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## SAVE TOTLEY LIBRARY

The campaign to save the library gathers pace – see article in this issue of the Independent



*A Walk in the Snow, Penny Lane, Totley*

Painting by Totley artist Len Capper of a familiar scene at Totley Bents

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## Transport 17

What a busy couple of months it has been since our last missive. We had a lovely Coffee Morning at the Cross Scythes even though many of you didn't attend, but it was one of those 'raining cats and dogs' days. We sold quite a few raffle tickets at the clubs that we service prior to the event and raised £340 in total. We have also have had substantial donations from Totley Show, Open Gardens, All Saints, Community First and Dore Village Society which have been invaluable. Just as we thought we had a breathing space we had the tail-lift, brakes and the heating system break down on one of the buses meaning that most of what had come in went out virtually straight away. Such is life but it does prove that without you all out there supporting us we wouldn't be able to survive so we THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts.

Next Saturday the 16th November we will be having our Christmas Fayre and I hope that we will have met some of you for a festive drink and mince pies, etc.

Do take care all of you, have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and may 2014 bring you good health and happiness always.

Felicity Revill  
Chair

## Events for Mickley Hall

**Christmas Fair.** Wednesday December 4th. 10am-12 noon.

**Carols and Mince Pies.** Tuesday December 24th. 11am. Everyone welcome.

**Burns Night.** Friday January 24th. 7pm.

All events at Mickley Hall, Mickley Lane. Please ring office on 0114 2369952 for further details.

## THE TOTLEY SHOW 2013

First of all my apologies for a couple of errors in the Totley Show results in last month's **Totley Independent**.

In the Domestic section, class 10, Carrot Cake the second place should have read Chris Scott and in class 17. Chutney the winner was Iain Shulver.



At Transport 17's Coffee Morning held at, and sponsored by, the Cross Scythes, a cheque for £300.00 was presented to Felicity Revill, Chair of T17, by Les and Dorothy Firth for transport funds.

The money was raised from the Show and we thank all of you who took part in the event.

A booking as been made for September 20th 2014.

Look forward to seeing you all.

Les and Dorothy Firth

## TRA Latest News

A reminder to everyone! The **Christmas Farmers' Market/Craft Fayre** is on Sunday 15th December 12pm-4pm with entertainment from Bella Shimmy and Easy Dance. **Save Totley Library Campaign** is having a stall so people who have been unable to attend any of the Public Meetings will be able to get up to date information. We have some exciting new stalls, Artisan Pizza Co are joining us for the first time as well as Handmade in Nether Edge, Mick Rick Paintings of Old Sheffield and Darlingsabella, and of course Father Christmas.

The date for the **Christmas Luncheon** has been changed to Monday 9th December and invitations were sent out during the second week of November.

The **Remembrance Ceremony** on 10th November was attended by TRA Committee Members and a wreath was laid by Dave Spivey, Vice Chairman.

Finally a big **THANK YOU** to Ian Clarke who has worked tirelessly for so many years on the Totley Independent. We'll miss you Ian, have a spectacular 'retirement'.

Hetty Moran, Chairman TRA.



## Friends of Gillfield Wood

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### FUTURE EVENTS - WINTER 2013/14

#### Practical Conservation Mornings

with the Council Rangers on the last Sunday of the month. Meet at 10am at the bus terminus on Baslow Road. Refreshments, tools etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing.

Sunday, 1 December 2013 (November's postponed event)

Sunday, 26 January 2014

Sunday, 23 February 2014

Please do check the website or contact the Secretary for confirmation and further details beforehand. [fogwsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:fogwsecretary@gmail.com)

#### Walks and Talks

**Talk** - Sally Goldsmith will be talking to the Totley History Group.

*The Story of Gillfield Wood - from Domesday to present day*

On Wednesday 22 January 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Library, Sally Goldsmith will tell us about a year in which the Friends of Gillfield Wood unearthed the story of our local wood.

<http://storyofgillfieldwood.wordpress.com/>

**Walk** - We hope to hold a guided walk through the wood in February.

Please check the website and Totley Independent for further information.

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## Councillor Surgeries

### Liberal Democrats:

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## Totley Independent

It is with much relief that I can announce that the immediate future of the Totley Independent is assured following my decision to stand down as editor after about 11 years after this issue. I took over from Les Firth who had held the position for a similar period. Big shoes to fill indeed, but I've enjoyed it immensely and hope I've managed to further improve the Independent – just as Les did. The new editor is our current proof reader Phil Harris who also established and has been one of the main organisers of the Totley Music Festival.

Looking back over the 364 issues of the Independent since 1977 my favourite cover story, by far, was the April 1992 edition – the clue is in the date of course – and is reproduced below.

I wish Phil luck during his future stewardship at the helm of the Independent.

Ian



This month's front cover is probably the last photograph of the old Dore and Totley Canal, which ran along the river Sheaf for much of the way into the Sheffield Canal Basin. The original proposal for the canal was to build a series of locks over the Moss, into Hope Valley and then to join the Manchester canal systems at Whaley Bridge. This was considered by some to be a more viable alternative to the Totley Tunnel railway line, based on the assumption that a tunnel of such length was not possible. However, funding ran out and so did the canal. The photograph shows the closing celebrations outside the Crown Inn, Hillfoot. The canal finally closed on the first day of April 1956.

### Hathersage Carollers 2013

You are invited to come and join in local and traditional Carols which will be sung in the following Hathersage Pubs:-

**Plough Inn:** Wed 18th Dec 9pm

**Scotsman's Pack Inn:** Fri 20th Dec 9pm

**Millstone Inn:** Mon 23rd Dec 9pm

**Little John Inn:** Fri 27th Dec 12noon  
to 2pm

Proceeds from the sale of Carol books  
and any donations will go to a local charity.

### HOLMESFIELD CHURCH WALKING GROUP

#### DRONFIELD HIGH STREET WALK

**THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER** 10am: a walk starting from 'The Jolly Farmer Public House' in the middle of Gosforth Valley. We will walk into Dronfield and meet Mrs Ann Brown of the Old Dronfield Society who will give us a guided tour of the High Street. We return to the Jolly Farmer for lunch (at cost). The walk is £3 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield Church Restoration Fund. The walk is approximately **4 miles** long. Any queries phone Robin on 01246 412767.

## Time Travellers Travelogue

A very different recent three months for 'The Time Travellers' has seen a variety of visits and trips but perhaps most excitingly, the opportunity for some proper archaeological excavation and all under our noses right here in the locality!

In September a group of seventeen Time Travellers and partners took a long drive up towards the Scottish Border and spent three days touring the best parts of Hadrian's Wall. Not only did they walk part of the wall but they also visited the Roman Army Museum, Birdoswald, Housesteads, Brocolita, Chesters and the amazing Vindolanda with its fantastic museum. This excursion, following last year's very successful visit to Stonehenge, has already got the committee considering potential locations for 2014!

A little closer to home and two enjoyable trips to Buxton were needed to accommodate the numbers of members wanting to get an idea of life during the Roman occupation there and our eyes were opened to another aspect of the town best known for its Georgian architecture and Pavilion Gardens. The visit included Buxton Museum where there are many Roman artefacts which have been found in Buxton and the surrounding area, especially from the Roman Fort at Brough.



Roman Soldier in the Buxton Museum

Moving a little closer to the present day was another popular visit to Leicestershire's Bosworth Field, which as I'm sure you'll know was where York's King Richard III met his violent end in 1485 during a battle which brought the Wars of the Roses to its conclusion. Our trip took place on one of the wettest October days but our enthusiasm wasn't dampened by the weather. Richard III is of course a very emotive subject in Yorkshire at the moment as decisions are made about his final resting place, though our guide for the day was in no doubt as to where he felt Richard belonged!

We started from the excellent Visitor's Centre where we learned details of the battle itself

and of life at that time. We then had a tour of what was at one stage thought to be the site of the battle, which has a wonderful sun dial as its centrepiece, and then moved on to see what is currently thought to be the 'real' site supported by new archaeological research and field evidence in the form of many cannon balls and other armaments. Time Travellers' longer distance events usually include a meal and in this case we dined in a period Tithe Barn on site.

One of the highlights of the trip was at the end of the formal visit when one of our Time Travellers, who actually hand-crafts Long Bows, gave us a talk and practical session on the creation, use and potential power of the Long Bow in English Warfare. One fallacy that Richard Hurt, our Long Bow expert, corrected from the Hollywood impression of archery is that English Archers were able to hold and aim under tension for long periods. The bows were so heavy and difficult to draw that firing had to take place more or less as soon as they were drawn. He also explained that archers were more likely to travel on horseback as a sort of mobile artillery of their day.



