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Mickley Lane (when it really was a lane) looking up towards Baslow Road. For the same view today, see page 31

Legacy of Problems from Road Improvements

A meeting was held a month ago between Cllr Colin Ross and the new Amey steward for the area. One of the matters discussed was the failure of Amey to replace the temporary bollards at the build-out at Dore and Totley Station.

Nothing happened following the meeting, so Roger Hart wrote to StreetsAhead, pointing out that this was a Road Safety Precaution which they had removed; that they had been advised about it by several people but the bollards had still not been replaced. Perhaps thanks to this, they were replaced the following day. We are also told that the Council's Transport Management "are looking at it again." How many times they have to look at it, we do not know, but this is the second time - at the very least!

The new steward was invited to join us to see the remaining problems, but she declined, requesting instead that we submit a list of the problems. Roger Hart and Neil Bunting intend to submit an

all-inclusive list by during May, but here are a few examples of current problems:

- Some footpaths have not been completed - for instance outside the Co-op. The delay is because Amey need a permit to work outside the scheduled hours. Why did they not take this into consideration in their pre-planning? Hopefully they will do so before they start the footpaths in Dore in 2015, and on Totley Rise in 2017!
- Hessian still covers some gully tops and others are blocked with rubble and debris from the carriageway works;
- Sunken gullies occur on the outbound lane beyond the Cross Scythes;
- There are weeds breaking up the recently resurfaced pavements. In some places the plants push up the tarmac into miniature volcanoes, creating a trip hazard. *(continued page 5)*

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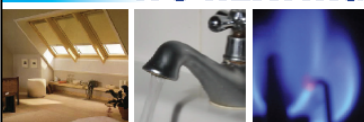
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Saturday September 20 - Totley Primary School

Programme:

8.45 am to 10.45 am - Entrants' registration

11.00 am to 12.30 pm - Judging and awarding of Certificates.

1.30 pm - Doors open to the public (entrance 50p, children 20p.).

1.45 pm - Official Opening by Rony Robinson and collection of prize money

3.15 pm - Prize-giving, followed by Auction of donated items.

4.00 pm - Conclusion

We would like to stress that the timing for entries is most important so that we do not have disappointed entrants unable to show their work due to lateness. Entry forms will be available at Totley Library (hopefully), Totley Post Office, the Ironing Parlour, or at the door on the day.

Note: an entry form must be filled before registration. There will be a table at reception for this purpose.

Within the Art section there is a new heading for section 42 called "Upcycled art/sculpture" which (for us thickies) means an item changed from its original form or purpose, into a piece of art.

Within the Photographic section we have continued with last year's format with the section being:-

Monochrome: that is, any photograph in a single colour/hue.

Creative: use your imaginative skills to present a photograph.

Landscape: we hope to see some wonderful views.

We are fortunate once again to have the Escafield Brass Band to entertain us. The times of the band's sessions will be announced during the day.



We are again asking for Sponsors for the Class Prizes, £6-00 covering First, Second and Third place prize money and donations for the Tombola stall which will be greatly appreciated.

If you have not helped before and would like to be involved please contact us. See below for contact details.

Donations can be left at the 'Ironing Parlour' on Baslow Road, or at 6, Milldale Road, Totley.

Anyone requiring a stall should please contact us.

If you can help with making cakes or scones please contact Dorothy at this email address: lesanddotfirth@talktalk.net

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Les & Dorothy Firth



Totley History Group Programme 2014

Meetings take place at the Totley Library at 7.30 pm, unless otherwise announced.

June 25th

This is an open meeting when we share news and research that we have may have unearthed. Come and join us for some interesting discussion and bring any memorabilia you may have from family members who experienced the 1st World War.

July 19th

2 pm. Join the Totley History Group on a walk around New Totley, Green Oak and that part of Totley that lies within the traditional boundaries of Totley Township. Notice it is a **Saturday** and we are meeting at the Totley Library at 2pm. Everyone welcome

There will be no meeting in August.

Sept 24th

Talk by Ann Beedham on "Randini - the Greenhill lad who followed in Houdini's footsteps"

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Legacy of Problems from Road Improvements (from page 1)

- Verges have not been adequately reinstated with topsoil and grass seed upon completion of the street lighting/highway reconstruction works. The proliferation of dandelions in many places seems mainly due to the lighting contractor and pavement resurfacing teams placing excavated material, including tarmac, onto the verges - this material has not been removed).



Baslow Road: Weeds erupt from the new pavement tarmac – they will destroy the new surface

- There remains a pile of soil on the verge outside the Methodist Church preventing grass cutting.

- There are still temporary tarmac ramps at kerb edges.

