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Now called Woodland View this fine range of buildings, formerly the Licensed Victuallers Almshouses, was built in 1878 to replace an earlier one in Grimesthorpe. During the First World War it was used as an auxiliary hospital. Brian Edwards

TRA Update

TRA have had a very busy summer!

It began with the public meeting on 29 June at the Heatherfield Club. What a wonderful turnout! Thank you everyone who took the trouble to come and voice their concerns, apologies for those unable to get in. A special thank you to Mike Williamson who took the minutes on our behalf, a mammoth task!

On 6 July I attended the full council meeting and presented the petition collected at the public meeting. In my presentation I explained that feelings in the area are running very high and we are all upset, angry about the rising incidents of crime and vandalism. I asked for help to stop the problems we are experiencing from escalating and becoming more costly and difficult to put right. We all know it is just a few ruining the quality of life for the rest of us and it is happening all over Sheffield. Totley is a lovely place to live. We cannot have elderly residents and people of all ages feeling threatened and intimidated by the anti-social behaviour of the few. I asked that the council's youth offending team should be more active in Totley. The police are trying to increase their presence but cannot do everything to solve the problems alone. I asked the council to do their bit by putting extra staff and resources into Totley. If the council and community work together we can improve the quality of life and keep Totley a place where we all enjoy a peaceful existence. Council Leader Jan Wilson responded to my presentation.

On 25 July a multi-agency group meeting was held to plan the way ahead. The action plan has 5 key areas: -

- Youth diversion
- Communication and community engagement
- Environment
- Enforcement
- Media strategy

It is hoped a working party will be set up to work on the action plan, before the next meeting to be held in the autumn.

We in the community must do our bit to help ourselves by informing the authorities of any problems.

Please ring if any incidents occur, with descriptions if possible.

220 2020 Police,

999 only for use in an emergency.

0845 6052222 is the anti-social behaviour hotline,

262 0216 Alf Barker Manager of Cherry Tree.

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TOTLEY SHOW 2005

SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER - TOTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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27 July – Richard Wigglesworth, Treasurer TRA, attended the full council meeting to express our concerns at the lack of traffic calming on Baslow Road. He also presented a petition about the heavy goods vehicles now using this road. We would like to thank Anne Smith, Keith Hill and Mike Waters our local councillors for their help.

The Totley Open Gardens event took place on 16/17 July. Unfortunately I was away but I understand it was a beautiful day, enjoyed by all. Thanks to Jennie Street and her team once again.

Totley Show will soon be here, 17 September. Let us use this occasion at Totley Primary School to enjoy ourselves as a community. I look forward to seeing you all bringing your entry for judging or just enjoying a cuppa and a chat. Avril Critchley, TRA Chairman

TOTLEY OPEN GARDENS - another successful year.

On 16th and 17th July, 12 gardens and the Pinfold were opened to the public.

This year we welcomed two new gardens on Aldam Road and The Quarry, as well as the Pinfold on Hillfoot Road. In addition, Rowan Tree Dell garden rejoined us after a year's break.

Our star gardeners were again, of course, Danny and Isabel Reynolds, who have tended their garden for 70 years - the same number of years that they have been married. Their garden was a picture this year - a riot of colour that everyone enjoyed.

Unfortunately the allotment was withdrawn at the last minute which disappointed many people as it is such an excellent example of good vegetable gardening.

The weekend was fine and sunny, which brought people out. Altogether 412 people bought tickets; though not everyone who bought tickets visited every garden, anything between 200 and 320 people visited each garden over the two days.

£332 was made from the sale of plants at two gardens, £408 from the sale of teas and cakes at another two gardens, and £50 from the sale of home-made cards at another. All those who sold produce and refreshments gave generously of their goods and time to make such good money.

The total taken from the event was £2,030, which after expenses of £55 meant that a profit of £1,975 was made. With the Totley Residents' Association chipping in £25, we shall present a cheque for £2,000 to Transport 17.

A lot more people than the owners of the gardens are involved in making this event a success - families and friends get roped in to sell programmes, make teas, bake cakes, sell plants, do publicity etc - a big thank you to all of them also.

In 2006 another possible three new gardens may join the event, which could mean a total of 18 gardens. So let's plan for sunny weather then too!

Anyone else interested to join TOG can contact me. Don't think your garden has to be in brilliant condition - it doesn't. The first year I opened mine I had old carpet laid down one side of the garden. I have found people have returned each of the following three years to view progress. Other gardeners have found the same - we are getting a fan following!!

If you are just starting on yours, why not join us - you will find people interested to see how you get on in the future, and will probably share their knowledge and experience with you too especially if you are a novice!

Jennie Street, 236-2302, jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk

SHOP WINDOW (Cont'd).

More memories of shops and businesses in Totley in the late 1960s by John Perkinson and Mike Williamson .If you have any tales of the following please let us know.

Baslow Road.

15/19. John Bonner newsagents originally one small shop at the bottom of the Rise, (Taken over later by Peter Swift and and gradually enlarged in to the next door houses.

39. A&I Higgins well known fish and chips shop.

41. Ernest Chambers and Son fishmonger run later by his son Don until he retired.

45.C.Burton Chemist.

47.I Whitehead Drapers and shoe shop later run by son Anthony, what a wonderful little store this was you could go and buy wool and patterns ,You could also buy plimsolls and Wellingtons without having to take the children to town. They sold just about everything in the haberdashery line.

49.Geoffrey Willars Boot and shoe repairer.

51.Edith Spring Sweets and confectionary much loved as an original sweet shop.

53. F.W.Robinson Grocer.

57.Sonia Blaskey Baby bar and Drapers, Always had a lovely window display of childrens clothes.

59. Eric Bryers Grocers and pastry cook.

61. Lawrence Tym Butcher also had another shop at Green Oak.

63. Reginald Damms Cobbler and shoe repairer (later became the opticians).

65.J.Shentalls Grocers (now fish and chip shop).

67.Ernest Jackson Post office and stationers. With different owners still serving the community of Totley.

69.Colin Thompson and Son Butchers Also had a shop in Dore and a farm with cattle in the fields at Back Lane.

71.Grattons Grocers and off licence.

To be continued.