The Chair of The Time Travellers, John Baker, testing his strength on a longbow

Travelling even further through time (all without the use of a Tardis!) and David Templeman from The Friends of Manor Lodge gave us an interesting talk on 'Sheffield in Tudor and Jacobean times', a period when Sheffield had the 4th largest castle in England – Sheffield Castle, one of the largest deer parks – Sheffield Park – and Mary, Queen of Scots as a royal prisoner in Manor Lodge. The talk also covered how the ordinary person lived, worked and played in what was then the small market town of Sheffield and how the town developed its core industry – cutlery.

Returning to the popular Roman theme and our Roman sub-group have continued their search for Sheffield's links to that era, holding further walks, including a pleasant stroll over Higger Tor and Carl Wark and have held planning meetings to provide a focus for their future activities. One of the most exciting developments for 'our Romans' was the discovery and replacement of a missing section of a stone milepost along the old Drovers road over Houndkirk Moor. In the quest to try to pin-point the lost route of the Roman Road between Templebrough in Rotherham and Brough near Hope in Derbyshire, Time Travellers have been steadily walking and examining potential route ways in close detail. In doing this they stumbled upon the milepost and assisted the Peak Park Rangers in the reassembly of it. If you haven't walked along this route recently watch out for it – most unusual in that it incorporates not only distances but a large skull and cross bones!

Now on to the local practical archaeology mentioned earlier. So far over two dozen Time Travellers have taken some part in a project to uncover the ruins of Poynton Villas on Bradway Bank. Poynton Villas were a pair of substantial Victorian family houses built, we think, for local railway workers occupied on the railway line just below. We have only made a start on clearing the site of undergrowth and moving aside some of the demolition rubble left when the site was bulldozed in the 1950's or 60's and are pretty sure that excavation and research will keep us busy for months to come. There will be much more to tell about this!

If you are interested in finding out more about the programme of activities that the Time Travellers have lined up for the Autumn and Winter then log on to our website at [www.thetimetravellers.org.uk](http://www.thetimetravellers.org.uk)

Glynn Burgin,  
The Time Travellers



The milestone discovered and repaired



## Totley Primary School Update

It's been residential season at Totley Primary School with three year groups enjoying residential visits!



The Year 5 children kicked us off in fine style with a trip to Parson's House which is located near Fox House. The stay included climbing, abseiling and problem solving as well as caving and team-building. The highlight was abseiling from the 80 foot railway bridge at Miller's Dale!

The children had a fabulous time and were a real credit to us. They certainly overcame some fears and cemented some strong friendships whilst

doing so!

Shortly afterwards our Year 6 children spent 2 nights under canvas at Thornbridge Outdoor Centre at Great Longstone. The children demonstrated great teamwork and confidence and completed a range of outdoor and adventurous activities including the high ropes course and a cycle ride to Bakewell. The highlight was the game of egg roulette and sing-a-long around the campfire which everyone thoroughly enjoyed!



The Year 3 children ended the half term with a Saxon Sleepover in the school hall as part of their topic on the Anglo Saxons. They came dressed in typical Saxon costume and enjoyed a Saxon supper before taking part in a number of traditional activities including a very novel game of Anglo Saxon hockey! There

wasn't a great deal of sleep taking place and there were a few tired Saxons as we woke for a wonderful breakfast of porridge.

All in all it's been a busy half term and one which will be well remembered for many reasons including a very sleepy staff room!

Chris Stewart  
Headteacher



## Totley History Group Archives



Photo of the **Totley History Group** first opening at Avril's Critchley's house 79 Baslow Road, on Saturday October 26th.

Are you researching your family history, the history of your house or shop?

Come along on the last Saturday of the month and see if we can help you with your research

No December opening but on the last Saturday of the month after that from 10 until midday.

## 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF THE 1ST WORLD WAR

St John's Church Abbeydale, Abbeydale Road South (Opposite Abbeydale Sports Club), like many churches across the country, is preparing to commemorate this important anniversary. As part of this we are taking steps to ensure that our war memorial contains the names of men who sacrificed their lives for this country and for their families is fully restored and preserved as part of our heritage.



We have been in touch with the War Memorials Trust and they have advised us on the steps which need to be taken to ensure that all the names are clear to read. We hope to obtain a grant of money towards the cost of this.

We would like to draw your attention to this and to other forms of remembrance in 2014. Perhaps you are related to one of the men named on the memorial, or know someone who is? You may be related to a soldier who served in the 1st World War? We hope that you will join us next year, visit the memorial, and watch out for news on our website.

If you would like to help by making a donation towards the cost of restoration that would be much appreciated – details about this will soon be on the website – see [www.stjohnsabbeydale.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsabbeydale.co.uk)



# Save Totley Library

On 19th September 2013, Sheffield City Council published a new library service proposal in which it intends to close 16 libraries across the city including Totley and also stop the Mobile Library Service which currently visits Dore on a weekly basis. This would come into effect from April 2014 so as a community we need to act now to save our library.

Totley library is an incredibly important resource for adults and children who live in Totley, Dore and Bradway. As well as issuing books and providing Internet access, Totley Library is home to many groups and associations and is used by all the schools in the area.

A campaign group has been set up to bring our community together and try to persuade the council to keep our library open. Our aim is to convince the council to maintain Totley as a community library as it is a resource that we cannot afford to lose.



## Please fill in the Council's Consultation Survey

The best way to oppose the closure is to complete the council's Library Review Survey. There are several ways in which you can do this:

- Request a form via telephone (0114 273 5299)
- Complete the survey over the phone (0114 273 5299)
- Pick up a form from any library
- On the council website <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/library-review.html>

The deadline for completing the survey is 10th January 2014 so **please complete it as soon as possible**.

Below are several key facts that may help you when filling in the survey.

## Key Facts

Totley library is the only council funded public building in Totley, Dore and Bradway.

Totley Library is home to a number of local groups including the History Group, Health Walkers, Creative Writers, Crafts, Yoga, Poetry, Friends of Gillfield Wood, Baby Time and Story Time.

The next nearest library which will remain open is Highfield which, despite the council's claims, cannot be reached via public transport in under thirty minutes. In addition the bus service to and from Totley is notoriously unreliable- performance data from the Sheffield Bus Partnership Operations Group shows that the 97 bus runs late more than any other bus route in all of Sheffield.

Totley Library is incredibly popular- it is the 6th most active library in the city measured by books issued per hour and is in the Council's top category for registered users per head of population.

**Totley Library is in the Council's top category for young registered users age 0-19.** It hosts



## Family Fun Day at Totley Library on Saturday 19th October

children's play, storytime and homework sessions - and is used by all schools and nurseries in Totley, Dore and Bradway. The Council also shut the Totley Children's Centre last year

Totley Library has the highest proportion of registered users aged 65+ in the entire city. The Council predicts a 23% increase in people aged 75+ living alone and **the potential closure of the Library leaves our older population with no Council run community resource in the local area.**

The council are cutting library services in order to save £1.6 million from the budget.

To run all sixteen of the libraries which will close as community libraries would cost approximately £140,000. If the council did this they would still save £1.46 million. Totley Library's annual running costs would be around £20,000.

At the same time as cutting the library budget, Sheffield City Council are proposing to spend £2.2 million on Town Hall refurbishments and have just spent £900,000 to bring the Tour de France to the city for one day.

Barnsley Council have just completed a similar library review and decided to keep all their libraries open by reducing hours and merging different community services into the libraries e. g. benefit claims. Cont P9



**Around 200 residents attended the first public meeting on 9th October at Totley Methodist Church**



# SAVE TOTLEY LIBRARY

## The Campaign

We have formed a committee to spearhead our campaign and have already gained a great deal of support in the community with over 2,000 petition signatures.

Two hundred residents attended our Public Meeting on Monday 7th October and dozens of families joined us at the Family Fun Day at Totley Library on Saturday 19th October.

