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## LONGSHAW REMEMBERS ...

### Caring for Wounded Soldiers of the Great War

This year, a fascinating period in the history of Longshaw is being shared, marking the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. Longshaw Lodge is now owned by the National Trust, but prior to its sale in 1927 the shooting box belonging to the Duke of Rutland was handed over to be used as a convalescent hospital for wounded soldiers in February 1915. All the patients were 'other ranks' (ie not officers). It was staffed by a mixture of trained military and Territorial Force nurses and VADs, volunteers who had limited training in first aid and sick nursing.

On 27 February 1915 a reporter from the Sheffield Daily Telegraph visited the hospital and wrote '*Longshaw Lodge is ideally situated for such a home, as not only is it within convenient distance of Sheffield, but it is placed in the midst of health-giving moors, and surrounded by beautiful scenery, which will prove a mental tonic to the soldiers who are sent there to recuperate.*

There was certainly plenty to keep the soldiers occupied. There were card games in the smoking room, a gramophone and piano for those with a musical inclination, and the billiard table which had been left for use by the men. The soldiers could enjoy the fresh air by walking over the estate, boating on the lake, or simply sitting in the garden and enjoying the view. There (*continued p.3*)

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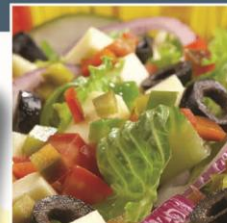
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## LONGSHAW REMEMBERS...(continued)

are photographs of soldiers picnicking on the moors and visiting local beauty spots and places of interest, including Haddon Hall and Eyam Hall. A large group of them visited the offices of The Sheffield Daily Telegraph to see *'the wonders of modern newspaper production'*.

A little bit of snow didn't stop the soldiers and nurses enjoying themselves. Indeed, one Irishman, shortly after admission, *'looking up and seeing several snowflakes fall, said he wished they might be snowed in, then they would not have to go.'* As well as patients from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, Longshaw also cared for Australians, New Zealanders and Canadians and, in 1918, some men from the USA.

To mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, there are a number of events taking place at Longshaw over the next few



*Longshaw Pond*

months. Our main event, 'The Road to Longshaw', takes place on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014, and follows the story of a soldier wounded on the Western Front back to England and to recuperation at Longshaw. This event is taking place in conjunction with an organisation called 'The Field Ambulance' who, through costumed interpretation, will guide visitors through the various medical facilities that a wounded soldier would have passed through before being evacuated back to 'Blighty'. There will be displays and activities for the whole family. This event is free and no booking is required.

"The Road to Longshaw" will also involve a series of school visits for year 5 and year 6 classes in the week of 19 – 23<sup>rd</sup> May, again with The Field Ambulance interpreters as well as other outdoor activities, and with the added element of uniforms for the children to dress up in, which have recently been sewn by a team of keen and very skilful volunteers. A series of talks will be held on 2nd August, and 12th and 15th November, which cost £8 per person and include a cream tea. Places must be booked in advance by telephoning 01433 637904.

This project has been awarded funding support through the Heritage Lottery Fund's **First World War: then and now programme**.

For more information please contact Jenny Gerrans, Visitor Experience Officer for the National Trust on 01433 637907 or via email at [Jenny.Gerrans@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:Jenny.Gerrans@nationaltrust.org.uk)

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## Totley Residents' Association

**The AGM will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in Totley Library.** Please come and support us - we are here for the Community. Should you wish to nominate yourself or anyone else to the Committee, please email [totleychair@gmail.com](mailto:totleychair@gmail.com) at least ten days prior to the meeting.

We have arranged the date of the next **Farmers' Market**. It will be held at **Totley Rise Methodist Church**, on **Saturday 17th May, 12 noon – 4 pm**. There will be new stalls, entertainment and of course old favourites. Come and have a browse, a snack and join in the fun.

We are also planning a Community Event with dancing and food later in the year and details will be published when everything is finalised.

Representatives of TRA and the History Group met at the War Memorial in February, we were joined by Judy, from the Council, to discuss cleaning and maintenance of the site. It was a most positive and useful meeting and we are very encouraged to see that some of the work suggested has already been completed.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM and also must thank many of you who have been so very supportive regarding the Save Totley Library campaign.

*Hetty Moran, Chairman, TRA*  
[totleychair@gmail.com](mailto:totleychair@gmail.com)



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For ten years, water bombers from across the region have launched themselves from the 3metre diving platform in a fancy dress costume of their choice. They are then graded based on their 'style', splash and presentation by a judging panel which includes two Macmillan nurses and an unusual mystery guest!

The fancy dress costumes are a major part of the event, and over the last ten years there have been some interesting ideas - including a team of Umpa Lumpus, YMCA, The Wizard of Oz, the cast of Grease and even a team who chose to called themselves the Flying Mankinis! World Water Bombing is sponsored by Matthew Twigg Foods (suppliers of Pukka Pies); eBECS - Experts in Microsoft Dynamics; and Sheffield International Venues. All money raised at the event is spent to on funding Macmillan services in Sheffield.



Last year's event raised £9800 for Macmillan and organisers are hoping to mark the tenth anniversary by topping the £10,000 mark for the first time. Teams from Chesterfield to Sheffield and even as far away as Buckinghamshire come to take part in this unique event to raise money for Macmillan. This year there is even interest from Australia!

Over the next two years Macmillan is spending £2 million in South Yorkshire to fund a range of new services, including an End of Life Care Project Team based across Sheffield Hospitals and in care homes who will support and care for patients, plus a 1-2-1 Support Nurse who will support Colorectal and Breast Cancer patients who have been discharged following treatment.

Team members must be aged 18 and over. To take part, each team pays a £20 registration fee and aims to raise a minimum of £406 sponsorship - £406 could fund two Macmillan nurses for a whole day, giving vital help and support in Sheffield.

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## Be a Litter Hero!

Has anyone noticed the litter that is increasingly spoiling our streets and countryside? The most offending items are the least bio-degradable! Twenty years for plastic bags, one hundred years for aluminium cans and as for plastic bottles - they just go on forever!

So..... Totley needs YOU! Come and be a LITTER HERO and join us on Saturday May 10th starting at Totley Library, between 10am and 12noon, in a community effort to clean up and make a difference!

You will need to wear appropriate clothing, waterproofs if necessary, strong protective shoes or boots, and strong work gloves. Litter grabbers and black sacks provided.

Julie Gay

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## **Transport 17**

Hello everyone! It looks as though Spring has finally arrived and we have survived a winter with little, if any, snow. So we have to abandon fund raising for 3 months to keep masses of the white stuff away!!! One of the buses was damaged in the high winds when part of a tree landed on it causing £500 of damage. We have also been informed that we are losing 15% of our income for salaries so we are not doing well so far. One of our long established drivers, Colin, has not been able to rejoin us after the Christmas break due to being unwell. We miss him and hope that he will be able to return soon.

**And now one of our drivers has had a mishap in one of the minibuses - the tail lift is wrecked and will cost £4,000 to repair. Can anyone help us please - this is really desperate.**

We have a COFFEE MORNING at the Cross Scythes on Saturday 26th April, from 9.30 to 12 noon. You will receive a warm welcome both from us and the lovely staff at the Cross Scythes so please come and support us! It looks as though it is going to be a long hard year.

*Felicity Revill*

### **Letter to the Editor**

## **Problem in the Park**

Dear Editor,

I am writing this in hope of raising awareness of a problem in Green Oak Park, Totley. There have been several incidents of bullying by certain individuals who choose to pick on elderly, infirm and vulnerable people. I feel that this is destroying the community spirit in Totley, and in Green Oak Park in particular.

If you have been a victim of this behaviour, please come forward and report it to the police by telephoning 101. I believe that the people of Totley should not allow these people to continue to terrorise users of the park. Please support this cause, and speak up for the victims of these bullies.

*(name and address supplied)*

## **Scout Lottery**

### **1st Totley Scout Group Lottery**

#### **Winners in February Draw:**

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The First Totley Scout Lottery was prepared to start at the end of February 2014. If you would like to enrol and have not received a form, please ring Peter Casson on (0114) 248 9854, leave a message and Peter will call you back the same evening.

*Peter Casson*

## **Dore Art Group Annual Exhibition**

The Dore Art Group are putting on their usual collection of pictures, all by local people, and most of them for sale. The exhibition will be held in the Old School in Dore Village from 2 pm until 6 pm on Friday 11th April, and from 9.30 am until 5 pm on Saturday 12th April. Prices will be affordable!



Tea, coffee and cakes will also be available at the same price as in previous years - a tempting offer, say the organisers, which you can't refuse!

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Why not join us for this lively, funny and enjoyable show? We will be at The Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street, Sheffield, S1 2LG from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April. The performances will start at 7:15pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with a matinee starting at 2:00pm on Saturday and the evening performance starting at 6:30pm.

I guarantee that it is better than sitting in watching the telly and you'll be certain to leave the theatre singing some of the music. Tickets are available now (£12 each) from Judith Bettridge, 238 Carterknowle Road, Sheffield, S7 2EB (please enclose SAE), by calling 0114 2507155, or from any society member.

*Derek Habberjam*

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## **Totley Yard Sale Sun 27 April 11.00am**

### **The return of the Totley Yard Sale!**

On Sunday 27th April another Totley Yard Sale will be held. For those who don't remember the previous ones we held, the idea is to sell your unwanted goods from your front garden from 11.00am.