UPDATE ON TOTLEY YOUTH NUISANCE

Following the public meeting on 29 June at the Heatherfield Conservative Club, a working meeting of all agencies was held. This included the Police, Totley Residents' Association, Friends of Greenoak Park, Council Community Safety Team, Parks & Woodlands Department, Sheffield Futures (the youth service), Management of the Cherry Tree Home, Dore and Totley Churches Youth Workers, Sheffield Homes, Local Councillors and Council Officers.

The aim of the meeting was to draw up an action plan covering law and order enforcement, protection of the local environment and provision of more facilities and youth work services. It was agreed that the Police, all agencies and community representatives will work together closely from now on.

Action has already begun. The Police have stepped up law and order enforcement in the Totley area, Parks Department will remove graffiti and repair damage more quickly, and Sheffield Futures Youth Work Project has been extended.

Sheffield Homes Anti Social Behaviour Team have undertaken to take action against tenants whose anti social behaviour threatens the peaceful enjoyment of life for the rest of the community. This is an important community issue, which needs everyone to get involved, so please let us know if you are experiencing problems.

Finally, the lack of facilities and activities for young people in the Totley area is also being addressed.

Councillor Anne Smith

Councillor Mike Waters

PUBLIC MEETING

Youth Nuisance.

As frustration reached boiling point over nuisance, vandalism and disturbance caused by, what appears to be, a small but determined number of young people in Totley and particularly centred around Green Oak Park and the immediate surrounding area, Local Councillors Anne Smith and Mike Waters, together with Totley Residents Association hastily called and organized a Public Meeting at the Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road.

Such was the strength of feeling that the small hall was packed to capacity well before the 7.30pm start, with literally dozens either standing outside the exit doors, filling the adjoining rooms, out of earshot, or just standing outside.

Perhaps some 240 people crammed the hall and an unknown number having to be turned away, not an ideal situation.

As it was important that the meeting took place the choice of venue was a last minute decision amongst limited venues in the area. The urgency arose because Avril Critchley, Chairman of TRA, had been granted the opportunity, just a few days later, to address the full City Council, for an allocated 5 minutes, at the Town Hall, on the subject of youth nuisance in Totley. It was felt that the views of the local community were extremely important and should, if possible, be incorporated into Avri's presentation. Also that signatures collected at the meeting should be submitted at the same time. Avril Critchley opened the meeting with a brief background of events and the current situation, which had led to the meeting being called. It was generally felt that the level of incidents could no longer be tolerated and that early solutions must be found or put into place that would allow the older residents not to feel threatened and once again be able to confidently walk in the park and its surroundings, as most said that they were scared, disappointed had been uneasy for quite a long time.

THE POLICE Complaints were registered as to the lack of response and response times from the hotline telephone number. Inspector Catley replied that there were problems and identified instances when the 999 number should be used for serious incidents and concerns.

He also advised that the Police Area Team, based from Woodseats Police Station, that was responsible for Totley and the South West area of the city had been understaffed but was now at the correct strength. The Community Constable is a part of the Area Team. Inspector Catley told the meeting that he could not give any guarantees on the many issues raised nor was he able to give an action plan or timetable of how current problems may be managed and resolved. He was most insistent that only by all parties working together and helping the police with quality information and surveillance could building blocks be put into place to control what has become a major concern for Totley as a whole.

The audience continued to relate the incidents that were occurring in Green Oak Park :- bottle smashing, threatening behaviour, alcohol and drug problems, malicious vandalism and 2 young children being held 'hostage'.

Many instances of mindless and deliberate damage to cars parked in side roads were also described.

THE CO-OP Questions and issues of alcohol possibly originating and being bought at the Co-Op, Baslow Road, by those under age were raised. Councillor Anne Smith would arrange to visit the shop, specifically to discuss these items, in the near future.

CHERRYTREE Several members of the audience were concerned that part of the current problems may be caused by a minority of residents from Cherrytree.

Alf Parker, the Cherrytree manager (and himself an ex policeman) explained both how the young residents were placed there, their circumstances and how they were expected to behave.

Alf invited anyone who was interested or sought more information could ring him on 2620216 and visit the premises for themselves. Alf advised that he basically worked there from 9am to 5pm but the residents were expected to be back on the premises by 11pm.

Recently fifteen thousand pounds had been spent on new windows and an improved security camera system had also installed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH John Sturdy told the meeting that he was eager to see many more schemes being set up in Totley. He was also keen to see the police and the youth service visiting schools again.

THE YOUTH SERVICE Several questions were raised as to how a positive approach could be initiated with regard to youth. It was explained that although local youth schemes had existed and are still run by members of the community, the larger picture for Totley and the South West had, in the past, been very poorly served.

Some younger members of the audience were invited to attend the next committee meeting of TRA and they would try to see if they could help on the youth front in a voluntary capacity.

Councillor Keith Hill, Chairman of the South West Area Panel (SWAP), was asked how the Panel operated with regard to funding of projects in the area.

He explained that twenty thousand pounds, the whole of the South West budget was currently being directed towards researching and commissioning a report from the Youth Service, based on their experience presence in Totley in recent months trying to establish what were the needs and opinions of the local youth population.

Three thousand pounds of the budget had already been spent and invested and an initial report was due to reach the panel in the immediate future. Keith also reminded the meeting of current investments in Green Oak Park and the good work being carried out by the Friends of Green Oak Park.

EDUCATION A former community education officer, a resident of Baslow Road, said that he still believed that education could play a major role in assisting with the local problems that were under discussion.

SUMMING UP It was obvious that there could be no quick fix or short term solutions. Totley is not on its own with the current problems which had led to the meeting.

Co-operation and partnering between the whole community and the local enforcement agencies was required if any success is to be achieved.

All issues raised would be followed up and all relevant telephone numbers, for action, would be displayed in the local notice boards and in Totley Library.

Councillor Smith stated that all the local councilors were available and willing to help with problems of this nature and reminded those present of the next South West Area Panel meeting on Wednesday 20th July at Totley Primary School, where other local issues are due to be raised and discussed.

All those attending were thanked and apologies were extended to those people who had not been able to gain entry to the hall.

The need to regain the freedom and facility of our local park was emphasized and also that we must continue to make a 'nuisance' of ourselves, within the city, to ensure that issues remain to the fore and are resolved in the not too distant future.

Mike Williamson.

COUNCILLOR COMMENTARY

Totley Youth Programme.