If you want to find out more or volunteer to help the campaign in any way, you can contact us via the following methods:

**Website - [www.SaveTotleyLibrary.info](http://www.SaveTotleyLibrary.info)**

**E-mail - [SaveTotleyLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:SaveTotleyLibrary@gmail.com)**

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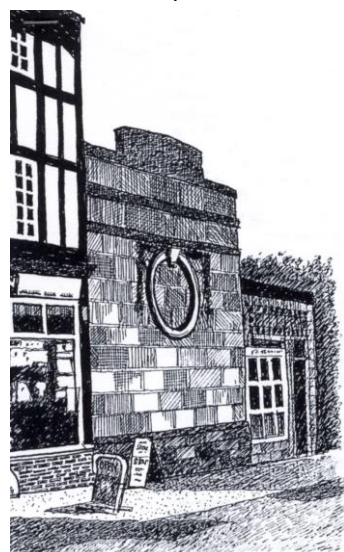
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We will also have a stand at the Totley Farmers Market Christmas Fair on Sunday 15th December.

Natasha Watkinson

## TOTLEY LIBRARY

The original Totley Library was not, sadly, in Totley. Being on Abbeydale Road South near the bottom of Bushey Wood Road, it was firmly placed within Dore Parish. However there was an earlier library started up in an old outbuilding off Hillfoot Road by a well-respected man called A.J.Foulstone. It is said that in a reading room there he collected some 1000 books and had bound copies of all the Punch Magazines.



Prior to 1935 when Sheffield took Dore and Totley, Derbyshire County Council provided local library services in both village schools which were staffed by volunteers. Bill Wood writing to me a few years ago remembered that the books were kept in wooden transit boxes and all the librarian had to do was to place the boxes on the woodwork benches in the wooden schoolroom where the older pupils were housed. He thought that

the library was opened one evening each week. In 1937 paid staff were employed but two years later All Saints School had run out of space and the building shown here was offered by the Sheffield City Electrical Department. On the 16th December 1939 the 'Totley' Branch Library was opened in the former office and showroom attached to the Electricity sub-station at a rent of £15 per annum. 'Little Library' as it was nicknamed had a quarter of the space taken up by the counter and a tiny staff room cum office taking up a further quarter. Margaret Coldwell, who worked there for a number of years, described the scene. "The counter just inside the doorway was so high that staff couldn't reach out to discharge and stamp books so that a duck board was made for us to stand on but it was shorter than the counter. So you fell off the end if

you didn't watch your step. Clearly the library was soon running out of space as the local population increased. The cleaner, Miss Taylor of Summer Lane in Totley remarked that "there were no carpets in those days: I had to get down on my hands and knees." In spite of the difficulties it was known for its cheerful and friendly atmosphere. Little Totley became the only 'full time' library in the whole of this side of Sheffield (excluding Ecclesall). In 1971 a site was found adjacent to the prefabricated houses known as prefabs, on Baslow Road and purchased for £6500. The facility was opened by the City Librarian John Bebbington on 26th February 1974. The old premises later became a hairdressers.

The stonework on the building shown was by local and respected Horatio Taylor (1873 to 1934). His son was known as 'Raitch' or 'Raysher' although his used name was Frank Taylor. Horatio, coming out of retirement, and his team were also responsible for much of the carving at All Saints Church, Totley, in 1923/4. He lived in the early 1900s with his brother Favell at Gilleyfield Farm, Dore, close by the church where he carved numerous gravestones. Sadly he developed the 'stoneworker's disease'.

Thanks to Margaret Coldwell, Pauline Rosser and Danny Reynolds for information.

BRIAN EDWARDS

## Puddle Muddle

This is the photo of the puddle which Amey's "site owner" of Zone AO5 could not find. It has only appeared after the resurfacing works, and is at the



corner of Marstone Crescent. The Amey manager classes it as minor. Anyone getting splashed by it, or skidding on it, may disagree.

Roger Hart

## Totley Townswomen's Guild

### Looking Ahead to 2014

The programme of speakers in the New Year includes an illustrated talk on Sicily by Ann and Graham Cresswell in January, and in February Alan York will talk about Nelson's women. Both promise to be very interesting.

Other activities include walks for the energetic (monthly on Thursday mornings), social studies for the studious (on the 4th Tuesday morning of the month) and for those who enjoy singing the choir meets weekly on Tuesday afternoons. Occasional activities include coach outings and visits, the birthday lunch in October and Carol Service at the Victoria Hall.

So ladies, will you be making a New Year's resolution to go out more and make new friends? If so, come along and join us. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 10am in the Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. There is an annual fee and a small charge per meeting.

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## Totley Scouts

We were very pleased with our autumn antiques fayre at St Johns Church hall in October. I hope you managed to come along and look at the antiques but also sample the excellent food (main meals as well as delicious buns and cakes) for sale. Very valuable funds were raised for the Scout Group.

And on the 8th November we again held our annual Bonfire Night. This was a very enjoyable evening for the boys and girls, and of course parents, grandparents and friends. The weather was kind and we had about 350 people attending. As well as the bonfire and fireworks we had some traditional games such as apple bobbing and hoop la. And of course food. The hot roast pork sandwiches went down particularly well! Thank you to Liberty Foods for cooking the pork and preparing it for us. It certainly made life easier for the volunteers selling the food. I think the children preferred the hot dogs and sweets! To help with our fund raising we had a raffle. We are very grateful to Synergy, Woodhouse Florist at Millhouses, The Cross Scythes, The Co-op, Totley Tails and Whiskers, and LoublyLou's for donating prizes. We had lots of good comments about the evening. We also managed to raise over £400 for Scout Funds.

We had a busy weekend because the following day the Beavers and Cubs went to the Scout Activity Centre at Hesley Wood for a very full day's activities for International Light Fantastic. The children experienced a Global Adventure of food, language, money and costume, culminating in a lantern parade through the woods to a special bonfire.

And finally on the 10th November we were proud to take part in the Remembrance service at Totley All Saints Church and at 11am at the memorial on Baslow Road. All sections of the Totley Scout Group paraded with their flags, which were also taken to the memorial. The parade started from the Scout Hut before going to the Church for the service.

Before leaving the Scout Hut we invested our new Beaver Leader, Lissy Manterfield, who is only 23 years old. We would like to congratulate Lissy and hope she continues to enjoy being a Beaver Leader for many years to come.

Please take a look at our job advert if you are also interested in helping any of our sections.

We have meetings 4 nights a week.

Beaver Scouts (for 6-8 years olds) on Tuesdays from 6:30pm until 7:45pm.

Cubs Scouts (for 8-10½ year olds) on Wednesdays from 6:30 until 8pm; and also now on Thursdays from 6:30 until 8pm. And Scouts and Explorer Scouts (for 10½ – 16 year olds) on Fridays from 7:30pm until 9:15pm.

If any boy or girl is interested in joining any of the groups please come along to find out more and try a session or two to see if you like it. Of course we do need your parents permission, so ask one to come along too to find out more. We are next to the woods off Aldam Road.

Richard Frost  
1st Totley Scouts  
TotleyChair@aol.com  
0114 236 3603

## 1st Totley Scout Group Lottery

### September Draw

1st Prize No 67  
Russell Hobbs 360  
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John and Jane Lawry  
Totley Brook Road

2nd Prize No 17  
£10 Voucher  
Mr and Mrs Newbould  
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### October Draw

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Mele Leather  
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Totley Grange Drive

2nd Prize No 43  
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The October lottery draw is the final one of this year. Forms for joining for 2014 should be delivered in December/January.

Thank you  
Peter Casson

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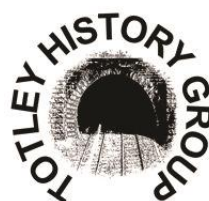
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**22 January** – The Story of Gillfield Wood – From Doomsday to the present day – Sally Goldsmith

**26 February** – Open Meeting

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The Rotary Club of Sheffield Vulcan, formed in February 1979, is part of the global family of Rotary International and works under the motto of "Service above Self" through its work in both the local community and with projects worldwide. Our aims, like all Rotary Clubs, are to make a difference through helping others using our skills and available time.

Typically we raise monies for a number of charities (£15,000 in the past year) with a mid-year Charity Golf Day, Charity Sponsored Walk, and a Christmas Raffle that we run on behalf of smaller charities who would not be able to fund one of their own. There's a good chance that you have seen us at one of the local supermarkets where we man bucket collections (thanks to all of you who have stopped to contribute). In September, in aid of St Luke's, two of our braver members raised over £500 by completing a "Triple Whammy" challenge at Magna, Rotherham, involving a Zip Wire, a 150ft climb and abseil, and a plunge off a 150ft platform with just the incredible force of the Powerfan to ensure they floated down to a soft landing.