Here's how it works. The buyers come to you, finding you through a map with addresses (no names) which is sold for 50p. It's like a car boot sale, without the bother of getting up early in the morning and loading and unloading the car. You pay £5 to participate, which goes towards the local voluntary organisations and charities that the Totley Open Gardens Association (TOGA) supports each year. You will also be included on the map.

Previous Totley Yard Sales attracted buyers from all over the city and from neighbouring locations too.

This one is being held the week after Easter, so you have time over the holiday to sort out everything you might want to get rid of.

So BOOK NOW to join the great Totley Yard Sale. Get your friends, neighbours and family to participate too, and support local charities as well as getting rid of your old stuff.

Telephone 2362302 or email [jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk](mailto:jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk) to book, and for enquiries.

£5 should be brought to 16, The Grove, to confirm your booking.

In previous yard sales some people did not play fair and sold from their house without paying their £5. Please remember that this is being organised on a voluntary basis by people raising money for charity and supporting local people, so your £5 is actually a small contribution we hope no-one will begrudge paying.

Totley Open Gardens has raised over £20,000 for Transport 17, Totley History Group, Totley Music Festival and Totley youth activities since gardens began opening in 2002.

*Jennie Street*

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**18th April - Good Friday - 10.00am** We meet at All Saints Church for a short act of worship, then we walk with the Cross to **Totley Rise Methodist Church** for a **"Service at the Cross" at 10.30am.**

**20th April - Easter Sunday - 10.00am** All Age Worship  
**6.30pm** Traditional Service of Holy Communion.

27th April - 10.00am Morning Service  
6.30pm Evening Service.

### **Throughout May:**

10.00am Morning Services  
6.30pm Evening Services

**Friday 2nd May 7.30pm** in the Church Hall - **Christian Aid Quiz**

### **12th – 19th May - Christian Aid Week.**

**18th May 7.30pm - Dore Parish Hall:** Cornerstone Service by Soulroots.

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## THE BIG BIRTHDAY BASH - SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup>/SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE

The church calendar is peppered with numerous celebration days - one of which is Pentecost, which happens 50 days after Easter. It is the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in Jerusalem and is considered worldwide to be the birthday of the church. Historically the week after Pentecost was known as Whitsuntide and in Sheffield, as in many other major manufacturing cities, the factories closed down and people celebrated, often meeting in the local parks and enjoying the Whit Walks.

In June the churches in S17 will be joining to celebrate Pentecost on June 8th and would welcome everyone in the community to join them. In Totley we have additional reasons to celebrate because it is the 90th anniversary of All Saints Church, the 30th anniversary of the start of Transport 17 and the 40th

anniversary of the lunch club that meets at the United Reformed Church.

On Saturday 7th June there will be a birthday party at All Saints Church Hall to which everyone is invited. There will be games and activities for the children, entertainment and an opportunity to gather together and celebrate with free food and fun for all. Further details in the next issue of The Independent. On Sunday 8th June the S17 churches (All Saints, Totley Rise Methodist, the United Reformed Church, Dore Methodist and Christ Church Dore) will be holding celebratory services. Breakfasts will be served beforehand at Totley Rise and the URC, and afternoon refreshments provided by the two Dore churches.

Everyone is invited to attend any or all of these events. Again, more details in the next issue of The Independent.

## More on Hannah Wild

I am responding to the article in TI 366 on Hannah Wild the first Totley schoolmistress. Further research has produced more information. Her death certificate tells us that she was the widow of Thomas Wild, millwright, and that she died of bronchitis. At the time of her death she was living at Pingle Head, Ecclesall Bierlow with her daughter and son-in-law Jane and Thomas Fisher.

Hannah was buried at Ecclesall All Saints Church on January 30<sup>th</sup> 1851. Unfortunately the area of the churchyard where Hannah was buried was cleared of headstones in the 1970s so it is no longer possible to photograph the grave. However, the inscriptions on the gravestones were transcribed before removal and Hannah's read as follows:

"To the memory of Hannah Wild who departed this life January 5<sup>th</sup> 1851 aged 77 years. Also Jane the beloved wife of Thomas Bishop and daughter of the above Hannah Wild who died April 29<sup>th</sup> 1863 aged 68 years. 'Blest are the dead who lie in Lord' "

There is a mistake in the transcription as Jane was actually married to Thomas FISHER. Thomas Fisher registered the death of Hannah Wild and he and Jane were still living at Pingle Head in the 1861 Census. There is a marriage for Jane Wild and Thomas Fisher in the June quarter of 1843 in Sheffield Registration District. Thomas lived on until 1877, when he too was buried at Ecclesall All Saints on July 5<sup>th</sup> aged 82.

Dore parish records show a baptism for Jane, daughter of Thomas Wild of Totley, on February 15<sup>th</sup> 1795. Unfortunately neither the mother's name nor the father's occupation are given, but the date would be exactly right for Hannah's daughter.

Further research may uncover more information. I hope eventually to find a marriage entry for Thomas Wild and Hannah and a baptism for Hannah, possibly at Holmesfield or Dronfield.

*Dorothy Prosser*

# The Totley Independent Poetry Workshop

## Sally Goldsmith

This is the second in a regular slot to encourage you to write poetry – and to get better at it too! The task last time was to write a poem about a room, using one by the Derbyshire poet Ann Atkinson as inspiration. Carole King, ex-Totley Librarian rose to the challenge with this:

The room of faded memories

A room of memories, lost family and sadness -  
it is in my head but I visit there often.  
My mother in her rocking chair  
watching tv, half listening to me,  
her blue eyes sad, empty.  
The green chair where my father diminished.  
Cancer killed him, took the joy from my mother.

In this room is anger, sadness, bitterness,  
guilt and faded memories of happiness.  
The room of my parents lives on in my head.  
I visit there often. I have no choice.

Carole has successfully transferred the strong visual image and emotional temperature of the room that “lives on in my head” into a poem. I like the specific detail – that green chair, the way that the mother is only half listening. It’s interesting that there are two sets of memories here – those of the mother who has lost her husband and those of the daughter who is remembering now that the mother too has gone. I like the way that the daughter is still “visiting” the room – this time in her head. The line endings seem right too. My only critique is that Carole is sometimes *telling* us what to think – perhaps we don’t even need the first two lines? We pick up the sadness, that the poem is about a room, a family and memories, quite adequately from the mother and the things in the room - and of course the title. Starting directly with the image of the mother would be stronger. I’d have liked to see more objects in the room too to give it more resonance. But it’s a lovely poem. Let’s have more!

The challenge for the next issue is to write about April or May. No, not the clichés of skippy lambs and floating blossom, but to write about April or May as a person. As inspiration, here’s a poem about August by poet and librettist Ruth Fainlight:

## August

August is like a woman who’s already thinking  
that she’ll soon be forty. There’s something old-fashioned  
about her, emanating a womanly odour  
of sachets. You can tell that she’s been badly treated  
by men. Her daughter has left home. She’s probably  
divorced. She’s the manageress of a dress shop.

One might talk of her carriage: she seems to be wearing  
a corset. She’s quite large and very white skinned.  
Her hair is set, her face is powdered matt, and her  
thin and rather mournful little mouth with lips  
firmly closed on each other except when she bites  
them, is carefully painted and always looks wet.

August is the month when everything stops growing.  
She feels she stopped growing a long time ago; although  
she wouldn’t put it like that. She doesn’t believe in  
too much introspection. Dignified and solitary,  
she walks through the park after work, under  
the heavy, dusty, dying green of August trees.

So to Ruth Fainlight, August seems to be a woman past her best and although she doesn’t say so directly, one who is rather sad and lonely. This is all done through images, not *telling* us. Who is April or May to you? Like Ruth Fainlight’s August, what does your person think? How does she or he smell? What do you imagine about his or her life? What does this person look like? What does she or he wear? What is your last image of this person? Perhaps without thinking too much, jot down a list in note form, letting the character take on a life of his or her own as you write. Then you might look at your list, highlighting the strongest images, use these to edit down and craft from there.

**I look forward to seeing yours! Please send to me, Sally Goldsmith, [goodsally@googlemail.com](mailto:goodsally@googlemail.com) by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May.**

*Sally Goldsmith is a prize winning poet, script and songwriter. You can order her collection of poetry, 'Are We There Yet?' through [www.poetrybusiness.co.uk](http://www.poetrybusiness.co.uk)*





## Volunteers Needed to Keep Library Open!

On 19<sup>th</sup> February Sheffield City Council published its decision regarding the library service. The Council has decided to stick with its proposed model as follows:

- Sheffield City Council will continue to run 11 hub libraries
- The Council will fund 5 co-delivered community libraries
- Tinsley Library will be retained as a Council run library until its rental agreement expires in 2016
- 10 libraries including Totley will close, unless community groups run them as "associate" libraries. The Council will provide some financial support for up to 3 years
- Closure of the mobile library service which currently visits Dore

For Totley, this means unless a community group comes forward with a team of volunteers to run Totley Library as an "associate library" then unfortunately our library will close in the summer of 2014. The Save Totley Library campaign committee are disappointed with this outcome, as we feel that Totley library is a vital community resource providing not just a library service but a meeting place for community groups, young and elderly alike.