Costing £20,000 the programme uses up the entire regeneration budget for South West Area Panel and has been well received by most members of the community. In its early stages the Panel (includes all local City Councillors) had serious reservations about parts of the work but these have now been resolved. The Project has now been extended to March 2006 – a measure of our determination to seek solutions to the ongoing youth disorder problem.

The problem will begin after March 2006 when the Totley scheme will be unsustainable without more resources and other communities in the panel area are likely to have equally legitimate calls on SWAP's minimal funding. NRF funding is not guaranteed, year on year and this renders project planning and staffing difficult. Accordingly, no decisions can be taken for 2006 – 2007 at this stage.

Presently, there is no council provision for youth work throughout our area.

The working Party set up to develop a Community Safety Plan for Totley is expected to have some measures in place by late Spring 2006.

The Totley Hall Lane Bike Track... planned for late September.

When the TRA's 2004 survey of the community's priorities identified better youth provision few of us thought the opportunity would present itself so soon.

Although early consultation was flawed, with the TRA's guidance, a more thorough approach has produced a 3 to 1 ratio in favour of a modified Bike Track in the Park (239 to 79.)

Councillors and local residents have received assurances that "Parks" will discuss the final design with the community and pay particular attention to height, drainage and safety issues. At the same time it is expected that the broken ground left behind by the builders and the raised pathway matting will be made good.

This promises to be a significant addition to the community's facilities.

A sample of comments:

'No- because of lack of supervision and possible injury'

'Great idea- but watch the compensation chasers!'

'It is a good idea, to keep children off the streets'

'Seems a good thing for the children but I don't live near it and therefore don't know all the pros and cons'

'Children need somewhere to play!'

'To be reviewed after 5 years'

'Thank you for the consultation exercise'

'If I lived on Totley Hall Mead, I would be incensed by the proposal for a BMX track'

'Cant see why it shouldn't be!'

'Relocate the track to Green Oak Park'

'It is what the kids want- give it them to remember later in life'

'Too close to the houses'

'Yes, but slightly lowered'

'For over 30 years residents have been trying to get facilities for the local youth and children. Please do not let this opportunity be scuppered by prejudice, snobbery or any other unfounded fears!'

'Perhaps there could also be more seating for the elderly and disabled'

'Remind objectors that these children will ride their bikes on the roads otherwise which would be very dangerous!'

'Yes- subject to certain conditions- permitted times and police visits.'

'I frequently use the bike track and so do many of my friends. We don't make trouble; we just go down to have some fun. There are no facilities in Totley for teenagers. If the bike jumps are completed then a more community feeling will arise. Me and my friends look after the little children and clear out the jumps when they fill up with water. Does this alone not show how keen we are?'

'As long as it is completed to a good specification. At present it is full of large puddles and the gritty finish makes it a safety hazard. Too many children are having accidents.'

Buses

Hardly a meeting of the TRA committee goes by without some reference to the unreliable bus services to & from Totley. In the light of 3 fare rises in 6 months and shrunken summer schedules it seemed appropriate to test local opinion. With help of the TRA Totley folk were invited to consider a petition which sought assurances that "service reliability and frequencies would be improved forthwith."

Well over 300 signatures from Totley and 200 or so from a similar opinion testing exercise in Dore within the week graphically illustrated local dissatisfaction.

The plan is to submit the petition to the full Council in September, adding our voice to the chorus of protest across the city.

On a more positive note I learn that plans for new bus shelters along the "Sheaf Valley Transport Corridor" will see some of our Baslow Road bus stops replaced with the new designs. This is part of the Local Transport Plan which ends in 2006.

OVER 700 SIGNATURES SAYS IT ALL.....

At the recent South West Area Panel meeting we tried an open question and answer session. Council managers from Streetforce, Highways, Parks, Sheffield Homes (Council) and Planning responded to questions from a good natured but attentive and well informed Totley audience. One of the key issues turned out to be the Mickley Lane/Baslow Road junction and the hazards from speeding traffic along Balow Road. The displacement of heavy lorries from Holmesfield and Bradway Road onto Baslow Road has highlighted the problem.

Several speakers commented on the over-provision of traffic calming measures and pedestrian refuges elsewhere. When is Totley to get its fair share?!!

Accordingly, to test opinion the TRA with help from Cllr. Keith Hill and local residents mounted a petition and within 4 days had accumulated over 700 signatures demanding "an urgent reassessment of traffic calming & pedestrian safety measures from Hillfoot Road down to Bushey Wood Road at the bottom."

This petition was immediately presented to full Council by the treasurer of the TRA on July 28.

Since then Nick Clegg, MP for our area has visited the site and reviewed the problem for himself and Cllr. Hill has arranged for the Council Cabinet member for Highways, Senior Cllr. Terry Fox to meet TRA representatives on site.

Although we know that Highways is already looking at traffic calming measures around the Hillfoot Lane junction our intention is to highlight the even greater problem of Baslow Road itself. Quite simply, it is an accident waiting to happen.....

Recycling Garden Waste

Onyx is rolling out more recycling opportunities across the city.

For a modest cost residents can obtain stout green sacks from the Library and leave garden rubbish out on specified days to be collected. More detail on the scheme can be obtained from the Library.

Keith Hill

KING EGBERT'S SCHOOL IS RIGHT ON LINE IN SCIENCE

PUPILS from a Sheffield School have returned triumphant from an award ceremony in London, after scooping several trophies in a national science competition.

King Egbert School at Dore entered two teams of young scientists in the National Online Science Race 2005 and each won the Yorkshire category of the competition, in their respective age groups.

The King Egbert team representing Years 9 to 11, came second in the UK competing against a record number of 774 schools, whilst the team representing Y7 and 8 managed fourth in the national standing.

Staff and pupils were invited to the Natural History Museum where they were presented with their awards by Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Science and Innovation, Lord Sainsbury and television personality Johnny Ball.

King Egbert science teacher Dr Paul Cropper said: "Our pupils did exceptionally well especially as our team representing years 9 to 11, was made up of just three Y9 pupils."

Head teacher, Bob Evans, added: "Science is a popular subject at King Egbert School and this latest achievement is particularly pleasing because it is testament to the work, effort and enthusiasm of our most important people -the pupils of our school."