We give our time where we are able: in the past few years we have planted over 10000 bulbs and 300 trees in various sites, including schools, parks and verges, along with "tidy up" sessions on footpaths and other green areas. We man the car park at the Whirlow Hall Farm Fayre, join Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice's band of volunteers at the Sheffield half-marathon, and help St Luke's Hospice Summer Fayre. November/December is a busy time for us as we give around 60 man days effort to Samaritans Purse, a charity that sends "shoeboxes" of useful items and toys to very disadvantaged children mainly in Europe and Africa. Typically we handle over 20,000 boxes, transporting them into the Sheffield HQ from outlying areas.

A standard feature each year is our work with schools, giving the benefit of our own experience via "mock interviews" so that students can be better prepared for the world outside. We also stage an annual debating contest...and help fund an annual school trip to the panto.

A lot of the above is "business as usual" but we always seek out new opportunities. This year in a joint collaboration with the Friends of Millhouses Park, the club devised, planned, and implemented the "Heart Trail" which provides a cardiac rehabilitation walk for those needing a structured exercise regime. We also held a Motor Show at the Arts Tower at Sheffield University where a number of main dealers attended. Our International plan this year is to team up with a Rotary Club in an area where a water and sanitation project will be of great benefit to the local population, and some funding will be sought from Rotary International. Did you know about Rotary's association with polio eradication? Rotary, along with its partners, has reduced polio cases by 99 percent worldwide since the first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. Rotarians have helped immunize more than 2 billion children against polio in 122 countries and we are close to eradicating polio; by 2012 the number of polio-endemic countries had dropped to three (Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan), the lowest in human history.

Hopefully you'll see our variety of projects (and not all are mentioned above) We carry them out in a spirit of friendship and fun, and we have a number of social events for members, partners and friends. Our meetings are held most but not all Tuesday evenings at Abbeydale Sports Club (6.30 - 8.30, normally including a meal and speaker), and we know that the pressures of life mean that members cannot make all meetings. We are not concerned with politics, gender, religion, or race - we simply want more like-minded members who feel that they can "put something back" into society and enjoy themselves as they do it.

If you are interested and want to come along as a guest to one of our meetings, then look at our website

: ([www.vulcanrotary.org.uk](http://www.vulcanrotary.org.uk)) or ring our secretary Rex Tulley on 0114 2367292 or Alan Brown on 0114 236 7212.

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## Snow.....



The first snow of the winter fell at Ringinglow, on 9th November, at about 4-00 pm. This shot shows the snow cloud passing over the city, taken from Fulwood Head, and The Rotary Orientation Table.

Roger Hart

## GARDENING TIPS FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

I hope you are not under the illusion that there is nothing to do during the winter months! In fact, winter months can be busier than some of the time in summer.

The planning of next season's activities, going through all the seed catalogues, working out what to order, where you are going to put it when it arrives, organizing labour (that is, telling the wife or husband), drawing up layouts, adding up what all this is going to cost taking into account all the afore mentioned..... (now have a lie down!)

So you see December and January can be very busy, and that's just the sitting down bit. Those wobbly paving stones need attention, the insulation in the greenhouse needs doing, the garden shed should have a good clear out, the tree-ties require inspecting, the plant supports, trellis etc need a coat of preservative, the pruning needs to be done and shredded, the perennials could do with separating, the hut needs refelting, the mower should be sent off for sharpening it is cheaper just now. Don't just sit there - get cracking, and a bit of rain won't melt you!

The Totley Show is not far away in gardening terms (it's Sept 20th 2014). For the best show onions, seeds must be sown around Boxing day in a temperature around 60 degrees, and leeks about a month later. If you don't have a heated greenhouse or propagator then send off your order for plants to the nursery of your choice. I use Robinsons of Preston for seeds and occasionally plants. Plants can be expensive, but when you see them it is quite good value and it avoids having to spend money on heating.

You could be encouraging the children to think about things to make or do for the Totley show. The show schedule is about the same as last year (see last September's Totley Independent) though there may be different titles for the photograph section and the flower sections. Please try to make a big effort and help to make it the best show ever. If you have any suggestions or ideas which you think would make the show more interesting and would encourage more people to take part, please give me a ring on 235 3462 and I will pass them on to the committee. Please get the ideas etc to us early so that they can be considered for the next show.

Back to gardening: the ponds are looking good after a good clean. I used some pond clear to get rid of the algae etc. which has worked - along with a regular treatment with barley straw.

The tomatoes have been very prolific and tasty this year. I picked the last ones this week on 23rd October, which is fine. Not many green ones left so no chutney this year.

The apples have done very well. Two of our cordons have had a rest, but the others produced lots of good fruit on the eaters; the cooking varieties not so good - they have got a bit of scab on them so they won't store very well - they will have to be cooked and frozen which means we will have a surfeit of apple puree.

I am going to renovate the raspberry patch as soon as possible. They are not producing as well as previously, so they must be tired (like me, getting on a bit) so they are going to be replaced (NOT like me). I think the whole plot needs a bit of TLC - that's another job to add to the ever-growing list. The rain has stopped so I had better go out to see if I can do a few of them.

Have a happy Christmas and a peaceful fruitful gardening new year....

### FLOWERS

Check over dahlia tubers to ensure they are not rotting or drying up too much. Give them a dusting of flowers of sulphur after cutting out any suspect parts. Break away the dead foliage from gladioli corms prior to storing them away ready for planting out next spring. Begonia tubers should be checked to see that they are still healthy. Winter flowering iris (Iris Unguicularis) with pale lilac flowers should now be coming into bloom. Not only does this plant give a bit of welcome colour in the garden but also supplies superb flowers for indoor decoration, provided they are cut when in bud. This iris flourishes best if planted close to a south-facing wall and then left to fend for itself, so you get splendid results for very little effort. When the soil has dried out (we hope), dig over any new beds, add a bit of bone meal or well rotted compost (or both) leave the ground roughly dug so that old Jack Frost can do his stuff on the nasties, Cover cold-frames which are over-wintering plants with insulating material to protect from frost. Take root cuttings of phlox, verbascum and oriental poppies and root in containers placed indoors or under a frame. During any mild spells, perennials such as lupins and michaelmas daisy can be planted out. Pot up lilies and place in a frame ready to set out in the spring. December is the last chance to plant out late tulips, and also plant out alpines and rock plants - choose a mild day. Firm in any plants which have been moved by frost or wind. Prune roses down to about half way, this makes the beds look tidier and does not harm the plants - it also helps to reduce the plants rocking in the wind - and they can be pruned fully in April.

### VEGETABLES

The thing to think about is to work with nature rather than against her. So keep off your garden in wet conditions. Do, however, press on with winter digging whenever conditions are favourable. It's also a good time to apply lime, if this is needed, ground chalk or limestone. Buy your seed potatoes early when there is plenty of choice and set the tubers to chit (sprout) in light frost-free conditions. Remove yellowing leaves from brassicas, and check over stored root crops for possible rotting. Prepare runner bean trench. If you are going to put onions in the Totley Show, sow seeds on Boxing Day for the show, and sow Kelseo or Robinsons mammoth for the kitchen, Ailsa Craig or wait a bit later for the kitchen variety and put in onion sets - turbo or sturon are good ones. Lift a few roots of mint, place them in a deep box of old compost, put them in a frame or greenhouse to give shoots for early picking.

Prepare the onion bed as soon as weather permits - dig in plenty of manure or well rotted compost deeply. Spread bonfire ash liberally over the top - and also bonemeal and hoof and horn meal each at the rate of 40zs (100g) per sq. yd (mtr), Clear away any finished crops and prepare ground as above.

### TREES SHRUBS and FRUIT

Now that deciduous species have lost their leaves you can check over the trees and bushes for dead or weak branches which need to be removed. Evergreens can also be pruned. You could use the prunings for Christmas decorations. Check all trees and shrubs for wind rock damage, and also that all stakes and supports have not worked loose and that ties have not become too tight around the stems. Spray trees and shrubs and especially fruit trees and bushes with



winter tar oil wash - choose a fine calm day to avoid spray drifting. Complete the pruning of apples and pears, paint cut branches with arbrex or similar to prevent ingress of woolly aphids and disease. Raspberries are difficult to weed by hand but you could try selective weed killer. It's very slow at this time but very effective. All fruit bushes will benefit from an early application of high potash fertiliser followed in the spring by an application of general fertiliser such as Growmore. Firm in any newly planted stock. Inspect all grease bands and replace if necessary. Give evergreen trees a shake if they are covered with snow especially newly planted ones. Wrap up warm any vulnerable plants like azalea, rhododendrons with fine mesh netting or straw.