- There is poor road lighting at the junction of Totley Grange Road and Baslow Road.

If readers are aware of other problems relating to these developments, please contact the 'Independent' (see back page).



Sports Day at the EIS

Our Sports Day took place at the English Institute of Sport. This allowed all children to take part in a wide variety of activities that just wouldn't have been possible if we had stayed at home. The threat of Sports Day being called off is always an issue, but not when attending the EIS! The children enjoyed traditional favourites such as obstacle and sack races through to state-of-the-art EIS track and field events. We think that some of the champions of the future have been inspired!

PTA Fun-d Raiser Quiz and Pamper Nights

The PTA Fun-d Raisers also held their annual Quiz

Night which was a fantastic event and saw top place going to team 'Forlorn Hope'. Despite winning for the last three years, this year the staff team came LAST! This was of course all planned as staff wanted to give everyone else a chance at glory! Aiden Giles and Nick Skeet, parents of Y5 children at TASS, came up with a fantastic variety of questions and activities which had everyone second guessing! Liberty Foods provided delicious Pie 'n' Peas and the whole event was brilliantly organised by Alex Garside (Chair), Emma Giles (Secretary) and Andrew Snowden (Treasurer). If that wasn't enough, the PTA Fun-d Raisers then went on to hold a ladies Pamper Night in which many local sellers came to trade as well as "Colour Me Happy" from the True Colours Image Consultancy and the Relaxation Den. A lot of money was added to PTA funds and the team are hoping to obtain a climbing wall and various other yard improvements over the next term.

Egg-cellent Easter

We had a fantastic time celebrating Easter and made our usual visit to All Saints Church. We were hosted by Rev. Paul Oakley, who is also a much loved governor at our school. The children gave thanks with a selection of singing, prayers, poems and presentations, and then came back to school for our competition to find the best Easter Bonnet and Decorated Egg. The day culminated in our PTA 'Fun-d Raisers' putting on an Easter Egg Hunt for each class plus a special awards assembly. It was truly *egg-cellent*!

Sheffield Young Artists at Ponds Forge

Finally, many of our children had work on show at the Sheffield Young Artists Exhibition at Ponds Forge in May. Our young artists in FS2 were: Emily Walkden, Maia Haewood, Annabel Maynard, Isla Carter and Eli Rose; in Year One: Samuel Giles, Guy Eckersley, Jessica Diggins, Serene Davies and Alex Radbourne-Harris; in Year Two: Phoebe Bland, Oliver Scott, Edward Maynard, Jessica Smith and Emily Stonecliffe-Jones; in Year Three: Jonah Cole, Marcy Bennett, Elijah Toombs, Anna Wright and Sienna Harris; In Year Five: David Walmsley, Fleur Orford, Rebekah Young, Hattie Sharp, Keira Harris, Ava Blanks, Marcy Bennett, Daniel Hill and Esme Naylor; in Year Six: Diana Cotovan, Lotte Hotston, Olivia Bee, Alex Coggins, Hattie Tomkinson, Martha Wilder, Daniel Farrow, Lucy Parsons and Sophie Lindley. David Walmsley, in Y5, was chosen to have his work shown on the John Lewis Community Art Wall until 18th May. David was also invited to attend a celebration to celebrate his achievement. Congratulations to him and our other talented TASS artists!

So what now? Well, we're sitting SATs, getting ready for our summer production, and our Y6s will be taking part in transition work for secondary school and going on their Kingswood Residential. *It's all happening at TASS!*

If you want to find out more of the exciting things that are happening at our school, then please visit our website or email us at enquiries@totleyallsaints.sheffield.sch.uk. We'll be so happy to let you know!

Karole Sargent, Head teacher



More volunteers needed to run our Library

It has been a very busy couple of months for the Save Totley Library committee.

On 7th April we hosted a public meeting to share our plan to set up a local community charity to take over the running of Totley Library on 29th September 2014. If a community group does not step in to run the library with volunteers then unfortunately it will close. This meeting was attended by around 50 local residents and they unanimously voted to support our plan.

Since this meeting the committee have attended a number of workshops run by the council to understand fully how to set up this community charity, recruit volunteers and manage the library. These sessions have covered a lot of topics including safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, health and safety, data protection etc so there has been a lot of information to take on board in a short period of time.

Our biggest priority now is to recruit enough volunteers. We need people who can volunteer in the library, be volunteer shift leaders, do building maintenance and also help with fundraising. So whether you can only give some time now and again, or you can offer a few hours every month we would love to hear from you. The library is open mornings, afternoons, some evenings and Saturday morning so flexible time slots are available to fit around other work and family commitments.