Pupils representing years 7 to 8 were: Chris Butler, Wallace Cuthbertson, Alex Deal, Tom Eldridge, Sam Harrison, Jade Hawson, Elliot Hill, Ruth Ives, Max Meuth, Alayah Murphy-Bland, Liam Sabine, Philip Smith, Lauren Stokes, Andrew Wardrope.

Pupils representing years 9 to 11 were James Baddeley, Ben Fielding and Tom Hayden.

It is the fourth time the school has made the top ten in the UK competition, which is held annually during National Science Week, and is designed to test student knowledge of practical scientific and mathematical problems

Penny Baddeley on behalf of King Egbert School.

TOTLEY SHOW 2005

Once again we are planning to run the Totley Show on Saturday September 17th.

We have retained mostly the same classes and a full list are in this July/August edition of the Totley Independent.

A new class in the Photographic section is "Totally Totley". The idea being to encourage all you photographers to enter a picture of what you believe represents Totley, using any photographic medium.

There will be a limited number of Charity stalls so please contact Les on 2364190 if you would like to be at the show.

If anyone would like to donate a gift for a "Tombola" stall it would be greatly appreciated. Any donation can be left at either "Busy Bee" or "Rosies" on Baslow Road.

Les Firth.

TOTLEY ALL SAINTS

New visitors turn out to be old pupils!

When reading the article about Mr and Mrs Reynolds 70th wedding anniversary in the Star newspaper; I noticed that Mrs Reynolds had worked as cook in our school kitchen many years ago.

We decided to invite "the happy couple" to have lunch with the children. They duly arrived, with their daughter who contributed to the last edition of the Independent.

On entering the school, Mr Reynolds said "It's a good few years since I've been in this school." It transpired that not only had all their children attended Totley All Saints School but they had both been pupils themselves - Mr Reynolds leaving in 1924! After lunch, despite the heat, some of our children took the Reynolds family on a guided tour of the school, including the kitchen, of course!

Mr and Mrs Reynolds were amazed by the changes that had taken place and were intrigued by the inter-active whiteboards in classrooms and by our Computer Suite.

Likewise, our children were fascinated by what Mr and Mrs Reynolds could tell about their school in the past. That afternoon "a living history lesson" took place in every classroom - children (and staff!) of all ages eager to ask questions and Mr and Mrs Reynolds only too pleased to recall their school days. We were all amazed at Mr Reynolds's memory for details. Many photographs were taken and a friendship forged between us and this delightful couple. We have since visited them at home.

At 95 years I would imagine that Mr Reynolds is "our oldest old boy" - *or is there someone out there who knows different?* We would love to know.

Thank you to our neighbours.

Thank you for your cooperation on Friday 8th July when the helicopter visited our school. It was nice to see some of you and to be able to invite you to join us on the field. The children really enjoyed the visit and gained much from it.

Also, thank you to our immediate neighbours who keep an eye on the school in our absence. We were very impressed when one of our neighbours came across to question the occupants of a car parked in the school car park late one Saturday night - even if it was one of our teachers and her family who had called in to check on the ducklings that had hatched that week! THANKYOU.

Bev Houghton, Headteacher

TOADS

TOADS, for their Autumn Play, have chosen Lord Arthur Savile's Crime by Constance Cox. This is a classic comedy, based on a short story by Oscar Wilde and gives us an insight into the upper echelons of the 1980s London Society, warts and all! The main thrust of the story is that Lord Arthur has to perform a most unusual and hazardous task, before he can marry his beloved fiancée in 2 weeks time. He enlists the aid of his butler and becomes uncertain whether this is such a good idea! Just the sort of thing to cheer you up on a November evening!

The dates are Wednesday, 23 November to Saturday, 26 November 7.30 pm at St Johns Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Totley. We have had to increase ticket prices due to rising costs of hiring the Church Hall but are still very reasonable at £3.50 and £3 concessions, available from October from any member or Kate Reynolds on 2366891. Coffee, orange, red and white wine are on sale for the interval and a good evening's entertainment is assured.

PEAK DISTRICT EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 1 to Sat 3 LONGSHAW SHEEP DOG TRIALS Longshaw Pastures in front of Longshaw Lodge, B6521 Grindleford to Sheffield Road. Start 7.30am (weather permitting), finish approx. 5.30pm. Tel: 01433 651852.

Thurs 1 to Sun 4 EYAM WELL DRESSING (see 24 August)

Thurs 1 to Sun 4 POLISH YOUR OWN BLUE JOHN STONE Treak Cliff Cavern, Castleton. Tel: 01433 621487.

Sat 3 EYAM CARNIVAL The square and various locations around the village. Sheep roast from 10.30am, Parades from 2pm. Tel: 01433 630349

Sat 3 & Sun 4 CHATSWORTH COUNTRY FAIR Spectacular event with activities for all the family. Massed pipe and military bands, hot air balloons, parachuting and over 200 shops. No access to house, garden or farmyard except to Country Fair visitors. Tel: 01328 701133. Web: www.chatsworth.org

Sat 3 & Sun 4 DECADENCE & DEPRESSION A 1920's and 1930's weekend. 10am-5.30pm, Crich Tramway Museum. Tel: 0870 75 87267. Web: www.tramway.co.uk

Sat 3 to Sun 11 WARDLOW WELL DRESSING 1 well, Village Green. Refreshments available 11am-5pm in the village hall. Tel: 01298 872091

Sat 3 to Sun 30 October MATLOCK BATH ILLUMINATIONS & VENETIAN NIGHTS Every weekend. Tel: 01629 761224.