#### **GREENHOUSE and INDOOR PLANTS**

Water sparingly and ensure plants in flower are kept moist and away from hot fires and radiators. Increase humidity round indoor azaleas, cyclamens and winter cherries by standing on wet pebbles. Use insecticide pins to control aphids and whitefly

Paint patches of scale and mealy bug with fenticide or methylated spirits. Light is very important in the greenhouse now - glass should be washed particularly on the outside to remove residue of shading and grime. Vines under glass should be pruned. All side growths or laterals are cut back to two buds.

Fuchsias are now dormant but need to be inspected and not allowed to dry out. Keep them just slightly moist. Cut back old geranium plants, shortening the growth to a joint or a bud 6 to 9 inches above the pots. Then re-pot the plants, shaking all the soil from the roots and re-potting in the smallest pots into which the roots can be placed. Clean up inside the greenhouse, and clean all pots and trays ready for seed planting. Make preparations for taking chrysanthemum cuttings. Give freesias, which are coming into bloom, a little weak liquid manure. Cyclamen seedlings should be potted on into 3 or 3½ inch pots. Remove flowers from azaleas as soon as they start to fade and before seeds start to form. After your pots of daffodils and hyacinths have finished flowering, allow them to continue growing until the leaves die down. If you have been troubled by vine weevil (a little creamy white grub which eats plant roots) treat all pots in the greenhouse with PRAVADO - it will also control other insects such as whitefly, greenfly etc.

#### **LAWNS**

As usual at this time keep it clean, tidy and keep off during frosty weather.

#### **GENERAL**

Nothing to stop you altering paths, painting garden furniture, cleaning pots, mending tools, taking mowers etc for sharpening (it's cheaper just now) re-covering the shed roof, making a new compost heap.... don't just sit there - get cracking!! Well that's it for this year. I hope you have a lovely Christmas and a really great gardening New Year. Cheerio for now.

TOM

## **Bitter?**

Photographed in the Britannia Inn, Tupton, near Chesterfield. Totley Bitter brewed by Spire Brewery, at Staveley.



## **Action Medical Research charity cards**

### **Janine George – Dilys Treacle Treasures**

I was over the moon when Lynn Tait, well-respected greetings card publisher & gallery owner, asked me to take part in her joint charity Christmas card initiative for Action Medical Research. I'm proud to have been selected as one of 12 artists to take part, all of whom are Ladder Club members, past and present. Lynn has been running the annual Ladder Club in Southend for 14 years now, which aims to help emerging artists and designers successfully launch their careers in the greetings card industry. As one of the most recent Ladder Club graduates, I feel especially privileged to have been selected from such a talented and experienced group.

Designing cards for charity was something I'd already started to consider for my card publishing company, Dilys Treacle Treasures, so to find myself working as part of a team of sponsors from the industry to help raise money for such an important cause was a dream come true for me!

Lynn's idea to bring together greetings card designers, printers and suppliers to raise the profile of the charity, shows what can be achieved when people join forces.

Everybody involved set aside time, free of charge, to play their part in producing a great range of Christmas cards for Action Medical Research for 2013. The 12 artists chosen reflect a diverse range of styles, ensuring a wide selection of designs to suit all tastes. My design is a Christmas Tree!

Action Medical Research funds research into the prevention, cure and treatment of diseases and illnesses affecting babies and children. Established in the 1950s, with the original focus on developing a cure for polio, the charity has since funded some of the most important breakthroughs in medical research. These include the development of ultrasound scanning in pregnancy, the Hib vaccine for the prevention of meningitis, pioneering the fetal heart rate monitor and the discovery of faulty genes for rare diseases. Action Medical Research awards thousands of pounds in funding to research projects every year, all raised through the generosity of the charity's supporters.

The range of 12 designs was officially launched in London, at Progressive Greetings Live (industry trade fair) back in May. I am proud to be supporting Action Medical Research and hope our team of designers, printers and suppliers can raise lots of money for the funding of more essential research projects for 2014 and beyond.

All designs are available in packs of five, priced at £3.50 each.

Packs of Christmas Tree cards are available from my website – [www.dilystreacletreasures.co.uk](http://www.dilystreacletreasures.co.uk)

This is the exact page link - <http://bit.ly/1bqjlwV>

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# The Sunflower Bakery

DORE HIGH STREET

## A VIEW FROM THE SUNFLOWER BAKERY

*A year has passed and we celebrate our first anniversary in December and would like to thank our loyal customers for their continued support and encouragement.*

As some of you know we opened the artisan bakery in Dore High Street to bring you our fresh range of fabulous real bread products and cakes designed, created and hand crafted by Tanya and the team.

The first year of any business is fraught with interesting moments and we have had our share of these as the bakery has developed its range of products and services which we hope you continue to enjoy. We are also pleased to have been able to help some people with specific food allergies to enjoy real bread again from our special sourdough white and rye healthy "real bread" range.



***We would like to continue to offer something unusual and special for the festive season and have created a Christmas Loaf, Chestnut Bread, and last year's favourite Apple and Cinnamon, as well as traditional mince pies and a host of new cakes and savouries freshly baked for you to enjoy during this festive Christmas time.***

However ..... we have noticed that for all of the thousands of families and people that live in Dore and Totley there are still thousands of you that we and our neighbouring unique shops with their specialist skills, knowledge and products have not met yet. In our busy digitised on-line lives it can become easy to "log-in or pop into" the supermarket world of mass produced goods.

From our own position we try to offer unique healthy special unadulterated products that are not available from mass produced commercial bakeries and supermarket outlets that "package" supposedly similar products using all of the marketing techniques at their disposal. We also go to great lengths to source high quality ingredients to give our communities daily bread products that support a healthy diet and lifestyle, something that cannot be said to be true for the mass produced products available from supermarkets.

***You may well ask what are the differences between bread and "real bread" made from flour-water - yeast - salt ?***

If you look at industrial production of bread you would be impressed by the names of ingredients;-

**Potassium Bromate** (increases volume);

**Ammonium Chloride** (improves rate of proof rise);

**Ammonium Persulphate** (increases volume);

**Calcium Propionate E282**; and many more that would fill another editorial.... Watch this space!!

In an article about bread additives researched by the Real Bread Campaign, the author Chris Young writes; *"so when was the last time you stirred a spoonful of sodium stearol-2-lactylate into your tea or sprinkled mono and diacetyl tartaric acid and esters of mono and diglycerides of fatty acids onto your chips?"*

It appears that with the supposed growth in food related allergies and diseases an increasing number of people are turning to alternative forms of food without having a complete understanding of what has changed within the processes of food production that has benefitted shareholders and company profits at the expense of natural healthy food.

It is also interesting that with an increasing number of the human population, predominantly in the West, suffering with supposed gluten intolerance and wheat related allergies, that the food industry has swung into action with increasing ranges of "free from" products at higher prices!

On Sunday 3rd November 2013 the Sunday Telegraph published an article by Julia Llewellyn Smith ***"How could something so right be so wrong?"*** (p15-17) that supported many of the viewpoints voiced by Tanya Shrimpton (owner and product designer at The Sunflower Bakery). The article with comments by Chris Young, coordinator for the Real Bread Campaign, on the role of gluten and yeast and the change of commercial processes that may be causing many of the current issues.

Chris Young (Real Bread Campaign) writes; *"More and more people are coming to us saying they simply*

*can't stomach industrial loaves", "The cause of the change (believes Young) is connected to the Chorleywood Process, a technique launched by British bakers in 1961. By juggling a cocktail of enzymes and artificial additives and introducing three times more yeast than had been used before, scientists at the Chorleywood Food Research Institute created a loaf that could be baked instantly without the need for the long "prove" or ferment before going in the oven. The result was a loaf that lasted twice as long and was 40% softer than previous types of bread. Bread is like fruit, it needs time to ripen and unfermented wheat appears to have a very bad effect on some digestive systems and in some cases triggers the coeliac response"*

Tanya can explain this in more detail from her scientific background, qualification and experience, and has observed that in the Ukraine where bread is still commercially made without additives using traditional sourdough methods, consumption per capita is 220% higher than in the UK and to date without the incidence of allergies and gluten intolerance.