What is positive is that the Council have agreed to improve their offer for "associate libraries". These libraries will now be funded for three years to cover building running and operational costs. Importantly the "associate libraries" will also now remain part of the library network, with access to the library information systems, database of registered users, book stock, inter library loans and internet access.

The funding does not cover any professional librarian support so Totley Library will need to be staffed with local volunteers. We are very disappointed with this as we think our professional librarians create a welcoming atmosphere and provide a high quality service at Totley Library. We also think that having support from professional librarians, even on a part time basis, will be important in ensuring the success of a volunteer group running the library. Whilst we are disappointed, we think it could be possible for Totley Library to be run by local volunteers and we think it is worth trying to make this a success as otherwise we will lose a vital community asset.

The committee have attended a number of meetings and workshops with the council to develop the business plan for an associate library. A public meeting has been arranged for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 at Totley Rise Methodist Church to gather feedback and ascertain whether the community supports the proposals.

If an associate library is going to be a success, we need more people to get involved, and so if you are willing to volunteer to be part of the management committee, or work a few hours each month in the library, then please get in touch using the contact details below. In particular we will need:

- Management committee chair, deputy chair and secretary
- Building supervisor/key holder
- A solicitor to help with our application to become a registered charity
- Volunteer co-ordinator to help recruit, train and manage network of volunteers
- Volunteer team leaders to co-ordinate rotas
- Volunteers to work in the library

We already have a register of people who have indicated they are interested in volunteering and we will be contacting all these people to see what days/times they could be available.

You can contact us in any of the following ways -  
 Website - [www.SaveTotleyLibrary.info](http://www.SaveTotleyLibrary.info)  
 E-mail - [SaveTotleyLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:SaveTotleyLibrary@gmail.com)  
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It's been a very busy term at Totley All Saints – but that's how we like it!! After fighting off lots of sickness towards the end of Christmas, everyone came back fighting fit and ready for learning! From visits and residentials, visitors and special curriculum days - *it's all been happening at TASS!*

#### **Y5 Enterprise and Y4 St Luke's 'Biz Kids'**

Since September 2013, the Year 5 class have been working with Jonathan Buckley from YMCA White Rose on an amazing Enterprise Project. YMCA White Rose is a non-profit charitable organisation which provides help and support to children, young people and families in South and West Yorkshire. Having looked at the work of many charities and how they help others, they then had to present to each other in a 'Dragons' Den' pitch situation in order to see which charity they should work to support. The children eventually decided on Green Pastures which is a social enterprise charity working with disadvantaged and homeless people. Most recently, the Y5s have raised £379.49 by holding a 'Toy and Clothing Amnesty', a Fair-trade Tuck-shop plus an 'Afternoon Tea' for the community.

Our Y4 children have also been taking part in the St Luke's 'Biz Kids' Challenge this term, whereby a small number of chosen Sheffield primary schools and businesses work together to raise money for St. Luke's Hospice. The class has been provided with a £100 loan to seed fund their chosen project. They have been holding various competitions to raise money from 'Name the Bear' to Nail Art! We've yet to see how much money they raise or how well they do in the competition overall. Whatever the result, we know that lots of money has been raised for a fantastic cause and many entrepreneurs of the future have been birthed!

#### **TASS Aspire Day**

We held our first TASS Aspire Day in February with the aim of inspiring our children to think about their futures and what they would like to become 'when they grow up'. A group of Sheffield University students came into school to share what they are studying as well as the pathways that they had taken in order to get there. We also had a fantastic variety of parents / carers and members of the community who volunteered their time to come in and talk to classes about the jobs that they do, plus how and why they chose such a route. Everyone was asked to bring something in for the children to look at in order to make their 'story' real. This involved something like a PowerPoint with pictures, an object that they use or have produced in their work,

awards, certificates or something that represents their learning/life journey. They also told the children about *themselves*, why they do what they do as well as anecdotes to make it real and relevant. Each session was 20 minutes long which enabled lots of varied learning journeys to be shared. All in all, it was a great day and our children were all inspired to go on to do amazing things!

#### **Reading, Reading and More Reading!**

Our push on reading continues to be boosted through our daily Book Club sessions as well as with our Book Week, involving loads of activities from 'Extreme Reading' photographs to 'Speed Reads' in the classroom. Finally, we all dressed up as favourite book characters for World Book Day. For anyone who has ever done this, they will know that this can feel very strange, particularly before getting to school where everyone else is in costume! *Travelling to school as Anthony Browne's 'Willy the Wimp' can get you some funny looks I can tell you!*

So what now? Well, we're getting ready for celebrating Easter in school and at All Saints Church and gearing up for Sports Day at the EIS.

If you want to find out more about the exciting things at our school, then please visit our website or email at [enquiries@totleyallsaints.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@totleyallsaints.sheffield.sch.uk). We'll be so happy to let you know!

*Karole Sargent, Head teacher*

## **HOLMESFIELD FLOWER CLUB**

Are you interested in flower arranging? Why not join Holmesfield Flower Club? The club was started 45 years ago by the late Betty Haller for people who were interested to learn and practise the art of flower arranging. The club is affiliated to the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS) and membership is open to all. There is a regular programme of evening workshops with qualified tutors and NAFAS demonstrators. The club meets monthly between February and November at Holmesfield Village Hall, and the subscription for 2014 is £27. Anyone wishing to join our friendly club should contact Diana Holland (Publicity Secretary) 0114 2377601, email [mail@dianaholland.plus.com](mailto:mail@dianaholland.plus.com) or come along to any meeting (3rd Wednesday of the month)

Here are the events for the next two months. On Wednesday 16th April there will be a demonstration of flower arranging by Ada Fawthrop entitled "Come Fly with Me", at 7.30 pm at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield S18 7WZ – there is ample parking. Tickets for visitors cost £7 including refreshments. The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening.

And on Wednesday 21st May there will be a workshop by flower designer Lauretta Morley entitled "Step into Spring", again at 7.30 pm at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield S18 7WZ. Non-members are welcome to join in. For visitors the fee is £4. For details of materials etc call Sandra tel: 01709 541187 or mobile 07900827581, or email: [sandra.goacher@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:sandra.goacher@blueyonder.co.uk)



## GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL - MAY 2014

The gardens are showing a lot of colour at the moment - they don't seem to be any worse off despite the rain we have had. I feel sorry for those farmers and gardeners who have had their plots submerged for many weeks. It must be soul destroying. Let's hope the floods subside quickly and the land gets back to normal. We are doing a lot of tidying up at the moment. We've neglected our garden recently as the rain hasn't encouraged us to venture out, but now the sun has started to shine and the evenings are a bit longer, we may feel a bit more enthusiastic.

The new raised beds make the veg plot look a bit tidier. I have to do the same project on the lower part of the garden - and I've just been told that the planks are on their way, so I will have another job to tackle soon. The raising of the beds makes it a lot easier to control. The ponds will need cleaning out shortly, though I may put it off until the frogs have finished doing what they do at this time of year. Cleaning the pond is a nasty, smelly job so I am a bit reluctant to start, though it does look a lot better when it's finished and the fish love it when the water is nice and clear. The borders need a top dressing with compost (home-made) and an addition of Growmore to make up for the rain having leached a lot of the nutrients out of the soil during the wettest winter.

I must get the beer traps organised to catch the slugs and snails. The fact that the winter has been relatively mild means that the nasties will have overwintered well, and will be coming out to munch on those lovely seedlings and plants. I'm not too keen on using slug pellets, as I worry that they may affect the birds, frogs and hedgehogs - which of course help the gardeners by eating slugs and snails. Just a little tip if you do use beer traps (Carling is best): don't forget where you have put them, and change them before they get too smelly as this can be most off-putting particularly if you are inviting guests to a barbie!

We are buying most of our bedding plants this year which will save us a lot of time and trouble. We buy the small plants and bring them on in the greenhouse, and by doing this we save a bit on heating costs. I used to enjoy doing them from seed but I find now I prefer to potter around the garden rather than sitting in the greenhouse pricking out a lot of seedlings.

We encourage the children at the school gardening club to do seed planting. They love to see the little seedlings poking through the soil. The club starts mid-March and I look forward to seeing whether the children who attend are really keen to get cracking. One thing I know they enjoy is watering the plants, though I think they enjoy watering themselves more! I try to stay well clear when this happens.

I always think April and May are the best months for gardeners. Although there's a lot more to do it is a great 'feel good factor' time especially after a dull winter.... Enjoy your gardening!

### APRIL

#### Flowers

Prepare supports for your perennials, especially the taller varieties such as lupin, delphiniums and oriental poppies. Complete the planting of herbaceous perennials; continue planting gladioli corms for a succession of blooms. Alpine plants can be moved and replanted now, give roses a good feed, Tonks formula is recommended: this will encourage first class blooms right through the season. Sow hardy annuals, plant out sweet peas and give them a good supporting frame. Pansies and violas can be planted now if they have been properly hardened off. A cool semi-shaded place will give a longer life to the flowers. Start dahlias in a frame, cover the tubers with light soil and water sparingly and keep well ventilated unless frost is forecast. Plant out antirrhinums and penstemons once they are hardened off, and clematis can be planted now - a good pot-grown specimen is best. Keep all beds weed-free and mulch them to make it easier to retain moisture.