Volunteer session, 10th May

Volunteering in the library can be a great way to develop new skills, meet people, increase motivation and a sense of achievement and gain valuable work experience. Full training and guidance will be provided.

We are holding two volunteer information workshops for people who are interested to find out more about

volunteering in the library. The first workshop on Saturday 10th May was very well attended and we hope to see more potential volunteers at our next workshop on **Saturday 14th June from 2-4pm at Totley Library.**

At the June workshop you can find out more about the volunteer roles available, discover what volunteer library assistants would do, meet other potential volunteers and also give your views



Sharing ideas at the volunteer workshop

about how the library should be run. We had a very lively debate at the first workshop on opening hours and the consensus seemed to be that the library should not close at lunchtimes and should be open more in the evening. This is something the committee will consider when we are working on our business plan which we need to submit to the Council by the end of June.

If you cannot attend the workshop on Saturday 14th June but are interested in volunteering then please contact us via

**Website - www.SaveTotleyLibrary.info
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Puzzle Corner

IQU words

The single word answer to each clue includes the letters IQU in that order. Can you find them?

1. Old and possibly valuable
2. Melt
3. Lack of fairness
4. Bodily type
5. Ingredient of cake from Pontefract
6. Without a like
7. Card game
8. Appetising
9. Liquefy by absorbing air moisture
10. Slanting
11. Block of coal dust
12. Music note
13. An American tobacco
14. Nickname
15. Used to compress an artery

Solution page 16

Don Ashford

IN COMMEMORATION OF A LIFE: NON-RELIGIOUS FUNERAL CEREMONIES

The death of someone close to you

The death of someone close is a difficult experience for any of us. We may know that time will eventually soothe the worst extremes of grief, but we may still feel overwhelmed by it when it happens to us.

Funerals without religion

A funeral should help people to express and share their sadness, and provide an opportunity for those close to the person who has died, to give mutual comfort.

For some people, this means a ceremony with a religious theme to it, but for a growing number of people, especially those who have lived their lives without the need for religion, such a ceremony may seem inappropriate, even insincere. For these people, the ceremony is more likely to have warmth and meaning if it is of the kind provided by a Humanist officiant.

Those Humanists who make themselves available to carry out funeral ceremonies come from a variety of backgrounds. What they share is the ability to help families and friends deal with the experience of bereavement. They can ask the right questions, listen sympathetically, and give advice about the ceremony, based on the wishes of the deceased and the family.

The ceremony

Whatever the circumstances, a Humanist officiant will work with you to plan a personal and dignified funeral and conduct it on the day if that is your wish.

It will be based on information gained during a meeting with you, to discuss your wishes and the wishes of the deceased. Since each ceremony is unique, it is important that it reflects the whole of the person's life. Friends or members of the family may need to deliver a personal tribute, or to have the officiant read it. They may wish to contribute a favourite poem or text that has special significance.

Music

Music is a powerful medium, appealing to many emotions and memories. Most establishments have facilities for playing music from a variety of sources and the officiant will be able to advise on what is appropriate.

What might other people think?

There is nothing in a Humanist funeral that would cause offence to anybody. It is first and foremost a celebration of a life. It also provides some reflection on the nature of grief and loss. Finally it encourages those present to focus their attention on the person who has died and to commit his or her life to their memory.

What if I want a Humanist Funeral myself?

If you are considering the arrangements for your own eventual funeral, you should ensure that whoever is likely to organise it is aware of your wishes. Remember that your will may not be read immediately and so may not be a suitable place to set out your wishes in this respect.

Some practical points

Humanists are subject to a Code of Conduct, covering such matters as appropriate dress and the conduct of the meeting with the family.

Although Humanist officiants have built up a great deal of experience at this work, they do not do this on a full-time basis. Many of them do other work. It is therefore advisable to contact a Humanist officiant as soon as possible after a decision is made to have a Humanist ceremony.

The officiant will normally receive a standard fee, as for a minister of religion. The Funeral Director will deal with this and include it with the bill under "Disbursements".

All Funeral Directors should be able to provide the name of Humanist officiants in your area, and leaflets on Humanist funerals are available from any funeral director.

Who are Humanists?

Humanists are people who care about moral issues, but from a position that does not relate to any kind of religion. We believe that humanity must seek and find its own solutions to the great problems of life and not depend on the supernatural.

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We sing carols in all sorts of places: Chatsworth, Haworth, Winter Garden, St. Luke's, as well as a proper Christmas concert. We perform a concert for Easter and again a lighter one to end the summer term. Rehearsals for this will begin on Thursday, May 1st 2014, so this could be a good time for you to come and join us.

Our conductor is Ralph Green - tel: 0113 2565320 or visit our website:
www.cityofsheffieldteacherschoir.org.uk.