The article continues with additional comments from Young and nutritionist Ian Marber regarding the benefits of long fermentation and traditionally proven sourdough loaves, and that yeast, not gluten, may be the real culprit.

Tanya explains that there is an important balance between the amount of yeast and time of fermentation that allows a biochemical process whereby the wheat proteins (gluten) decompose to simpler amino acids that are easier to digest thereby producing a healthy real loaf.

***Traditional sourdough bread has been shown to contain all of the essential amino acids, making it a valuable part of a daily diet.***

***So .... The Sunflower Bakery continues to offer a range of unique real bread products from your local High Street and we will be celebrating our first year on Saturday 14th December.***



*Come and join us, we would love to see you.*

We hope you will all increase the use of local specialist shops in our community and particularly those located in and around the High Street in Dore.

"The times they are a-changing" and we are all working hard to ensure that our local High Street doesn't become part of a national trend and research statistic – the result of "cheap" food and products from supermarkets destroying the real choice for a healthy natural way of life: *"The health and continued use of England's high streets and town centres matters to us all. They are the heartbeat of their local communities, and remain places where almost all of us visit every day."* (from report by English Heritage).

We look forward to another year serving our customers in the local community of Dore and Totley with our unique range of breads, cakes and associated products from your High Street.

Ron Shrimpton MSc HRM

Tatiana Shrimpton BSc Food Technologist

**We wish you a  
Merry Christmas  
and a Happy,  
Healthy and Prosperous  
New Year !**



## PUZZLE CORNER

### Strange words:

We are well used to our grandchildren using computers and mobile phones with speed and nonchalance we never could, but we thought we could hold our own with words and spelling. Recently Sophie presented us with "ghoti" and asked how we would say it.

Whatever we suggested she said "fish". At last she had to explain to these ancient dunder heads:

gh as in laugh ( t )

o as in women ( i )

ti as in ration ( sh ) =fish

Here are some more silly spellings to solve. Each has a clue to the meaning:

- |            |                      |
|------------|----------------------|
| 1. tioghd  | period of work       |
| 2. gogho   | short period of time |
| 3. quoc    | osculate             |
| 4. tiorqu  | evade                |
| 5. ghox    | hissing noise        |
| 6 cquogh   | rowing boat          |
| 7. psoknqu | fail to float        |
| 8. ghor    | tree                 |
| 9. tiord   | garment              |
| 10.wreyxau | barber's implement   |

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Photo at Dore & Totley Station dated around 1962 from Philip Wright with school pupils from Totley.

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## The Ladies of Dore laid bare for Neurocare charity



Donna Todd, who used to live in the village, has undergone two major life-saving brain operations in the last 12 months. The precision surgery and fantastic care she received from the Neuro-Surgical unit at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital means she can look forward to the future without fear.

As a way of saying thank you Donna decided to raise some money for the Neurocare charity who have given her so much support and she enlisted the help of her friends. They decided to 'bare' all and produce their own version of a 'Calendar Girls' calendar. Not a decision any of the girls took lightly!

After much discussion and, it must be said, hilarity the project gathered momentum, local sponsors were found, a professional photographer chosen, a local designer offered his services. In fact there were many offers of help, some more frivolous than others including a very persistent offer to 'do the lighting'!

By the time the photo shoot took place at a secret location in the village the girls had raised enough money to cover all their costs and be in profit before a calendar is sold. So all proceeds will go to the charity. The people of the village and beyond can show their support for this very worthwhile charity, Neurocare, by buying a copy or two. They can also show their appreciation for a brave bunch of girls who left their comfort zones to help a good friend say a big thank you.

The Dore Girls Calendar is on sale at a number of local outlets so look out for your chance to acquire a rare piece of local art.

If you need to know what day it is next year let the Dore Calendar Girls help you.

## PUZZLE CORNER

### Solution to Strange words:

Use the sounds of the capital letters for each solution:

- |                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1. raTion, wOMen, lauGHeD       | shift |
| 2. reGion, wOMen, lauGH, wOMen  | jiffy |
| 3. liQUor, wOMen, maliCe        | kiss  |
| 4. ---raTI-on, wORM, liQUor -   | shirk |
| 5. lauGH, wOMen, Xylophone      | fizz  |
| 6. maliCe, liQUor, wOMen, lauGH | skiff |
| 7. PSycho-, wOMen, KNit, liQUor | sink  |
| 8. lauGH, wORM                  | fir   |
| 9. raTion. wORM. mixed          | shirt |
| 10. WRap, fEY, Xylophone, cAUlk | razor |

Don Ashford

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Tuesday 19 November	Western Europe
<b>International Airmail including Airsure® and International Signed For™</b>	
Wednesday 4 December	Asia, Far East (including Japan), New Zealand
Thursday 5 December	Australia
Friday 6 December	Africa, Caribbean, Central & South America, Middle East
Monday 9 December	Cyprus, Eastern Europe
Tuesday 10 December	Canada, France, Greece, Poland
Friday 13 December	USA
Saturday 14 December	Western Europe (excluding France, Greece, Poland)
<b>HM Forces Mail - British Forces Post Office (BFPO)</b>	
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## Searching for the Mills Family

We are researching our family history, the Mills family lived in Totley Rise from 1897. It is interesting that Dawn Coggins mentions in her article regarding Reverend W Gibson that a chair was donated. We have a marriage certificate from Christ Church, Dore that Reverend Gibson conducted the marriage of James Holmes Mills and Clara Savage in 1897 and in the 1901 census they were living on Lemont Road. After the 1901 census the family moved to 20 Pearson Place, Woodseats, where Clara's sister lived, her name was Eleanor Savage. Dawn Coggins also mentions in her article Totley Old School on Totley Hall Lane. The 1911 census was interesting to discover Clara's children went to school in Totley, their names were Doris Mills and James Frederick Mills. I presume the school in question was Totley Old School on Totley Hall Lane. I would be grateful to have any information on our family that anyone has. Paul Savage

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Jenny Parker on 0114 2360798 or Helen Hancock on 0114 2351433 or visit our website [www.johnwadesingers.co.uk](http://www.johnwadesingers.co.uk) or just turn up on Friday where a relaxed and friendly welcome will await.



# TOTLEY OPEN GARDENS DOES IT AGAIN!

On Saturday 5th October the Totley Open Gardens group presented 3 cheques to Totley organisations. The money raised was from the Open Gardens weekend in July, when 9 gardens were open to the public. A total of £1,500 was divided so that £1,200 was presented to Transport 17, £150 each went to Totley History Group and Totley Music Festival.

Totley Open Gardeners would very much like to thank all the businesses which advertised in the 2013 programme – UK Bullion, Electrical and Hardware Supplies, Herbalife, Wisemove, Bank View Farm and the Cross Scythes. Above all, special thanks goes to Stuart of the Cross Scythes who sponsored the printing of the programme – it was a great contribution to our efforts to support Totley voluntary organisations.

In 2014, there will be 5 new gardens opening for Totley Open Gardens, and this will give a new boost to our fund-raising. In total, since starting the annual Open Gardens event in 2002, TOG has raised £20,000.

Please put a note in your diary for the weekend of Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th July, because there will be some interesting new gardens to see. And remember to support Totley Music Festival in 2014 – there will be some great concerts and a cabaret evening.

If you would like to consider opening your own garden too in 2014, please get in touch with me.



**Mary Jackson presenting a cheque to John Savournin of Transport 17**



**Mary Jackson presenting a cheque to Phil Harris of Totley Music Festival**



**Mary Jackson, who opens her garden at 14, The Grove, presenting a cheque to Jean Byron of Totley History Group**

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# THE DAVID CLOVER FESTIVAL OF SINGING

## DORE AND TOTLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The David Clover Festival of Singing (DCFS) will be held from the 7th - 9th February, 2014 and the entrants, usually in excess of 60, will perform in their chosen classes over 3 days. The different classes embrace British Songs, Oratorio or Sacred Songs, Opera, Songs from the Shows, and Recitals and performers can be any age from 9 years old.