Sat 10 THE GREAT KINDER BEER BARREL CHALLENGE RACE AND THE EDALE BREWERY BEER FESTIVAL Start of Race at Snake Pass Inn at 12 noon. Finish at The Old Nag's Head, Edale at 12.40pm-1.45pm. Beer Festival in Edale Village Hall in Edale Car Park. Tel: 01433 670237. Email: betnbert@hotmail.com

Sat 10 LATHKILL DALE'S LEAD MINING HERITAGE Join our guides for an autumnal stroll through the lead mining remains of Lathkill Dale. Find out how different the dale would have appeared when it was a centre of industry. Meet at 10am. Walk lasts for 2 hours. Some narrow paths and steep steps. Booking Essential. Tel: 01629 816640. Web: www.english-nature.org.uk

Sat 17 & Sun 18 21ST BUXTON COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL Palace Hotel, Buxton. Sat: 6.30pm-midnight. Sun: 12.30pm-11pm. Tel: 01298 70194. Web: www.frank-hambleton-promotions.co.uk

Sun 18 BEETLE DRIVE A celebration of classic Volkswagens. 10am-5.30pm, Crich Tramway Museum. Tel: 0870 75 87267. Web: www.tramway.co.uk

Sun 18 ROUND WALK IN LITTLE DON VALLEY Meet at Langsett Barn Car Park, 10am. Finish 3pm. Bring packed lunch and suitable clothing. Tel: 0114 2337463 or 0114 2851375. Email: parisharchives@aol.com Web: bradfieldparish.org.uk

Sun 18 BRASS BANDS ENTERTAIN 1pm - 5pm approx. Pavilion Gardens, Buxton. Tel: 01663 744907. Email: ianzmason@msn.com

Sat 24 GREAT LONGSTONE PLANT SALE Thornhill House, Chapel Lane. 10am-1pm in aid of Thornhill House Nursing Home. Refreshments available. Tel: 01629 640282. Email: rjc@beehouse.com

Sat 24 ENTHUSIASTS DAY A dream date for transport enthusiasts. 10am-5.30pm, Crich Tramway Museum. Tel: 0870 75 87267. Web: www.tramway.co.uk

All the above, plus many more events, can be found in "Peak District 2005" the National Parks Free Official Newspaper and Guide.

TABLE TOP SALE

Proceeds going to African people in poverty

Please note revised date

10.A.M – 2 P.M

Saturday 8th October 2005

All saints church Hall, Totley Hall Lane

Earn yourself a small fortune, hire a table & sell your items - new & used.

To book call Matt Conant Youth worker in S17 on 2369644 B4 Saturday 24th September.

The Cost pre table is £5 (this table fee will go directly to African people in poverty)

Only a few tables left, so be quick if you want one!

Green Oak View's Decommission

The decommission will be on 12 November 2005. Finally, after 3 years of speculation it is going to happen. The residents and staff have just about come to terms with the news and plans are in place for the winding down. The staff have all been allocated jobs within the Council, except 4 who will be retiring. The 15 permanent residents are moving to a brand new residential unit on Warminster Road, Norton. We can only pray that they will be happy there as they have been at Green Oak View. It is a private home not Council. We are doing everything we can to help and support the residents during the difficult time. We have outings and entertainment planned and there will be a leaving part. We also have 2 residents who will be celebrating their 100 birthdays, one at the end of October and the other at the beginning of November. Both families want the celebrations here at Green Oak as it is their home.

On behalf of everyone here at Green Oak may I say thank you to all at Totley Residents Association for all your support over the years (especially the tipples of sherry we always received at Christmas) and your help and support with our fundraising events.

There is still a lot of speculation as to what will happen to the land, when Green Oak is demolished. Let us hope you get the much needed Community centre which would greatly benefit the Totley folk. Finally, we will be having an Open Day before closure for anyone who would like to drop in and maybe have a chat and a drink with us, you would be very welcome. I myself, will probably be the last person out, to lock the door for the one final time, but will lock in wonderful memories of resident, staff, the good times, the sad times, stretching over 30 years. The end of an era.

Eileen Rodgers, Registered Manager, Sheffield City Council

BACK TO THE FIFTIES FOR TOTLEY PRIMARY

Totley Primary pupils will be turning back the clock to the 1950s during next term, as part of celebrations to commemorate the school's half-century anniversary. Events will include a day long dance session for pupils in the art of rock and roll, a chance to sample a typical 1950s style school lunch, and screening of the post war children's television favourite, Watch With Mother. Pupils and staff will wear 1950s costume and meet a "mystery guest" connected with the period.

Former pupils and those associated with the early days of the school are being invited to make contact with head teacher Isobel Shevill, so they can take part in celebrations which kick off in September. One of the invited guests is former Lady Mayoress Diane Leek, who was once a Totley Primary pupil.

Mrs Shevill said: "We are requesting that people will come forward with their stories and experiences of school life at Totley in the 1950s so that our present day pupils can chat with former students and learn about the era."

Parents will get the chance to join in celebrations via the school's Parent Teacher Association, which is planning to stage a 1950s disco and live entertainment from a band.

Celebrations will begin on September 22nd with a visit to school by professional art group Jam Tart. The artists will encourage children to design a mosaic, the best of which will be made and displayed permanently at the school to mark its official opening on December 13th 1955.

Totley County Junior and Infant's, on Sunnyvale Road, was the first purpose-built school in Sheffield to be constructed following the Second World War. It first opened its doors -to some 280 pupils -on April 9th, 1951, four years before its official opening.

The school's original logbook records many previous celebrations and occasions, including an official three-day holiday for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth, tagged onto the end of the standard Whitsuntide holiday at the end of May 1951. Events recorded in the log book include a "motor coach" trip by pupils to Owlerton stadium to see the young Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, during their visit to the city of Sheffield in 1954.

Also recorded are frequent outbreaks of measles, which badly affected school attendance in the days before the MMR vaccination.

Mrs Shevill said: "We hope that during the course of our celebrations in September and October that our pupils will come to realise just how much has changed in the course of 50 years." Former pupils and staff of the school are encouraged to contact Mrs Shevill on 0114-236 4482. Penny Baddeley

TOTLEY PROBUS

Totley Probus Club, which meets at the Hall behind the United Reformed Church on Totley Brook Road on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, (excluding Bank Holidays), has a few vacancies for new members. Meetings commence at 10 a.m. and last for about 2 hours. A wide variety of excellent speakers provide a range of interesting talks, both educational and humorous. Membership is open to retired and semi-retired professional and business men in Sheffield and district. Why not come along as a visitor, without any obligation? If you would like further details, please telephone the Secretary, John Appleton, on 0114-236 6106

New Tesco Express (from another perspective).

I have read with increasing annoyance the many negative articles and letters regarding the opening of the new Tesco Express. The most recent comments on the front page of Dore to Door have finally driven me to react.

There is no difficulty in saying what benefits the new shop will bring (I quote from Dore to Door) "given the major Tesco store just down the road" if you take a moment to consider those residents who either have no car, cannot drive or don't have access to a car 24 hours a day. The free Tesco bus is useful but carrying heavy bags on and off is difficult for the elderly or infirm and of course this service only runs on Mondays. I am in neither of those categories but would think twice about using the service again.