#### Vegetables

Finish planting early potatoes at the start of the month. Plant second earlies at the end of the month. Sow brussels sprouts late summer and autumn cabbage and cauliflower in a seed bed, and small rows of lettuce and radish every 3 weeks to avoid a glut. Feed spring cabbages which are near maturity with a top dressing of nitrate of soda and hoe it in, and another dressing in 3 weeks' time. Plant onion sets 4

to 6 inches (10 to 15 cms) apart in rows about 30cms (one foot) apart. Prepare trenches for runner beans with plenty of humus and other moisture-retaining material in the bottom. Sow parsley outdoors but don't forget that carrot-fly grubs love parsley, so make a fleece tent to prevent the fly getting to it. For those of you who grow celery, prepare trenches now, unless you grow the self blanching variety. If you want a few early French beans sow a few now in pots, and place them in a greenhouse. They need about 13C (55F) to germinate, and the seedlings will be hardened off later on for planting out late May. Sow main crop carrots thinly, in drills about half an inch (1cm) deep and one foot (30cm) apart. If carrot-fly is about, make a fleece tent to prevent attack. Sow globe beetroot in a fairly sheltered border out-of-doors. It need not be a large sowing, as it will be followed by another one in May. Sow seeds 15cm 6 inches (15 cm) apart in rows one foot (30 cm) apart. Sow seed in 3's and reduce the seedlings to one at each point later on.

#### Trees, Shrubs and Fruit

Watch out for disease in apples and pears; if scab and mildew were present last year, spray when leaves start to show, and continue this over one month - Nimrod T or Supercarb should help to control it. Renew mulches around bushes and cane fruits and rhubarb. Make sure that newly-planted trees and

shrubs are kept moist during dry spells. Forsythia, winter jasmine, flowering currant and other winter flowering shrubs can be cut back to within a few buds of the old growth once the flowers have finished. Prune late-flowering clematis, and hybrid T and floribunda roses.

### **Greenhouse and Indoor Plants**

Sensitive plants should be shaded from strong sunlight. It is a bit early to use the side vents on your greenhouse as most plants hate draughts, particularly during early development. Prick off seedlings as soon as they can be handled carefully, and do not let them get too deep-rooted as this will cause them to check their growth when transplanted. Pot on seedlings pricked out earlier. Take cuttings of winter-flowering begonia, rest freesias, lachemalias, arum lilies and cyclamen, placing them on a shelf near the glass and gradually reducing the watering. Pinch out the tips of chrysanthemum cuttings on those required for spring flowering. Plant tomatoes, cucumbers, capsicum etc in a heated greenhouse, maintaining a temperature of a minimum of 55F, or otherwise wait a few weeks and buy plants ready brought on. Watch out for all the creepy crawlies and deal with them as soon as they appear - ants and woodlice can wreck a tray of seedlings overnight!!! Gently wash leaves of indoor foliage plants (except the furry-leaf kind) and put them outside in a warm rain shower. Pot on geraniums and young plants like begonias and gloxinias. Feed established plants regularly, and split up and re-pot ferns.

### **Lawns**

Keep all grassed areas clean. Spike, aerate and top-dress if you have not already done so. Start or continue routine mowing, dealing with any moss patches as soon as possible. Trim edges for that 'looked-after' appearance. Give a good dressing of fertiliser if you did not autumn feed last year, and water it in well.

## **MAY**

**Flowers** Prepare beds for summer bedding whilst hardening off the plants. Give plants which are growing fast, such as delphiniums, hollyhocks etc, a dressing of fertiliser or liquid feed. Plant dahlia tubers outdoors. Cover them with 3 inches (8cm) of soil and make sure you mark the spot. Protect any shoots from late frosts. Sow hardy and half-hardy plants if you want a show in early autumn - the seeds should be broadcast where the plants are to flower, and cover lightly with soil. Stake, tie and train sweet peas and keep them well mulched throughout their growth. Dead-head bulbs which have finished flowering. Pinch out the growing points of herbaceous plants, such as phlox, michaelmas daisy and golden rod to ensure bushiness but do not overdo this as it may delay the flowering too long. Watch out for slugs and snails, especially around young growing shoots. Get window boxes and hanging baskets ready. Plant them up if you have space indoors, or else wait a week or two until chances of frost are past, or make a temporary shelter for them, bringing them out in the daytime. Don't forget to water all newly set-out plants. Watch out for greenfly and eradicate as soon as you see them - they reproduce at an alarming rate and can devastate a young plant in a few days.

### **Vegetables**

Earth up potatoes; support peas and beans; prepare mounds for marrows, pumpkin and squash. I grow my marrow in rich compost placed between two bales of straw - this keeps them moist and off the ground away from too many slugs, and is nice and clean for the marrow to rest on. If you are growing outdoor tomatoes this year, prepare the ground now, they need a good rich soil. Plant out winter greens as soon as they are hardened off. Sow dwarf beans, main crop beetroot, sweet corn etc. Thin out vegetables sown earlier, such as carrots and parsnips (which you will have grown under a fleece tent if you have had trouble with carrot fly as I have). Sow runner beans outdoors. From now on make successional sowings of salad, lettuce, onions, radish, leaf chicory and also parsley. Plant up your herb garden, and increase your plants by dividing or cutting

### **Trees, Shrubs and Fruit**

As before, keep all newly planted specimens well watered. Give all fruit a good feed when the buds start to well up. Tie in new growth of blackberry and loganberry. Prune overcrowded raspberry canes and then mulch. Watch out for aphid and caterpillar on gooseberries and blackcurrants and deal with them as soon as possible by spraying or dusting. Clean straw can be put round strawberries, but make sure it is well tucked underneath the plants - you could use black polythene as an alternative. Remove all suckers from trees and roses. With lilacs remove secondary shoots at soil level so they grow up as single stems. Trim over and top-dress heathers after flowering. Water azaleas, camellias, rhododendrons, magnolias, wisteria and hydrangeas with sequestrene plant tonic. Complete the planting of container-grown roses, heathers, clematis etc. Prune spring flowering shrubs such as flowering currant, forsythia, kerria, willows and dogwood as soon as they have finished flowering. Lightly prune specimen evergreens to shape.

### **Greenhouse and Indoor Plants**

Liquid feed and water flowering and fruiting plants, including any which have been in their pots for more than a month. Shade most plants from strong sunlight and ventilate well. Pinch back any straggly shoots on pot plants. Pot on spring-rooted pelargoniums and other greenhouse plants. Allow nerines, arums, and freesias to rest by gradually reducing the amount of water given. Feed, disbud and pollinate tomatoes. Train and feed melons and cucumber. Sow cinerarias if you want to have plants in December. Pot begonias, gloxinias and streptocarpus. Greenhouse primulas sown in April will now need to be pricked-off into other boxes or seed trays - water well and place them in a sheltered frame. Harden off bedding plants, watch the weather and protect from frost. Feed tuberous begonias as pots fill with roots. Think about shading as the sun gets stronger. Although the weather (hopefully) will be getting warmer at this time, clear frosty nights can follow warm days so watch out for these variable conditions.

### **Lawns**

Feed established lawns and treat for weeds. Keep new lawns well watered. Top dress joints in new turf. Set your mower high for the first few cuts. That should keep you busy for a while!

## **Cheerio for now! Tom**



## Coffee, Cakes and Cuttings....

The annual 'Coffee ,Cakes and Cuttings' event at the English Martyrs Catholic Church on Baslow Road, in aid of 'Transport 17' and other charitable causes, will be held on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am to 12.00noon

All the usual plants, cakes, books and bric-a-brac will be on sale. There will be Gaelic Cream Coffees and other refreshments, and a raffle will be held.

All are most welcome.

## St Luke's Hospice Starlight Walk 2014

It's time to shine for St Luke's Hospice and register for your place in the annual Starlight Walk!

For the fourth year running, people from across the city and beyond will be joining together for a 5k walk beneath the stars in support of Sheffield's only hospice. The Starlight Walk is held in one of Sheffield's best loved locations, from Endcliffe Park to Forge Dam and back, and will this year be held on Saturday, May 17.

The walk itself will begin at 8.45pm but from 6.30pm there will be live music, food and a Thornbridge Brewery beer tent to keep everybody entertained, with a mass warm-up at 8.15pm ensuring every walker is fit for the trek ahead.

"You can walk in memory of your loved ones, walk for someone who is unwell, whether or not they're being cared for by St Luke's, or just walk for fun and fitness," said St Luke's Director of Fundraising and Communications Una Moran. "Last year more than 1,000 people took part in the Starlight Walk, raising thousands of pounds to help us care for local people with life-limiting illnesses.

Every step you take on the night raises even more money towards the cost of the vital round-the-clock care we provide for the people of Sheffield and their families

Remember, for you it's a walk in the park but for our patients, their families and friends it will mean much, much more."

Registration costs £15 for adults and £10 for children aged five to fifteen. For groups of six people or more, the cost of registering is just £10 – another great reason to get family and friends involved.

The fee, however, simply covers the cost of staging the event, so it is important for every walker to seek sponsorship as soon as they have signed up for the walk.

By raising £50 you could pay for four counselling sessions for recently bereaved relatives; £100 could pay for four home visits to patients by a St Luke's community nurse; £200 could pay for eight home

visits or nine hours complete care for one of our in-patients; and £500 could pay for 24 hours complete care for patients in the New St Luke's In-Patient Centre.

And if you Gift Aid your donations the Government will add a valuable extra 25 per cent to any of those figures!