**Previous winners** at the Festivals have included many local and out-of-Sheffield singers who have attended major music academies, some of whom have gone on to make their name nationally and internationally in the music professions. Some past competitors who have gone on to achieve truly great things are:

- **Elizabeth Watts**, who competed in the DCFS in 1998 and 1999, is now a soprano of international renown singing for English National Opera and as a freelance singing all over the world: Covent Garden, Santa Fe, Royal Festival Hall, and Theatre de Champs-Elysees in Paris to name a few. She also won the prestigious BBC Cardiff Singer of the World Competition in 2007.
- In 2000 and 2001 **John Savournin**, a bass/baritone, competed in the DCFS and is now a successful professional singer currently with Opera North. He has sung at Concert Halls and Theatres throughout Great Britain and has been named a Concordia Foundation Wigmore Hall Prize winner by the Worshipful Company of Musicians and will sing at Wigmore Hall in the summer 2014.
- More recently **Ella Taylor** competed in 2009, 2010 and 2011 and also in 2011 she was named as Radio 2 Young Chorister of The Year. A wonderful start to a musical career.

Every year since 1980 this competitive Festival and celebration of singing has been held in Sheffield. It was established following the death of David Clover who was the City's musical advisor to the Education Department. Following his untimely death the City of Sheffield Teachers' Choir, which David established, decided as a fitting and lasting tribute and memorial for his work, that a Festival of Singing should be established. Whilst initially for young singers the Festival is now open to everyone over 9 year of age. See [www.davidclover-festivalofsinging.org.uk](http://www.davidclover-festivalofsinging.org.uk)

Over the years internationally famed singers and teachers of singing have adjudicated at the Festival and for the 2014 Festival we are delighted to welcome once again Marilynne Davies who until recently was Head of the School of Performance at the College of Ripon and York St. John, but now has a busy freelance career as an adjudicator at national and international festivals, has conducted choirs for BBC and ITV and has sung with professional orchestras.

The DCFS is administered, promoted and supported by the City of Sheffield Teachers' Choir who have established the "David Clover Festival Friends". On paying an annual fee of £20 members and one guest are entitled to free admission to all the Festival sessions and invited to attend a Festival Friends' Reception. Family and Corporate Membership is also available by annual subscription. Any queries or further information may be obtained from Di Hallat (0114 249 0402) or by email [dhallat@beachcroft.co.uk](mailto:dhallat@beachcroft.co.uk).

Tickets are available at the door at the Dore and Totley United Reformed Church on Totley Brook Road for the evening session on Friday 7th February and all day (3 sessions) on Saturday 8th February. The cost for one session is £4 per adult (£2 for accompanied children under 16 and unwaged): two sessions is £7 (£3) and 3 session is £10 (£4). On Sunday 8th February at 6.45 p.m. the Finals Festival and Gala Performance will be held at The Holiday Inn Royal Victoria where the cost is £10 (£5).

## Second Appeal Lodged at 135 Dore Road

Martin Flowers has lodged a second appeal with the planning inspectorate this time against the Council's decision to refuse his revised application for a 14 unit apartment scheme. The revised scheme which features two glass towers was unanimously turned down by the planning committee in April of this year primarily due to excessive footprint, scale, bulk and massing and was deemed to dominate the street scene and detract from the area's character and identity. Residents cited further issues such as excessive density, traffic safety, loss of amenity, and inadequate drainage provision.

As with the previous appeal Martin Flowers has applied to circumnavigate residents and have the process held behind closed doors through a procedure known as "written representations". Local residents were previously successful in persuading the Planning Inspectorate to move away from a closed doors procedure and the first appeal was converted to a public hearing process after residents highlighted the overwhelming public interest in a site which has attracted around 2,500 objections as well as extensive media coverage and interest from the Deputy Prime Minister.

We would urge residents to write to the planning inspectorate again to request that this latest appeal process be dealt with in public so that residents have the opportunity to voice their concerns to the planning inspector in person. The previous appeal hearing was held in Totley and attracted around 90 residents, local Councillors as well as the Dore Village Society and Dore Conservation Group.

Letters requesting the process to be dealt with in public should be written to:

**The Planning Inspectorate  
Temple Quay House  
2 The Square  
Bristol  
BS1 6PN**

Quoting reference: APP/J4423/A/13/2207982

Alternatively you can email [-enquiries@planning-inspectorate.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:-enquiries@planning-inspectorate.gsi.gov.uk)

On 30 April 2013 the Sheffield Star reported that the developer was branded "greedy" by Councillors at the Planning Committee meeting and also reported Martin Flowers as saying "... what is so precious about the suburb of Dore....".

An interesting choice of words from a man who is looking to develop for the first time in Dore.

Aubrey Read and Paul Millington

## TOTLEY & DISTRICT DIARY

<b>MONDAYS</b>	<b>COFFEE MORNING</b> , All Saints' Church Hall, 10am-noon <b>TAI-CHI</b> , United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 11.30am-12.30pm <b>RAINBOWS and GUIDES</b> , All Saints' Church Hall, 5.45pm-9pm <b>SLIMMING WORLD</b> , United Reformed Church Hall, 7pm, Jo Elsey: 262 0523 or 07590 545253
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	<b>PILATES</b> , The Old School, Dore, 9.15-10.15am. Phone Teresa Tinklin 07906 312372 <b>COFFEE MORNING</b> , Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am-noon <b>KEEP FIT &amp; COFFEE</b> , For the not-so-young, Bannerdale Centre, Carterknowle Road, 10.15am, Phone: 258 5364 <b>SHEAF CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU</b> . Drop in, free, impartial, and confidential. TR Methodist Church, 10am-noon <b>CRAFT GROUP</b> , Totley Library, 2pm
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	<b>PILATES CLASSES</b> , Dore Old School, 9.00-10.00 and 10.15-11.15. Contact Caroline - Tel: 0781 722 0324, email caroline1north@btinternet.com, www.pilatescarolinenorth.co.uk <b>COFFEE in the LIBRARY</b> , 10am-11.30am <b>TODDLER GROUP</b> , 10am-11.30am, All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Andy Holmes 0114 236 2088 <b>HEALTH WALKS</b> , 10.30am, Totley Library foyer. Phone Tina, The Health Walk Ranger: 0114 203 9335 <b>MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING</b> , All Saints Church Hall, 8pm-10pm
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	<b>BELROBICS</b> , United Reformed Church, 9.15-10am, email: jenny@belrobics.co.uk or telephone: 07816 850132. <b>NCT COFFEE GROUP FOR DORE TOTLEY &amp; BRADWAY</b> , 10am-noon, For mums & babies/toddlers, meeting in various locations, Phone Lucy Street 07837 000405 or email: lucy@streetr.plus.com for further details <b>ROCKCHOIR</b> , United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd, 11.30 - 1.00pm. See www.rockchoir.com or call 01252 714276 <b>CHAIROBICS</b> , Heatherfield Club, 1.15pm <b>PUSHCHAIR CLUB</b> , Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. 1.30pm-3pm. Tel. 236 3157 for further details <b>PILATES CLASS</b> , United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 6.15pm-7.30pm <b>also new class 1.30pm to 2.30pm</b> , Phone Emer Coffey 07792 422909
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## DECEMBER

**SUN 1st FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD** Practical Conservation Morning (November's postponed event) with the Council Rangers. Meet 10am at the bus terminus on Baslow Road. Refreshments, tools etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. Check the website www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com for further details.

**Till TUE 24th SHEFFIELD CHRISTMAS MARKETS**, Fargate, Variety of goods and food stuffs with festive theme.

**SUN 1st CASTLETON FARMERS MARKET**, the Village Hall, 10am-3pm

**WED 4th CHRISTMAS FAIR**, Mickley Hall, **Leonard Cheshire Disability**, Mickley Lane, 10am-12noon, Christmas Carols and mince pies 24th Dec 11am

**SUN 8th SHEFFIELD REP ORCHESTRA concert "A Festive Cracker"**, featuring guest soloist Kenneth Brown from the Halle Orchestra. Dore and Totley United Reformed Church, 7 pm. Tickets £6 (£5 concessions) including seasonal refreshments. Proceeds to go to The Lost Chord (taking music to dementia sufferers) and Good News Family Care. Tickets 0114 236 5607.

**SUN 8th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES - SANTA SPECIALS**. Abbeydale Road South, 11 am - 3 pm. (weather permitting) Car Park closes 5.15pm. £7 admission (all ages) covers seasonal refreshments, a visit to Santa's Grotto, a present for children, and 'unlimited' train rides. See www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk

**TUES 10th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, CHRISTMAS MEETING** - Entertainment, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am

**SUN 15th TOTLEY FARMERS MARKET** Christmas Fayre - 12-4pm, Totley Rise.

**SUN 15th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES - SANTA SPECIALS**. Abbeydale Road South, details as 8th December.

**TUES 17th TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**. Meets 10am in Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall.