I can't wait for the store to open but will continue to support the other local shops who provide good quality and service.(e.g. Martin Scrivens). Barbara O'Connor.

Local Shops

Recently we have been reading about the history of the shops in Totley in the past. What of the future? The Council planners have given permission for Tesco to open a Tesco Express on our doorstep. What will this mean? It could mean the loss of our local shops.

In other areas Tesco have succeeded in putting local shops out of business and have then closed their own shop, leaving the community with nothing. Do not be taken in by the prices, they are not supermarket prices, express prices are higher than those to be found in the supermarket.

Our community shops provide us with a lifeline, a service. Elderly residents are known to the shopkeepers and get a helping hand when needed.

The loss of our shops could have a devastating effect on our community. If one shop closes. This could be the beginning of the end. Do not let this happen to Totley, support your local shops or loose them. Anonymous

Totley Buses

An email to the South West Area Panel (SWAP).

Thanks for sending me the latest notice but I won't be attending the meeting in Crosspool on Sept. 14th. I'm not sure many people from S17 will attend a meeting about transport in S10 at a time when the bus service to Totley is being reduced and the standard of service is deteriorating!

I was surprised to see they were being updated on proposals to improve the number 51 service which already seems to run about every 10 minutes when Totley people are waiting longer than ever for buses. I usually try and get on a No. 97 at the bottom of the Moor and had to get a 97A tonight because the No 97, a single decker, went straight past the stop as it was full, even though this is not school term time.

As I stand at the stop I constantly see a stream of 51s go past to Charnock with hardly anyone on. I thought it would have in everyone's interest if some of these buses were diverted to the 97/97A routes. Not everyone in Totley owns a car and I'm sure the transport officials must have some information how many people travel this route, especially at peak times.

One of the problems is we do not have any competition on our route e.g. Yorkshire Terrier. We have even lost the alternative of the 25A to Bradway at night as that has become the 53 and goes past the station & B&Q etc and goes nowhere near town, Abbeydale Road etc. Steve Wiles

Post script: Steve is encouraged in that he received an immediate reply to his email from SWAP.

Gardening Tips

Would you believe it! I have got fairies at the bottom of my garden. Well on my lawn at least, the fungi which causes fairy rings has been busy I have several patches of it, it is quite difficult to get rid of, fungicides do not have a lot of effect so I will have to try the old fashioned way – I am told that sprinkling ashes of a burnt toad might help, sounds like something out of a Harry Potter saga) Spiking and watering with soapy liquid may have the desired effect though. I have got toads in my garden but I prefer them to eat the slugs and snails.

I enjoyed meeting people and having a good chinwag on the open garden days, the garden really came good on time, there was loads of colour and some of the more unusual plants were at their best, the weather was very kind to us, those of you who could not manage to get missed a real treat.

The garden is looking a bit sad at the moment as it is raining very hard and some of the flowering plants have taken a bit of a bashing. When the sun comes out they will soon pick up, we hope.

The plum tree has given us a good crop it must have heard me saying it will have to come down because the fruit was spoiled by a nasty disease which made the fruit rot last year, the wasps are not so much of a worry this year, not many of them at all. The butterflies are a bit scarce also, except cabbage whites. I do not know whether this global warming has anything to do with it but it seems odd that 3 or 4 years ago there were lots of them I saw several species on one buddlia flower. This year I have only seen one or two perhaps they will come later.

The Totley Show is on 17 September. I hope you will be able to make it a real success by entering in the many categories available and turning up to support those talented people, remember a good show needs lots of people so please make a special effort, you might go home with a cup of certificate for your efforts and you could bid for some of the produce, my Dundee cake was fought over last year and Christine's lemon curd is really worth bidding for, Rony Robinson and Jim Webb make the auction a bit of fun as well as making a bit of cash for T17 so come and make the day really special.

It has stopped raining now I will go out and knobble a few slugs and snails, they are becoming a nuisance and I do not like using pellets much. I will go and give my fairy rings a good dowsing with soapy water, see you at the show, bring the youngsters along, I am sure they will enjoy it.

Flowers Keep up with dead heading flowers, they will still give a good show, especially if we have an Indian summer. Cut back to half, any which have finished flowering, to prevent the wind rocking them loose. Prepare the ground for new borders, clearing summer bedding and making ready for spring bedding. Lift and pot up geraniums, fuchsias ready for moving indoors. Keep newly set out plants well watered during dry weather. Plant out bulbs, corms and tubers in beds and borders to flower next spring. Take lavender and rose cuttings. Watch out for mould and mildew and spray with fungicide. If you are going to plant daffodils and narcissi to be naturalised in grass, the sooner they are planted the better. The growth of rampant climbers such as wisteria ampelopsis and some kinds of clematis can be cut back now if they are taking up too much room tie in shoots made by climbing roses, these will have next year's flowers, be careful, they are quite brittle. Stake up Michaelmas daisies as they come into bloom, as the flowers can be very heavy. Last chance to take cuttings of calceolaria and penstemons. Winter flowering pansies may be producing flowers, the plants will be stronger and more healthy if these are removed, before the winter sets in.

Vegetables Continue to use the hoe to keep weeds down. Remove celery suckers and keep well watered in dry spells (that goes for most vegetables). Thin out spinach being grown for harvesting in late autumn. If your onions are slow ripening, turn down the tops to speed things up a bit, lift and store as soon as they look reasonable. Do not let runner beans hang on too long as they become old and stringy, the young tender ones (like me) are best. Prepare the ground for planting spring cabbage, leeks can be fed with a quick acting nitrogenous fertiliser, such as nitrate of soda or with a liquid fertiliser. Gather herbs for drying. Carrots should be lifted and stored before the heavy autumn rains come, also beetroot, they will keep well if packed in layers of moderately dry sand

or soil. Continue earthing up celery a little at a time. Sow herbs like chervil for spring at the end of the month. Pull the remaining trusses at the end of the month. Pull the remaining trusses off outdoor tomatoes, hang them up indoors or put them in trays in the dark to ripen. Take cuttings of bay and rue and root indoors or under cloches or frames. Divide and replant thyme, chives and clumps of Welsh onions.