To register, simply visit [www.stlukeshospice.org.uk](http://www.stlukeshospice.org.uk) or pick up a registration form from the hospice or any of the St Luke's shops, fill it in and return it to St Luke's.

"Every year we need to raise at least £4.5 million to keep on doing what we do so well, as less than a third of our funding comes from the NHS," said Una.

"So by walking for us and fundraising for us you'll be a part of something special, making a big difference to the lives of our patients and their families."

## TOADS Spring Production!

Just a reminder that Tootley Operative and Dramatic Society's spring production will be a comedy written by Lynn Britteney entitled 'OLD ACTORS NEVER DIE ... THEY SIMPLY LOSE THE PLOT' – very apt don't you think?!

This very funny play will be directed by Judy Savournin, who is making her TOADS directorial debut. Welcome Judy, to the ranks of those of us who are foolhardy enough to take on directing a bunch of aging actors – although there are also some youngsters in this play too!



The dates are Wednesday 14th May to Friday 16th May at 7.30pm, and Saturday 17th May at 2.30 pm. Please come along and support us, your very own local am-dram society.

The venue as usual is St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Please call 0114 2351206 to reserve your ticket or contact any TOADS member – we look forward to seeing you there.

As always, if you are interested in treading the boards or helping out backstage, why not pop down to the Guild Room at St John's Hall any Tuesday at 7.30pm. Or contact me, Anne Bettridge, on 01246 460318, or any TOADS member. Or visit our web-site [www.toadsdrama.co.uk](http://www.toadsdrama.co.uk)

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## Walking the Dog....

We were driving home from the seaside up Queens Road and I was explaining to Jack how the Totley bus once went that way.

Not the 97 Totley bus.

Not the 17.

Not the 24.

But the real Totley bus, the 45.

The one that came from Pond Street - on the hour, twenty past and twenty to, like an upside down letter Y, via The Queens Head, the Midland Station and Wolsey Road.

And, I went on explaining to Jack, in those 45 days we had proper fare stages and request stops when you had to put your hand out properly, and proper bus tickets that could tell you who you were going to marry. And the proper conductors had dingers to ding them. There were also proper notices to say that RC Moore owned the bus, and proper corporation coats of arms with the two men in skirts. And you weren't allowed to spit.

You also weren't allowed to get off the 45 till after the Abbeydale cinema because-

But even as I explained it to Jack, I thought - was that true? Did the conductor in his cap and badge block the platform at the back with his leather bag bulging with dirty old pennies, and his ticket rack and his dinger, and try to stop you getting off, while the next lot got on? And if he did - why?

Jack was walking me deep into Gilly Woods when we met this woman who'd known our Geth at All Saints in the days of the teachers with the funny names, like Shirt. She told me about this mother who'd once marched up to school after her son had been walloped. She'd burst in to the classroom and shouted, 'Thi name might be Bert Shirt but if tha touches our Aubrey again, I'll turn thee into a vest.'

Like I was telling Jack, people often assume just because we live in Dore and Totley we must be rich and posh and, well, a bit Dore and Totley. Some people assumed it during the fight for our Library. But plenty of our kids are on free school dinners. Plenty of our older people aren't doing too well after working all their lives. Most of us aren't rich or posh. And there've been plenty of folk round here who've not been remotely Dore and Totley.



Jack

John Ruskin's St George's Farm up the White Line, for example, was full of squabbling communist cobblers and fruiterers.

Edward Carpenter the gay teetotalling pacifist poet and nudist from Queen Victoria's time lodged on Queen Victoria Road, just opposite the post box. Stainless Harry Brierley had a cottage by the Totley Brook, opposite the Spitfire. Bill Moore the Labour historian lived on Totley Brook, next-door-but- two to Chris Searle the Marxist headmaster.

Bill Keene, the last surviving Kinder Mass Trespasser, lived on Green Oak, and Lynne Cooper, the feminist poet, on Laverdene. Major Sam Wild the last republican out of Spain after the Civil War spent his old age on the hill opposite Jim Martin's old shop.

And the bloke who ran the fish and chip shop on the Rise, when it wasn't keys and shoes, used to go to the Socialist Sunday School with my Mum.

*Rony Robinson*

### Puzzle Corner

Alphabet words. Solve each clue with a 5-letter word in which the letters are in alphabetical order:

- |                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Supreme Being       | 6. Needs washing |
| 2. XL                  | 7. A squirt      |
| 3. Start off           | 8. Renown        |
| 4. Photographic medium | 9. Call off      |
| 5. A spirit            | 10. Leading      |

*Solution p. 28*

# A Load of Old Hay

Our youngest daughter is now the major player in hunting out our family history. Like us she started out visiting record offices and searching through church registers, microfiche films etc. These days most of her information is obtained from computer searching on the internet. Naturally she tells us when she finds anything interesting. My present story starts from one such recent occasion. Having found some information about two of my great-great-grandparents she gave it to me for confirmation and comment. In doing this I had to consult some of my earliest work recorded in an old exercise book. Because of my poor sight this means working under a large magnifier and is inevitably a very slow job. Whenever I do this and my wife is near she presses her "help" button and says "shall I look, it'll be quicker?" Remember her last three words. I handed over the aforementioned exercise book which I have to admit is not in pristine condition. Apart from my poor handwriting, several pages are loose and some notes are a bit garbled.

My wife's nature is to be helpful whatever the situation, but it has to be admitted she does not always immediately focus on the job in hand, as happened on this occasion. Her reaction was "where on earth did you get this – is it one of your old school exercise books?" I felt a bit miffed about this and explained "no, our books had card covers emblazoned with the name Rotherham Grammar School and Shield on the front. We had different colours for each subject with dotted lines for name, form and subject." It was at this point all hope of work on the family history had to be abandoned. My wife had spotted the tables on the back cover of the exercise book. I have to admit they proved to be a more interesting set than those found in a modern diary. There were, of course, what every school child needed – multiplication tables from two times to twelve times. Interestingly the sterling money tables started off with "four farthings = one penny" and ended with 21 shillings = one guinea". Several other tables gave me information I don't remember being part of my education. From the Table of Motion I learn "30° = one sign". I was aware of sine and cosine of angles but not this meaning of "sign". It would be too tedious to readers for me to catalogue all the wonderful information there about noggins and pecks, poles and roods, or that "2¼ inches = one nail" in cloth measure. In my younger days I am sure I would have been tempted to ask for nails of ribbon in the John Lewis haberdashery department.

Finally the table which interested us most was labelled "Hay and Straw Weight". It first informed me that "56 lb of straw = one truss", that "56 lb of old hay = one truss", but that "60 lb of new hay = one truss". I wonder if former inhabitants of Totley, when it was a rural Derbyshire village, would all have known

this, and been surprised that I, and probably many others, didn't. My only experience of farm work was way back in the 1930s. A school friend invited me to go with him to stay with his aunt for a holiday. The house was on the outskirts of a very small Welsh village about 4 miles from Bala. Further up the road was the farm of Mr Jones. Mr Jones didn't have any sons but he had either nine or eleven daughters. One summer afternoon my friend and I went to help gathering up the hay. Fortunately the hay was not in trusses as mentioned earlier but only in sheaves from drying in the sun. Somehow I was delegated to work on top of the hay already stacked on the cart. My mate on the hay was one of the daughters. My friend, also working with several Miss Jones, had a worse job working at ground level. In theory he and several daughters speared a sheaf on a long fork and hurled it up to the top of the hay on the cart. It was then stacked by me or my mate. In fact we were no match at all for these amazons who worked with nonchalant ease and apparently no fatigue. I don't think they deliberately set out to show these to 17-year-olds a thing or two – they were just so good at it. But, had I learned these tables I could've asked them "how many trusses in a load?" It's surprisingly what you find when researching family history!

*Don Ashford*



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# The Story of Gillfield Wood

Why was Henry Yellot nicking holly in Gillfield Wood? To tuck behind the mirror at Christmas? No – Henry Elliot was a yeoman farmer in 1584 - and holly was useful fodder for his animals. Unfortunately he was fined a shilling for taking it from where he shouldn't – the Holmesfield side of the Totley Brook. When he died, he left an axe in his will – perhaps the very axe he used for this misdeed!

The Friends of Gillfield Wood have discovered this along with more about the story of this ancient wood. Over a year ago the group received a Heritage Lottery "All Our Stories" grant to survey and research the wood (a grant scheme inspired by the TV historian Michael Wood). They attracted other local volunteers and all learned how to become archaeologists, recording the wood's lumps, bumps, ridges and hollows and old stone structures – over 500 features in all! These turned out to be saw-pits, charcoal hearths, whitecoal kilns, sheep washes, shelters, even the possible remains of a Romano-British field system. Old trees revealed their history showing centuries of coppice management. Even the flowers – including swathes of bluebells and wood anemones in Spring - showed that this was an ancient wood. Some of the group combed archives for information about the history of the wood.



Though since the mid twentieth century the wood has mainly been used recreationally - by walkers, picnickers, dog owners and bird spotters – we found that its older story is intimately connected with old Totley Village. Here were yeoman and peasant farmers, labourers, charcoal and whitecoal burners, woodsmen, craftspeople and smelters who used and managed it for sustainable wood and timber. Often more distant were the nobility and Lords of the Manor who owned it and made their money exploiting its resources and labour for agriculture and industry – particularly the metal industries of Sheffield and Derbyshire. The wood and its

immediate landscape harbours many ghosts of the people who worked there. It has been our task, through rigorous archaeological surveying and research to try to uncover their stories. We shared our findings with around 150 local people last November with a



special celebration day. We've been on the radio and in the papers. How can you too find out what we have discovered?