**WED 18th COFFEE & CAROLS IN THE LINK**, Dore and Totley United Reformed Church, 11 am.

**WED 18th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP**, 'Victorian Christmas': Susan Deal will tell us how the Victorians influenced Christmas. Totley Library, 7.30 pm. See www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

**SAT 21st DORE GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY Christmas Concert**, 2.30 Dore Methodist Church. Tickets £6 from Derek Habberjam, Tel. 0114 2362299.

**TUES 24th LEONARD CHESHIRE DISABILITY**, Mickley Hall: 11 am: Carols and Mince Pies. Everyone welcome/

## JANUARY

**SUN 5th CASTLETON FARMERS MARKET**, the Village Hall, 10am-3pm

**TUES 21st TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**. Meets 10am in Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall

**WED 22nd TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP**, Totley Library, 7.30pm, The Story of Gillfield Wood, Sally Goldsmith, all welcome. See www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

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### DECEMBER

1 <sup>st</sup>	10am All Ages All Together 6.30pm Holy Communion
8th	10am Holy Communion 6.30pm Holy Communion
15th	10am All Ages All Together Led by children. 6.30pm Evening Prayer
22nd	10am Holy Communion 6.30pm Candlelit Carol Service
24 <sup>th</sup>	4pm Christmas Eve Children's Crib Service. 11.30pm Holy Communion

### CHRISTMAS DAY

25th	10am All Ages All Together & Holy Communion.
29th	10am Morning Praise 6.30pm Evening Prayer.

### JANUARY

5th	10am All Ages All Together 6.30pm Holy Communion
12th	10am Holy Communion 6.30pm evening Prayer
19th	10am Morning Praise 6.30pm Holy Communion
26th	10am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer

## Christmas Musings

I wonder what the day will bring  
Looking for the new born king  
I wonder where we will be led  
Seeking the place he lays his head  
I wonder what we will find  
Riches that will blow our mind?  
I wonder how long will it take  
This journey we're about to make  
I wonder if it will be far  
Led by this amazing star

Are we not like the Magi wise  
Seeking what's not seen by our eyes  
In our lives as we harrow  
Walking on the straight and narrow  
In our journey are we not led  
To where we lay down our head.  
Finding the babe right at the end  
Caused the Magi their knees to bend  
And as they had ceased to roam  
They offered gifts there in His home

And so Lord now we bring  
Our riches to the heavenly King

The riches that our lives do make  
We offer now just for His sake  
Hands to minister alleviating pain  
Words of comfort to sustain  
The weary and those who seek rest  
We offer Him to be our guest  
Our treasures we before Him lay  
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## THE SNEEZE

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GOD BLESS YOU AT CHRISTMAS AND THROUGHOUT 2014



## Services during the Christmas season at St. John's Church

### Sunday, 1st December

6.30 p.m., Advent Carol Service

### Sunday 22nd December

6.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols

### Christmas Eve:

5.00pm Christingle and Nativity

11.30pm Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day:

10.00am Family Eucharist

### Sunday 29th December:

*First Sunday of Christmas*

10.00am Joint Service at St John's with Holy Trinity Millhouses to celebrate St John's Patronal Festival

## CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

In

St. John's Church Abbeydale

Abbeydale Road South, (opposite Abbeydale Sports Club)

7.30 p.m. Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December

St. John's Church Choir

and Norton Community Choir

Tickets £5

Free Mulled Wine and Mince Pie

Tickets from Phyllis Glossop 2362597

## TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH

[www.totleyrise.co.uk](http://www.totleyrise.co.uk)

### ADVENT CHOCOLATE December 1 4pm

A short celebration for all ages to include the opening of the first advent window, and a free chocolate advent calendar and Christmas storybook given to the first 60 families who arrive.

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT December 4 7.30pm

Come and enjoy the traditional carols in atmospheric candlelight. Totley Rise Methodist Church (TRM) welcomes the United Christian Voices Choir, which includes several members and friends of TRM. The service is followed by refreshments. All are welcome. A collection will be taken at the service with all proceeds going to Sheffield HARC (Homeless and Rootless at Christmas)

### MESSY CHURCH December 14 3-5pm

### ALL AGE SERVICE December 15 10.30am

Something for everyone of all ages. Do join us, you are all invited to enjoy guaranteed fun and something to think about.

### CAROL SERVICE December 22 6.30pm

A thoughtful approach to opening the window on Christmas

### THE CRIB SERVICE December 24 4pm

A very popular family service – a place to remember the true story in the frantic rush

### CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION 10am

Come and join us in a wonderful celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ

## Nativity Sheep Trail – 1st December – Christmas Eve.

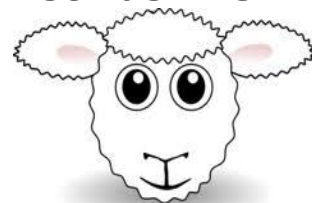
One of the Totley shepherds wants to go and see baby Jesus but he can't find his sheep! Can you help him find them all? First, collect a form from one of the participating shops (there are 12 in all);

then visit all the shops, find the sheep and write its name on the form; then, when you have found all 12, put your form in one of the collecting boxes, or bring it to the children's Christmas service at All Saints church on Sunday, 15th December at 10.00am and receive a small gift.

On Saturday, 14th December, at Totley Rise Methodist church, from 3.00pm – 5.00pm there will be the shepherd's story and a full investigation as to how those rascally sheep managed to escape! You can come dressed as a shepherd if you would like to! There will be lots of craft activities and tea provided. For more information contact Rachel Wilson @racheltrm@yahoo.com or phone 07912 352543.

Here's the list of businesses taking part; and Totley Rise Methodists' and All Saints' would like to thank them all for joining in the fun!

Liberty Foods, Rendezvous@totley, Co-op, Looby Lou's, Totley Pharmacy, Baslow Road Newsagents, Totley Tails and Whiskers, the Post Office, Totley Deli, Fruiterama, Seasons and Tesco Extra.



## The Festive Season at Dore and Totley URC

Dore & Totley URC hosts a performance by the Sheffield Rep Orchestra on Sunday 8th December at 7pm. This is entitled "A Festive Cracker" and it includes Beethoven's Egmont Overture and Symphony No. 7, and Haydn's Trumpet Concerto. The guest soloist is Kenneth Brown from the Halle Orchestra. Tickets are £6 (£5 concessions) and include seasonal refreshments. Phone 236 5607. The profits are in aid of The Lost Chord (taking music to dementia sufferers) and Good News Family Care.

We warmly invite you to join us at Dore & Totley for Coffee and Carols in the Link on Wednesday 18th December at 11 am. And we also invite you to join us for worship at the Carol Service on Sunday 15th December at 10.30 am and on Christmas Day at 10 am.



# **The Shepley Spitfire, Totley**

Firstly, let me introduce myself. I Michael am the new manager of The Shepley Spitfire pub in Totley. My family and I moved here in August this year and we have already made some changes to the pub, including hiring a new head chef who is doing wonders with our new menu, and painting the garden furniture as well as starting off our kids corner with our two guinea pigs. We have also introduced table service on Friday and Saturday nights and Sundays All Day, which means our customers get to relax.

We would love you to come and try our fantastic steaks as well as our classic menu choices. Listed below are ***the reasons to love us*** offers on our new menu and I wanted to share them with you all as we already love them...

Monday to Saturday All Day

- 2 Main Meals for £8.99
- Our Flaming Burgers, Burger Fries and a Drink from £6.49

Thursday to Saturday All Day

- Our Flame Grill Menu, Any Flame Grill Dish and a Drink from £8.99

Monday to Friday between 12.00 noon and 3.00pm

- Sandwich and a Drink for only £3.99

Then on Sunday try our fabulous Sunday Roasts for only £7.49 with the choice of Beef, Pork, Half Roast Chicken or our Vegetarian option with all the roast potatoes, vegetables and gravy you can hope for.

Take a look at our full menu on the website [www.gkflamegrill.co.uk](http://www.gkflamegrill.co.uk) or contact us by telephone: 0114 236 0298 Email: [4881@greeneking.co.uk](mailto:4881@greeneking.co.uk) and we will gladly send one out to you.

All the Team and I look forward to serving you soon!!



## Abbeydale Miniature Railway



**Sunday 8th December &  
Sunday 15th December**

Gate opens at 11 am      Last  
Entrance 3.30 pm

**Admission is £7 per person at  
the gate.**

**No pre-booking, cash only  
please.**

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

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