Trees, fruit and shrubs Complete the planting strawberries, take gooseberry cuttings before the leaves fall. Prepare the ground ready for new plantings of raspberries and blackcurrants. Place grease bands on fruit trees, especially on apples. At the end of the month prune blackberries, cut out the old fruited canes and tie in the new young shoots. Pick up windfall apples to prevent diseased fruit setting up an infection, like brown rot. As soon as the fruit has been picked, start winter pruning bush apples and pears. Deadhead and shorten the flowering shoots of floribunda and hybrid tea roses. Prepare ground for planting evergreens including heathers, hedges, shrubs and conifers, plant out at the end of the month. Shelter new evergreens from the wind with netting supported on a temporary frame. Take hardwood and semi-ripe cuttings of most shrubs at this time. Root on a cold frame or indoors.

Greenhouse and indoor Plants Pot up seedlings of plants which are to flower in the spring. Arum lilies may be divided and repotted. Tuberous begonias and gloxinias should be dried off as they finish flowering. Pots of achimenes should be turned on their sides to dry off for their winter rest. Plant up pots of spring flowering bulbs, place in a cool spot in the dark. Seedling freesias which have been in the frames should be brought into the greenhouse and be given plenty of light and ventilation. This also applies to winter flowering geraniums and flowering carnations. Feed ferns with a very weak liquid manure. Winter flowering begonias should now be ready for their final pots 5-6 inch diameter. Give those African violets, bush violets and chrysanthemums which are in flower a good feed. As flowering finished discard summer annuals such as marigold, petunias and salvia which have been used as pot plants and tender plants which have been standing outside during the summer should be brought in at this time. Sow cyclamen seed to flower in 14 months time. Detach the plantlets of spider plant and pot these up. Divide plants of "mind your own business" and peperomia.

Lawns Continue regular mowing and edging. Rake scarify spike and aerate, then apply a top dressing of sieved potting compost. Carry out repairs using seed or seed a new lawn. Turfing can be a little later, watch the weather early on you can expect fine warm days, but the nights may turn quite chilly, so watch out for those tender plants. Cheerio for now, Tom, Busy Bee

OLD TOTLEY by Jo Rundle

It is a matter of conjecture as to what was 'Old Totley', and how far back one has to go, for every decade has some of the old and some of the new. In this case I am assuming that the person who wishes to know about 'Old Totley' means the life-time of the oldest members of today's society, the early 20C. so this is where I shall begin.

Life in the village was slow and comparatively quiet during the first decade of 1900, The Boar War was over, although there were still those with memories who talked about it, and sang the songs of the time. The dirt roads were surfaced with limestone chippings, not easy for the horses who pulled the Stage Coach every morning from Sheffield to the 'Changing-post' at The Cross Scythes Hotel farm on its way to Bakewell. After the steep climb from Totley Rise an overnight stay in the 'Baiting-shed' (Now demolished for new housing) must have been very welcome to the horses, to be ready for the return journey to Sheffield next day about 4.30pm. In 1912, the Parish Council asked Norton District Council if they would surface the road from Totley-Rise to Totley Village with tar macadam as they had already done up to Totley Rise, and the Council agreed, but, due to the outbreak of the first World War this was delayed until 1917 The Council members were obviously very proud of the new road for they instructed the Clerk to the Council to send a message to the Scavenger to ask him not to empty the ashpits after the roads had been swept on Saturday by the District Council. This obviously referred to Grange Terrace and those houses on the new road as the District Council were responsible only for the main roads, the Parish Council being responsible for those in the village. The road sweeper was Joe Marshall, recently moved from Shrewsbury Terrace to the cottage at the end of Hall Lane, whose job it was to sweep Hillfoot Rd/Town Street, Penny Lane, The Bents, and Lane-head Road, every day, including collecting all the horse droppings, which almost certainly ended up on the front garden of his cottage. About 1923 Hall Lane, and the stretch of Hillfoot Road through the village, were surfaced with tar-macadam, but only the centre of the main road up to Lane Head was given the same treatment, leaving about 6ft. of limestone on each side. The footpath was still bare earth with chippings, except for a 12" border of grass that strengthened the edge against fouling of the surface drains. The children at Lanehead were very happy, especially the boys, for now they had somewhere to play with their 'Whips and tops' on Shrove Tuesday, and iron rims made by Mr Bradshaw the blacksmith in his forge in the Chemical Yard. Using the hook specially designed to control the rim they travelled down the new road at a mighty speed. Even the girls created less dust as they dashed around with 'Shuttle-cock and battleboard'. This part of the main road was not fully surfaced until about 1924 along with the rest of Hillfoot Road, Penny Lane, the Bents and Lane-head Road. My Brother (2 years older than myself) and I remember seeing barrels of tar being deposited at intervals on the edge of the main road, followed a few days later by the appearance of a Steam-roller and other mysterious contraptions. One morning a gang of men appeared and all the children at Lane-head watched as two men tipped one of the barrels of tar into a large container on top of a fire-box on wheels, and were fascinated to see the tar appear through the holes in a long perforated pipe as it was sprayed onto the surface of the road. A gang of men followed as they spread limestone chippings thickly over the tar and using long-handled rakes spread them over the surface before they were rolled in by the steamroller following behind. Very soon after this the whole road was surfaced as far as Baslow. There was only one car in the village, a 'Crossley' owned by Mr. Milner of Totley Hall, and, although Totley Tunnel had been opened in 1993, travel out of the village was by Stage Coach until the arrival of the first Horse-bus in 1911. Goods were brought into and sent out of the village on Jimmy



Catherine Andrews of Totley Hall Farm in 1906, before she married my Uncle, Joseph Salt of Woodthorpe Hall Farm in 1907. It was taken outside the farm in Hall Lane as she set off in the milk float to deliver milk around Totley.