- Pick up a colour glossy leaflet about Gillfield Wood's story and its natural history. These are available from Totley Library, Totley Post Office and local pubs. You can also look at it online: [www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com](http://www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com)
- Follow our progress through this busy year by reading the lively diary on our blog: [www.storyofgillfieldwood.wordpress.com](http://www.storyofgillfieldwood.wordpress.com)
- Read full 38 page "Story of Gillfield Wood" available from website or blog.
- Look at our archaeological survey report of all features found – downloadable from the website.

Most of all, keep on enjoying our stunning local wood this Spring. As I write in mid March the first chiffchaff has arrived, swathes of wood anemones are about to flower and bluebells, blackcaps and garden warblers are in the wings. Also see how you can get involved with the wood by reading our ad about future events.

*Sally Goldsmith*

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## Totley History Group

### World War 1

The Totley History group are mounting a display of WW1 memorabilia at the United Reform Church on Totley Brook Road over the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2014.

It will include the history of our soldiers from Totley who are on the war memorial but we would love any memorabilia that people living in Totley today or those who have left the area may have inherited from their families.

Please contact Dorothy Prosser 2362483 or [apple-garth@supanet.com](mailto:apple-garth@supanet.com)

Jean Byron 2350291 or [byronjeanm@btinternet.com](mailto:byronjeanm@btinternet.com)

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Totley Scouts

Sainsburys are again giving out Active Kid vouchers when you shop with them. Please collect them and pass them onto the Scout group. We use them to swap for valuable equipment for Scouts. Last year we concentrated on equipment for activities such as orienteering equipment and Bear Grylls survival kits. With your help we can obtain even more. Either hand them to someone you know who is involved with scouts or simply post them through our letterbox. Thank you.

I mentioned last time that two of our Explorer Scouts, Peter Rose and George Eaton, gained their Platinum Chief Scouts Award. They will be presented with the award on the 24th March at St Luke's Church, Lodge Moor, along with other Explorer Scouts from around Sheffield. Neil McKay, our District Commissioner, will be making the presentations.

With the improving weather many activities are outdoors and the camping season is under way.

At the time of writing this the Cubs are setting off for the weekend to Kingswood camp in the Dearne Valley. When we booked we could not have anticipated such good weather for the time of year and so the Cubs will be in dormitories. This is an event organised by the district and so the Cubs will be meeting boys and girls from other local Scout

Groups. Most activities will be outdoors and can include Archery and Abseiling through to Fencing, Orienteering and Zipwire.

Scouts will be camping over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend at a special site in Chatsworth, which involves a two mile hike from the car park before being able to put up the tents. They will be backwoods camping! This means digging their own toilets, making a camp oven and having no proper cooking utensils.

St George's day is coming up. St George is not only the patron saint of England but is also the patron saint of scouting. Our whole Scout group will be on parade on 27th April and marching to Saint John's church to celebrate.

Please take a look at our job advert (see page 7) if you are also interested in helping any of our sections. You don't even have to commit to being available every week. The advert has attracted new helpers but, as ever, we need more help. At the moment we would especially like to hear from people who are interested in helping at Friday Scouts. An interest/expertise in outdoor pursuits would be particularly useful.

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; or on Thursdays from 6.30 until 8pm.

**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 of them to come along too to find out more. We are next to the woods off Aldam Road.

Richard Frost  
1st Totley Scouts  
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## Fund-raising Tea Party

On behalf of WPH Cancer Care, Jenny, John and the Woodhead Family warmly invite you to a 'tea party' on Saturday 17th May at Totley All Saints Church Hall.

The occasion, to pop in for a cuppa and a cake, is to raise funds for the charity's 20th year. and in memory of their son Craig, whose 40th birthday is also in May.

It will be lovely to see you - anytime between 2 pm and 4 pm.

# The Icing On The Cake!

By Rachel Edwards

Cake decorating has been my profession and passion for the last 17 years, and most recently I have expanded my cake decorating and teaching business by opening Oh Sugar! on Sharrowvale Road specialising in cake decorating products and courses. However it's become apparent recently how times have changed in the world of cake decorating. When I began, the art of sugarcraft was a dying trade. At the time I tapped into a niche market and became quite successful within my field reasonably quickly and had very few local competitors.



Rachel Edwards

However, with the aid of such shows as "The Great British Bake Off", "Cake Boss" and "Ace of Cakes" cake decorating and baking have become very 'en vogue'. Now, it seems, people are more willing to have a go with the basics they pick up from these programmes. However, as these programmes don't go into depth about the sugarcraft products they are using, most viewers fall short of their desired outcome when they decide to have a go. Two of the most common mistakes that cause people to think they're incapable are very easily solved with a bit of education.

The first major blunder is using the wrong type of products for the job. There are three main types of paste used in sugar craft:

1. Sugarpaste. This is the type of icing used to cover most birthday cakes nowadays. It's soft in texture and produces a beautifully smooth finish. Icing sugar is used to dust the surface you are working on to prevent sticking. You can also use this paste to decorate your cakes to a certain extent but you will be unable to roll this product thinly and if you're wanting to make a free standing model, etc, sugarpaste alone may not hold its weight/shape. You may find the following pastes more beneficial.

2. Flower paste. This product has certain ingredients that allow the paste to stretch and be rolled extremely thinly. You can roll it so thin in fact, that you should be able to see the text of a book through it. This product

dries really hard and gets its name because it is commonly used to make sugar flowers. You have to work quickly with it, as it dries fast. Wrap any paste not being used in a sandwich-bag, to prevent premature drying. Unlike sugarpaste, cornflower is used to dust the surface to prevent sticking.

3. Mexican paste is somewhere in between sugarpaste and flower paste and is mainly used for modelling. It dries relatively hard but allows you more time to work with it. An easy way to make a Mexican paste substitute is to mix half sugarpaste and half flower paste. Icing sugar or cornflower can be used to prevent sticking and aid rolling out.

All paste should be covered immediately if not in use. This helps prevent drying out and in turn unwanted wastage.

Another area where inexperienced cake decorators fall down is using the wrong type of colours. There are four major types of colourings.

1 - Pastes. These are concentrate colours in paste form and extracted from the pot with the aid of a cocktail stick. These can be used to colour all pastes and icings...however they contain glycerin which if used in large amounts can prevent flower paste, Mexican paste and royal icing from drying hard. If a strong colour (for instance black) is required, it is far better to use a ready coloured version. Adding lots of colouring yourself to obtain these colours to ANY paste can make life very difficult as it turns the paste into a sticky unmanageable mess. Although the pre-coloured pastes are slightly more expensive, it will save time and prevent potential cake carnage!

2 - Gels. Gel colours have recently been introduced into the world of cake decorating. They work in a very similar way to paste. After working with paste colours for many years I find myself converting to gels. The main reasons are that they seem more concentrated and they are cleaner to use. If you have used paste colours before, you will know they nearly always bleed from the lids onto everything in direct contact generally, other colour pots! There is nothing more



irritating than transferring unwanted colour onto items you're working on. The new gel colours don't bleed and squeeze easily from the tube without a cocktail stick in sight! Again, this product contains glycerine, so should be used sparingly for items that you need to dry hard. Gels and pastes can be used to achieve strong colours in royal icing when it doesn't need to support its own weight. An example of this would be piping a name or dots on the cake's surface.

3 - Liquid food colours. These are mainly used in royal icing, the hard coating applied to fruit cakes many moons ago. Liquid colours are best suited to royal icing as they contain no ingredients that affect the hardening process. This is particularly useful when working on run-outs, collars and bridge work etc. Many make the mistake of adding liquid food colours to sugarpaste - this is a big no no! Adding any liquid to any type of pastes previously mentioned, alters the consistency significantly and causes the paste to become sticky and unmanageable.

All the above colours can be used to colour buttercream and sponges too. The gels and pastes give stronger colours.

4 - Dusts. These are powder colours and are used to paint and shade (dust) colour on an edible item, for instance a sugar flower. Used as a dust, a softer blended colour is achieved. A better result is achieved if the colour is built up gradually. Using a dry clean paint brush the dust colour is applied in a similar way to applying blusher to your cheeks. To paint with a dust, simply dilute your powder with dipping solution or gin(!) - these dry quickly and as a result don't have time to dissolve the sugar in the paste. NEVER USE WATER! Water will eat away at your paste! Dust colours are also really good for colouring up macaroons as they don't alter the science of the temperamental little blighters!

If you stick to the basic rules set out above, cake decorating becomes more fun. And producing that desired edible masterpiece suddenly becomes more achievable! And if you want any further help or advice please call in to see me at Oh Sugar!

## Totley Primary School - April 2014 News

It's been a great start to the half term for everyone at Totley Primary and we have been making great progress in our attempts to enhance the reading skills of our children.



All the classrooms have a specially designed 'reading area' where a variety of reading resources are available. These include a new influx of fiction and non-fiction books as well as sets of Kindles, iPads, newspapers,

comics, magazines, audio books and poetry books which the children can use. We have also held parents information sessions to explain how we teach reading so that practices can be followed and reinforced at home. We also hold weekly sessions for parents to come into school to read with their children. Each child has been set a range of reading activities to complete over the year. These include writing book reviews, reading to a sibling or parent and doing some 'Extreme Reading' which could be reading a book somewhere unusual - in the case of the lad in the photo above, in his dad's car!



