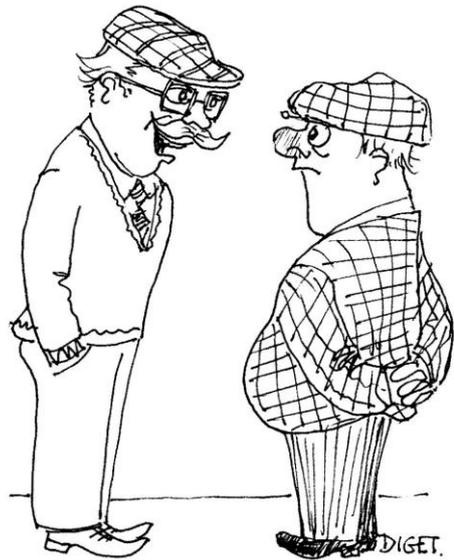
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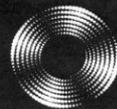
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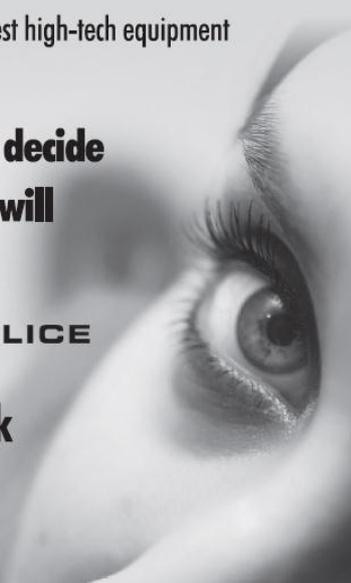
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2. Be sure you really want to lose weight for yourself. Doing it to please someone else may only lead to short term weight loss.
3. Take advantage of all the group support at your local Slimming World class. Even if you are not a 'joining in' person, you'll be surprised how motivating it is.
4. Accept that you will have ups and downs in your weight loss journey, and be forgiving of yourself if you hit a difficult patch.
5. Listen to your 'inner script' and make a conscious effort to talk to yourself in a positive, encouraging way.
6. Keep up your interest in your healthy eating plan by trying new foods, new recipes, and new ways of using your Sins. This will help you avoid getting in to a dieting rut which can be boring and demotivating.
7. Be honest with yourself about what you are expecting from your weight loss and how you are getting on with Food Optimising week by week. People who set unrealistic targets for weight loss or body shape are more likely to give up than those who set achievable targets and share their ups and downs.
8. Go back to your class even after (especially after) you've had a weight gain. You will not be judged, just helped and supported.
9. Keep setting new goals and rewarding yourself for milestones until you reach your target weight, and afterwards!
10. Don't put your life on hold until you've lost weight. You can still enjoy life and lose weight. Think of your dreams and ambitions and bring them to the fore. The positive feelings you get from starting to 'live a little' can only help your motivation and your weight loss.

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**TUESDAYS** **COFFEE MORNING**. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am-noon  
**WOODSEATS ADVICE CENTRE**. Drop in service, free, impartial, and confidential. TR Methodist Church, 10am-noon  
**CRAFT GROUP**. Totley Library, 2pm

**WEDNESDAYS.** **COFFEE in the LIBRARY**. 10am-11.30am  
**TOTLEY RISE METHODIST PLAYGROUP**. Grove Road 9.30am-noon, Phone: Sheila 235 0130 or Janine 262 0773  
**TODDLER GROUP**. 10am-11.30am, All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Mel 236 6300  
**HEALTH WALKS**. 10.30am, Totley Library foyer. Phone Sue, The Health Walk Ranger: 0114 283 9195  
**MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING**. All Saints Church Hall, 8pm-10pm

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**PUSHCHAIR CLUB**. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. 1.30pm-3pm. Tel. 236 3157 for further details  
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### NOVEMBER 2009

**SUN 1<sup>st</sup> CASTLETON FARMERS MARKET**, the Village Hall, 10am-3pm  
**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> ITALIAN EVENING**, Cheshire Home 7.30pm, £12 Tel 236 9952  
**TUE 10<sup>th</sup> FOLK AT THE FLEUR**, Fleur de Lys, 8.30pm, all welcome  
**THU 12<sup>th</sup> SHEFFIELD FARMERS MARKET**, 9am-4.30pm, Barkers Pool  
**SAT 14<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE**, Phil Lawrence, Heatherfield Club, 8.30pm. Come & play Bingo & Play Your Cards Right. Non-members welcome  
**TUES 17<sup>th</sup> TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**, 'Surnames', Mr. Roy Yates, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am  
**SAT 21<sup>st</sup> TOTLEY TALENTS SHOW**, performed by locals, Totley Methodist Church, 7.30pm, tickets £5 available on the door, full details page 3  
**WED 25<sup>th</sup> TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP**, Totley Library, 7.30pm, all welcome  
**WED 25<sup>th</sup> - SAT 28<sup>th</sup> T.O.A.D.S. AUTUMN PLAY**, St John's Church Hall, 'Murdered to Death', tickets from Kate Reynolds 236 6891  
**THU 26<sup>th</sup> SHEFFIELD FARMERS MARKET**, 9am-4.30pm, Barkers Pool  
**SAT 28<sup>th</sup> COFFEE MORNING**, Transport 17, 172 Baslow Road, 10am-noon, mince pies, scones, tea & coffee. Christmas cards & bric-a-brac on sale  
**SAT 28<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS FAIR**, Dore Old School, 10.00am-12 noon. Books, bric-a-brac, DVDs/CDs/Records cakes and coffee  
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**TUE 1<sup>st</sup> BOB HALL AND HILARY BLYTHE**, The Crown, Totley 8.30 pm  
**WED 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP**, Carols by Candlelight with Curbar and District United Choir, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Church, 7.30pm  
**SAT 5<sup>th</sup> SHARE YOUR PHOTO'S**, full details page 4  
**SUN 6<sup>th</sup> CASTLETON FARMERS MARKET**, the Village Hall, 10am-3pm  
**SUN 6<sup>th</sup> MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES**. SANTA SPECIAL, Abbeydale Road South, First train 11am-3.30pm (weather permitting) www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk  
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**SAT 12<sup>th</sup> JOURNEY TO BETHLEHAM**, 4.30-7.30pm, Totley Rise Methodist Church, free 30 minute tours, full details page 2  
**SAT 12<sup>th</sup> TOTLEY CHRISTMAS CEILIDH AND PARTY**, All Saints Church Hall 7.30-10.30PM, full details page 3, All Welcome  
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