Larder's dray to and from Dore Station, and it was always possible to beg a lift from him if, and when necessary. There was, however, much horse-drawn traffic for milk-floats, and farm carts passed daily on their way to Sheffield carrying swedes, clover, and grain to the city farms, returning with loads of manure, otherwise difficult to dispose of, and welcome to the country farmers. A letter to the Parish Council on 16th October 1912 from John Wood Headmaster of the Church of England School requesting, quote/ -'that a Motor 'School sign' be fixed on the main highway just above Post Office drawing attention of the drivers of motor cars to the proximity of the school'/unquote, suggests that there was some motor traffic through the village at the time, although most country folk know that a galloping horse's hoofs can be more dangerous than the slow moving motor cars of that time. Soon after the road was fully surfaced, in 1924, a small 'bus belonging to 'Batley's Charabancs' of Sheffield, carrying one or two passengers, passed once a day on it's way to and from Baslow, soon to be taken over by the first Sheffield Corporation bus to Baslow and Bakewell at 10 o'clock in the morning, passing the cottages on it's return journey about 4.30 in the afternoon. A lone waggonette passed Lane Head occasionally, believed to be that belonging to an elderly couple Mr. and Mrs Hawes who lived in a cottage in the lane leading from Totley Rise to the Chemical Yard, and soon there were one or two cars each day, but they could be heard well before their appearance around the corner at the top of Lane Head Road, and we had plenty of time to pick up our tops and shuttle-cocks and move out of the way. Boys in the village made trolleys out of orange and apple boxes begged from Mr. King the greengrocer at Green Oak, or from Mr. Evans at the shop in Hillfoot Road, and my brothers were no exception. Elijah, the eldest, made a trolley with such a box, and a set of pram wheels, perhaps donated by my Mother or kind neighbour or, more probably found on the Brickyard tip. Trying it out for the first time on this lovely new road he was just picking up speed when the Bakewell 'bus came around the corner above Lane Head and followed ever more closely behind him until, on reaching the War Memorial and the last stretch into the village, there was no escape but to dive for the gutter and hope for the best. Luckily both brother and trolley survived, and the bus-driver had the last laugh!

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How can the people of Totley be so hypocritical to go to the war memorial on Baslow Road in November to remember all the men of Totley who gave their lives in 2 world wars. And yet the rest of the year they let it get into the state it is now. I am down from Scotland visiting my parents and have started to clear the weeds, some that are 18 inches high. But it needs quite a few volunteers to get it the way it should look. When I was growing up in Totley, the tall trees around the memorial were bushes. They were kept trimmed by Willis Pearson who worked for the council parks and gardens but when the powers that be at the council cancelled that work nobody else took it on. A couple of weeks before Armistice Day somebody, I do not know who, clears the weeds. Come on Totley, give more than one day's thought to our brave men and boys who gave their lives for us.
Annette Sinclair (nee Reynolds)

RSPCA Sheffield Branch

Despite the gradual closure of the Spring Street premises due to compulsory purchase for the construction of the new ring road, there is still need for the local collections of food at Totley Library and our Co-Op which are gratefully received. New premises will be built on land secured on Woodburn Road but will not be operational until 2006, much fundraising required during the building. As the road construction gets closer, various clinics at Spring Street have ceased. Very few dogs remain but rehoming continues at present and "fostering out" of animals will take over for a while so the food collections are still very much needed, as of course are donations. The office at Spring Street (tel 0114 2727542) will remain open as long as possible. With the above reduction of RSPCA facilities for the time being, it places an even greater strain on the locally run animal charities, already at full capacity and funding. So, as always they need all the help they can get from the local animal lovers.

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Dorcas Lunch Club is held at United Reformed Church. Recently, the Friday one has had to be discontinued because there is a shortage of helpers. None of the helpers at any of the lunch and social clubs, are getting any younger and numbers are dwindling. The kindness and love given to the members on Fridays, as well as the physical help was unbelievable. Apart from lunch and company, it allowed the carers to have some time to themselves. Well done each and every one of you and God Bless.

We look forward to setting up our stall at Totley Show on Saturday, 17th September. I know that help is always needed on the day and on the Friday evening set-up. It is a very enjoyable get together at Totley County School and you can always buy something good at the auction of exhibits at the end of the afternoon.

We were sad to hear of the death of Mary Gummer, in the middle of August. Mary went to a number of clubs and on trips with Transport 17. She made lots of cakes and parkin for our fund raising and for other club members. We send our sympathy to Josie and all the family.

Best wishes, Margaret Barlow

The Alpha Course

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Once again Christ Church, Dore and All Saints Totley are running a joint Alpha Course. The course begins on 6th October and continues for 10 weeks ending on 8th December.

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- TUESDAYS** COFFEE MORNING. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am. To noon.
CRAFT GROUP, Totley Library, 2pm.
- WEDNESDAYS.** COFFEE in the LIBRARY, 10am. to 11.30am.
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SEPTEMBER 2005

- SAT. 10th** SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Dave Johns, Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road, 8-30pm. Non members welcome.
- SUN. 11th** MINATURE TRAIN RIDES. Abbeydale Road South, first train 1 p.m., last train 5 p.m.
- SAT. 17th** TOTLEY SHOW 2005, Totley Primary School, Sunnyvale Road, 1.30 p.m.
- SUN. 18th** MINATURE TRAIN RIDES. Abbeydale Road South, first train 1 p.m., last train 5 p.m.
- TUES. 20th** TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, "Old Music Hall", Joyce Pringle, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am.
- WED. 21st** WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP, "The History of Cottage Gardens", Fred Cocking, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Primary Room, 7.30 p.m.
- SAT. 24th** SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Carole Scott, Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road, 8-30pm. Non members welcome.
- SUN. 25th** SHEFFIELD FARMERS MARKET, The Moor, 10.00 am, Come and shop in the open air for a variety of mouth watering and fresh foods and local produce.
- WED. 28th** TOTLEY & DORE SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED, Totley Methodist Church, Grove Road 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

OCTOBER 2005

- SUN. 2nd** MINATURE TRAIN RIDES. Abbeydale Road South, first train 1 p.m., last train 5 p.m.
- WED. 5th** WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP, "Christmas past & present", Jean Henshall, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Primary Room, 7.30 p.m.
- SAT. 8th** SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, Arizona Wes (Top S.Yorks C & W singer), Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road, 8-30pm. Non members welcome.
- SUN. 16th** MINATURE TRAIN RIDES. Abbeydale Road South, first train 1 p.m., last train 5 p.m.
- TUES. 18th** TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, "Colour & Style Analysis Part 2.", Kim Bolsover, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10.00 am.
- WED. 19th** WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP, "Joint Meeting with the United Nations Association to mark One World Week", Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the Primary Room, 7.30 p.m.
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