We believe strongly that reading underpins all areas of the curriculum, which is the reason for reading being a key priority for the school this year. We recently celebrated World Book Day by coming to school dressed as our favourite book characters and what a great day we had. There were lots of Disney characters, Mary Poppins, Alice in Wonderland, Where's Wally and the BFG, among others, which transformed the school and made it a really enjoyable day. The school librarians held a competition for the best-dressed characters and doled out prizes to a number of winners! You can see from the pictures what great fun we had.

In the afternoon we held a Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) session and this was brilliant! The older children paired up to read to our younger children and talk about the importance and love of reading.

I can't emphasise enough the importance of reading and inspiring children to read and I hope the Council recognise this when deciding on the future of the city's libraries. The initiatives we have introduced have had a real impact in raising the attitudes to reading of our children and it's so important that they have the opportunity to develop their reading skills out of school.



Happy reading everyone!

*Chris Stewart, Headteacher*



## SPRING AND EASTER AT TOTLEY RISE METHODIST CHURCH

**MESSY CHURCH** Monthly: Saturday 10 May 3.00-5.00pm and Wednesday 16 April 10.00am-noon. There is a particular theme each month - April is Easter eggstra and May is the parable of the lost and found coin. Messy Church is an all age way to help people discover Jesus, not just church families. This happy mixture of games, craft activities, food and lively worship all based on a bible theme is bringing families together in a new and special way. Come along and give us a try, you won't be disappointed. For further information, check our website or contact Rachel Wilson at [racheltrm@yahoo.com](mailto:racheltrm@yahoo.com) or phone 07912 352543

**SESSION ON BEREAVEMENT** - Wednesday 21 May. To be led by Deacon Meredith Evans. Please call Meredith to book a place on 07772 344020.

**LENT AND EASTER 2014 AT TOTLEY RISE** - You may have been to a Music Festival, but have you ever been to a 'Prayer Fest'? During Lent, which starts after the pancakes on Ash Wednesday, we will be celebrating prayer - see website for more details. Every Wednesday from March 5 to April 16, the church will be open for quiet and a rhythm of prayer will be led at 9.00am, 12 noon and 7.00pm for 30 minutes. Please join us at any of these times.

**THE EASTER GARDEN** will be open from Palm Sunday April 13 to April 21. This year there will be a prayer trail around the garden for all ages looking at the Easter Story. Come and spend time at our wonderful garden. See local notices or our website for times when the church will be open for refreshments.

**CELEBRATING EASTER EGGSTRA** April 16, 10.00am - 12 noon. Pop in for a coffee and a chance to go egg hunting in the garden. Lots of other activities for all ages.

**GOOD FRIDAY** April 18. At 10 am there will be a Cross Walk starting at Totley All Saints,

followed by a service at Totley Rise Methodist Church. Afterwards, enjoy hot cross buns, coffee and a chance to look around the garden.

**EASTER SUNDAY** April 20. At 6.00am there will be Sunrise Service with the sharing of bread and wine in the garden, followed by breakfast. At 10.30am there will be an Easter Celebration for all ages, and at 6.30pm there will be the Easter Sunday evening service

**ONGOING EVENTS (and see this issue's Diary, p.24)**

**TODDLER PRAISE** 9.30am every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month. An opportunity for under 5's and their carers to make music and praise. Lasts 30 minutes, with coffee served afterwards in the lounge.

**BEGINNERS GROUP** Every Sunday, 10.30am-11.45am. A weekly children's group for 3-6 year olds with bible stories, songs, games and a simple craft plus a drink and biscuit. By popular demand this group started in September.

**KNIT, NATTER, CRAFT AND CHATTER** Every Tuesday, 12 noon -3.00pm. They may natter and chatter but they are certainly productive. This busy and friendly group has been a great success. They aim to include more people from the area, even the housebound. Housebound does not mean isolated. The group will happily provide wool, needles and a chat for those who cannot travel to the church. Young people are also welcome as part of our community. There are skilful, lovely ladies ready and willing to help those new to knitting and sewing. Many charities benefit from the group's work, such as Butterfly Wings (stillborn babies), Sheffield premature baby unit and the Christmas shoebox appeal. Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind have adopted knitted Ellie the Elephant as their mascot and have given a certificate of grateful thanks. Members can knit or sew (a sewing machine is available) for their chosen charities. Maxine, the organiser, says that all the ladies love coming. Men are also welcome.

You can stay for as long as you like up to three hours. We offer tea,

coffee, biscuits and, most importantly, friendship.

For more about the above events - [www.totleyrise.co.uk](http://www.totleyrise.co.uk)

**Letter to the Editor:**

### Pavement Cyclists

In the bad old days there were numerous push-bike riders that used Totley's pavements instead of the main road. Given the state of Baslow Road at that time with its numerous pot holes, I could perhaps understand why they would undertake this (so far as I know) illegal and undoubtedly dangerous activity. I'm not talking about toddlers here - these are teenagers upwards on full-size adult bikes and those cut-down stunt bikes. I've had several near misses from them when turning a corner whilst out dog walking.



Nowadays though, we have a nice shiny new road. It surely couldn't get much better for cyclists -so surely the cyclists are now using the road? Not a bit of it. It seems more than ever have resorted to riding on the pavement. I would be interested to know why they continue to ride the pavements. Is there some danger on the roads that isn't obvious to a mere pedestrian? Is it the old enemy - speeding vehicles?

Would a cyclist please enlighten me as to why they should continue to use the pavements.

*Ian Clarke*

## Councillor Surgeries

### Liberal Democrats:

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

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## War Memorial

As the anniversary of the outbreak of WW1 approaches, local community groups have begun to consider how best to commemorate this important anniversary. With this in mind, a meeting was organised at the war memorial on Baslow Road between representatives from Totley Residents' Association, Totley History Group, SPACE (Sheffield and Peak Against City Encroachment) and Sheffield City Council (who are responsible for the upkeep of the memorial).



We discussed what the council would be doing regarding the upkeep of the memorial, and were informed that the slabs would be re-pointed and the cross cleaned.

One idea would be to try to restore the original view from the site to the moorland, by removing some of the vegetation which has grown over the years - see old photograph above. Sheffield City Council will be letting us know what is feasible with regard to cutting down trees and vegetation.

If you have any views, opinions or information, or can offer any help, please contact me at domharris776@hotmail.com

*Dominic Harris*

## Holmesfield Church Walking Group

On Wednesday 16th April Robin Greetham will lead a walk from Calton Lees near Chatsworth. We will however first meet at Rowsley shopping centre at 9.45 am (there is a car park for walkers at the far end) and we will catch the 10.00 am bus to Calton Lees (don't forget bus passes!). We will then walk up

to near Russian Cottage, then through the woods and fields back to the Grouse and Claret where we will have lunch (optional).

The cost of the walk is £3 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield Church Restoration fund.

The walk is approximately 4 miles long. If you have any queries please phone Robin on 01246 412767.



## Totley Music Festival 2014

For 2014, the Totley Music Festival will take place over a shorter period - **16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July**. This is because performances early in the week - Monday and Tuesday evenings - have not in the past attracted sufficient audiences, which is a pity since performers donate their talents free of charge. The final programme will be published in the June/July edition of the 'Independent'. But so far we can confirm -

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Variety Cabaret at Mickley Hall

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> - Jazz with the Djangonauts and Howard Walker Quintet

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> - Blues and Boogie with Bob & Hilary Hall

We are planning to have a Folk evening on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, and a Rock evening on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>. Dates for your diaries! Contact us on [totleymusicfestival@talktalk.net](mailto:totleymusicfestival@talktalk.net) or 07956 858944.

*Phil Harris and Sue Hare*

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# Happy Birthday Totley All Saints Church - A history of the church



Later this year, Totley All Saints will be marking 90 years of meeting and worshipping in our church building. However, Christians had been meeting and worshipping in Totley for centuries before the current building was completed. From 1183 Totley had links with Beauchief Abbey through the sheep grange on Strawberry Lee. Until 1827 it was part of the parish of Dronfield. At that time an old village cross at the town centre was the only visible sign of Christianity in Totley.

In 1827 Christ Church Dore was founded and Totley became part of Dore parish. In the same year the infant school was opened on Totley Hall Lane. The first Christian place of worship in Totley was the old Methodist chapel in Chapel Walk (now Chapel Lane) opened in 1848.

Following the First World War, Anglicans started to meet regularly in the church school building which at that point was on Hillfoot Lane. A need for a bigger, more permanent building was identified and, following a donation of land from Mr and Mrs Milner of Totley Hall, work on the current church building began on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1923. Over 600 men responded to an advert in The Star for workmen!

Mr and Mrs Milner also gave money for the building of the chancel in memory of their soldier son, Roy Denzil

Pashley Milner, who was killed during the First World War. Others within the parish also gave generously, both towards the cost of the church and the items needed to furnish it. The church was consecrated on 15<sup>th</sup> November 1924, on which day the first vicar Rev. Hutton was instituted and the first communion service held. At that time the church was lit through oil lamps, electricity only reaching Totley and the church in 1926. The vicarage on Sunnyvale Road was purchased in 1932 and the church hall was built in 1965.

So what has changed and what has remained the same in the last 90 years at All Saints, Totley? The church has belonged to three different dioceses during its time, the diocese of Southwell, the diocese of Derby in 1924 and finally the diocese of Sheffield in 1974. Since the Rev Hutton in 1924 there have been eight full time vicars of the parish whilst our current ninth vicar, Paul Oakley, works part time. Paul has a wealth of experience not only as a church leader, but also in training and equipping members of the church through his work with the Church Army. Over the years there has been a greater emphasis on members of the congregation being involved in the running of the church, preaching and leading services. We have also seen changes in the style of worship, with the introduction in the 1990s of a more informal



Sunday morning service led by a music group. We're currently blessed with people from within the congregation who work alongside Paul to lead services and preach on a regular basis as well as a team of talented musicians who lead us in lively worship every week.

Whilst the people leading the church and the style of services have changed over the years, some things remain constant: the desire to worship God and follow Jesus in Totley. Regular services have taken place on a Sunday and mid-week, with baptisms, marriages and funerals taking place at the church. We have also throughout the decades tried to share with those in Totley and further afield the good news of Jesus. A Church Army mission was held in 1937 as New Totley grew between the wars and there have been opportunities to find out more about God and Jesus every decade since. Further afield the church has had links with various missionary organisations, most recently since the 2000s with the Kenyan Maasai church. The All Saints congregation has forged close links with the Christian church in Kenya through the local Kenyan bishop, David Kereto, and has supported the Maasai tribe in helping to fund clean water supplies, a church building and a centre for vulnerable girls. Members of the congregation have visited and met the Maasai tribe over recent years to see at first hand how best we can continue to provide support.



The church has valued and maintained its links with the church school, being involved in the plans to rebuild and extend the school in 1960s. We remain closely linked to the school through our foundation governors including the vicar, the school's regular celebrations at festival times in the church and the involvement of our 'Open the Book' team in assemblies.

Children, young people and families have always been central to the life of All Saints. Local children were involved in cutting the sods for the building's foundations back in 1923 and children's work has continued through the decades. On a Sunday morning there are currently groups to cover a wide range of ages, right through from babies in the crèche, Sparklers, Alive Gang, LightSeekers and Rooted for older children. More recently the church was a founding member (with St Johns Abbeydale and Dore and Totley URC) of the charity 'Soulroots' which has been providing youth work for our teenagers across S17 since 2001. Our All Age Service on the first Sunday of each month is a relaxed, fun service

designed specifically with families in mind but catering for everyone, as in its name. This is proving popular with families, both those who regularly attend church and families who have only just started attending the all age services.

The church has also over the last 90 years been involved in community events and organisations in Totley. The church hall is now extensively used by different community groups and organisations including uniformed groups (the first scout and guide groups were attached to the church in 1935), toddler groups and other children's activities, dance classes and the Totley Residents Association. Indeed the fifth vicar of the church, Rev Jockel played an important role in the founding of the Totley Residents Association.

In the late 1970s and 1980s church members were also involved in the founding of Transport 17 and the luncheon club, both of which continue their important role in the lives of the older members of our community today. Both organisations also celebrate important birthdays this year, 30 years for Transport 17 and 40 years for the luncheon club - happy birthday!

So what might the next 90 years bring? As a church, we trust in God for the future and are looking forward to continuing to worship in Totley and working in the community in line with our mission statement: Love God, love one another and love our broken world.

We would love to see you at our celebration events during the year. If you have any memories of the church in Totley over the last 90 years, please do contact us with any photographs or stories. You are also welcome to join us on a Sunday morning at 10:00am, perhaps at one of our all age services on the first Sunday of each month.



## Puzzle Corner Solution:

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| 5. GHOST | 10. FIRST |



## Friends of Gillfield Wood

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### Events for April, May & June

#### **TUESDAY 8 APRIL at 7.30pm in Totley Library**

A short A.G.M. followed by: **The Working Woodlands Trust** - an illustrated talk by Dave Aspinall. This is a group of wood crafts people, furniture makers, timber building specialists and artists based in South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire. They share a common interest in sustainable local timber using traditional woodland crafts that shaped the woods around us. Refreshments available. Admission £3 - Free to members.

#### **SUNDAY 18 MAY starting at 10am**

**Practical Conservation Morning** with the Council Rangers. Tools provided, refreshments too. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. All levels of work, light and heavy, fully supervised. Stay as little or long as you wish. **(NB April meet up is cancelled).**

#### **SATURDAY 7 JUNE 2pm to 4.30pm**

All Saints' Church 90th Anniversary event to include information and exhibition about our work and our recent Heritage Lottery Fund Project. An opportunity to find out about the archaeology, history and natural history of Gillfield Wood. Free copies of our new leaflet will be available. **See this issue for further information.**

For confirmation of events and further details, please check our website (above) or contact our Secretary at [fogwsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:fogwsecretary@gmail.com)

Dear Readers,

I would like to introduce myself as I have replaced Moira Coad as the South West Assembly Steward.

Should you have any queries or require my help around the Streets Ahead Zonal Works or any other issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Or you can use one of the on-line forms at, [www.sheffield.gov.uk/streetsahead/reportmystreet](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/streetsahead/reportmystreet).

More information can be found also on Sheffield City Council's website for current zonal works in the Streets Ahead section.

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Claire Tideswell

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## Totley History Group Programme 2014

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| April 23 <sup>rd</sup> | AGM followed by a talk by Janina Derrick "Sidelined by History" Women inventors from 1750 to the present day. |
| May 21 <sup>st</sup>   | A guided visit to Eyam 11am<br>See Diary page this issue, but notice especially the early time.               |
| June 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Open meeting. Come and share your information. Discover the history of our area and beyond.                   |
| July 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Lower Totley walk.<br>More information to follow.   |

## 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>KNIT, NATTER, CRAFT &amp; CHATTER</b> See Totley Rise Methodist Church article in this issue - 12 noon - 3.00pm <b>CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU</b> . Drop in, free, impartial, and confidential. Totley Rise 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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<b>SATURDAYS</b>	<b>MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING</b> , All Saints Church Hall 1st Saturday Monthly 8pm-10pm

### APRIL

**SUN 6th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES** Abbeydale Road South, 1 pm - 5 pm (weather permitting) Car Park closes 5.15pm. £1 per ride per person. See [www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk](http://www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk)

**TUES 8th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD**: Annual General Meeting and an illustrated talk by Dave Aspinall on the Working Woodland Trust. See this issue p. 29. Refreshments available. Admission free to members. Non-members £3. Totley Library, 7.30 pm. See [www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com](http://www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com) for further details.

**WED 9th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB** 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church: Talk on "St Vincente de Paul" - the charity work of St Vincents.

**WED 9th to SAT 12th: DORE GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY** presents The Merry Widow by Franz Lehar. See this issue page 9 for full details.

**TUES 15th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**, Clive Holiday, 'Golden Age of the Picture Postcard', Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.

**THURS 16th and FRI 17th WHIRLOW HALL FARM** Easter Lambing- children and adults alike can experience the magic of tiny new-born lambs with their mothers. 11am - 3pm both days. Adults £2.50, children £3.00. For details of other attractions see [www.whirlowhallfarm.org](http://www.whirlowhallfarm.org)

**SUN 20th & MON 21st MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES** Abbeydale Road South, 1 pm - 5 pm (weather permitting) Car Park closes 5.15pm. £1 per ride per person. See [www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk](http://www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk)

**WED 23rd TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP**: Annual General Meeting, followed by 'Sideline by History: Female Inventors Since the 18th Century', with Janina Derrick. Totley Library, 7.30pm. See [www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk](http://www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk)

**WED 23rd TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB** 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church: Talk "All The World's a Stage" by Mrs Susan Mallinson.

**MON 28th TOTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**, 7.30pm at Totley Library.

### MAY

**SUN 4th & MON 5th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES** Abbeydale Road South, 1 pm - 5 pm (weather permitting) Car Park closes 5.15pm. £1 per ride per person.

**WED 14th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB** 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church: "Nature's Wonders on our Doorstep" talk by Steve Drinkall.

**TUES 20th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD** Mike Spick: 'J.G. Graves - Benefactor'. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.

**WED 21st TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP**: A Guided Tour of Eyam, the Plague Village. 11 am. With Ian Morgan, historian and author. Meet at car park opp. Plague Museum, Hawkhill Rd. Walk finishes approx. 1 pm - afternoon is free for those wishing to have lunch in the village and perhaps visit Eyam Hall.

**FRI 23rd WHIRLOW HALL FARM** presents **Singer/Songwriter John Reilly**, the voice of Boy on a Dolphin and Acoustic Angels, will perform an acoustic set with songs from his album 'Zebulon' and favourites from his 'Tea Cozy Hat', and Boy on a Dolphin albums. With pianist, songwriter, and composer Lewis Nitikman Doors: 7 pm. Show starts 8 pm. Tickets £15.00 which includes a Whirlow hot dog plus one drink from the bar.

**SUN 25th & MON 26th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES** Abbeydale Road South, 1 pm - 5 pm (weather permitting) Car Park closes 5.15pm. £1 per ride per person.

**WED 28th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB** 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church - Talk: "The Building of Cathedrals" by Pat McLaughlin.

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