Millthorpe Well-dressing

The Millthorpe (Nr Holmesfield) well-dressing will be blessed on July 11th at 7.30pm by the Rev. William Eardley. This will be followed by a barbecue at the 'Royal Oak'.

This year the well can be viewed in the making from Saturday July 5th from 9am to 5pm daily. After the blessing the well can be viewed at any time until Sunday July 20th. The picture will depict Fanshawgate Hall.

All donations will go to the McMillan Nursing service. Everyone welcome

Dore and Totley Lunch Club

A short informal service of Thanksgiving to celebrate 40 years of the Dore and Totley Lunch Club will be held at the United Reformed Church on Totley Brook Road on Wednesday, 23rd July at 2.30 pm.

This will be followed by tea/coffee and cakes in the church hall. All volunteers, ex-volunteers and anyone with a connection to this club are welcome to attend. Please ensure your friends who have been part of this club know of this event.

Holmesfield Church Walking Group

Earl Sterndale Walk

On Wednesday June 11th Robin Greetham will lead a walk from Earl Sterndale. We will meet at the pub in Monyash at 9.45 am. We will then go in convoy to the Royal Oak Pub in Sparklow (Hurdlow) where we will order our meals for lunchtime (optional).

We will then go on to the church at Earl Sterndale. The walk will take us over Beggars Bridge up to Longnor, then onto Parkhouse Hill, Glutton Dale and back to Earl Sterndale. We will drive back to the Royal Oak at Sparklow.

The cost of the walk is £3 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield Church restoration fund. If you wish to go, just turn up at Monyash at 9.45. If you have any queries telephone Robin on 01246 412767. The walk is approximately 5 miles long.

Dore Open Gardens

Dore Open Gardens, one of the early Dore Festival events. Is taking place on the afternoon of Sunday 29th June from 2 pm to 6 pm.

We will have approximately ten gardens on display, of all shapes, sizes and stages of development. Entry costs £3.50 per person and this provides entry to all of the gardens. Anyone aged 16 or under is admitted free. Tickets can be bought in advance from Valerie of Dore, from 21st June, or on the day at the first garden visited.



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Admission by programme £4 per person. Children under 14 free if accompanied by an adult.

Programmes available for 2 weeks prior to the event from the Ironing Parlour, 170 Baslow Road, S17 4DR, or the Hardware Shop (Paul Reynolds) 191/3 Baslow Road, S17 4DT, and on the weekend of the Open Gardens from the archway between the shops near the Ironing Parlour.

Enquiries to: 236-2302 jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk

Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

I had an interesting experience in March at The City Hall when I was sitting next to a young (by my standards) man whose father was singing with Dore Male Voice Choir when they performed with Lesley Garrett. He told me that he had never been to such a concert before but although he wasn't looking forward to it, felt he ought to support his dad, as a duty. After the concert had finished he said that he was surprised by how much of the music was familiar and by how much he had enjoyed it. The duty had turned into a pleasure.

Several young people excitedly chatting on leaving were saying how good it was and that it had been much more fun and enjoyable than they had expected.

The show exceeded all our expectations (and I say that as one who has performed in all 13 of the G & S operettas). The cast was excellent, the singers were extremely talented and the production was full of movement, colour and comedy. Thank you to those who came along and supported us; from all the feedback I'm sure you enjoyed yourselves and to those of you who didn't make it – you don't know what you missed. The receptions we received, especially on Friday and Saturday were ecstatic. Thank you. Our next outing will be the annual Summer Concert at Dore Church Hall on Saturday, 5th July at 7:30pm when I expect we will be referencing the Tour de France and the 100th anniversary of the First World War with some musical links.

Don't think it is high-brow. Our concerts are most certainly not that! The musical performance is not wanting as we have such a wealth of talent. To give you a flavour of the sort of material we perform, in one of concert programmes last year we included songs from Lloyd Webber, Paul Simon, John Lennon, Rogers and Hammerstein, Flanders and Swann, Mozart, even Gilbert and Sullivan as well as comic items.

Spoil yourselves and come and support local talent. Tickets are only £6 each and are available from me: telephone 0114 2362299.

Derek Habberjam

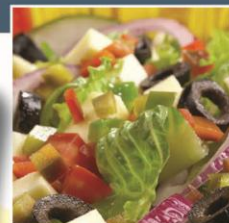
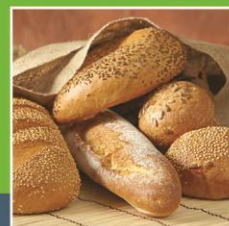


Dore G&S Society's "The Merry Widow"

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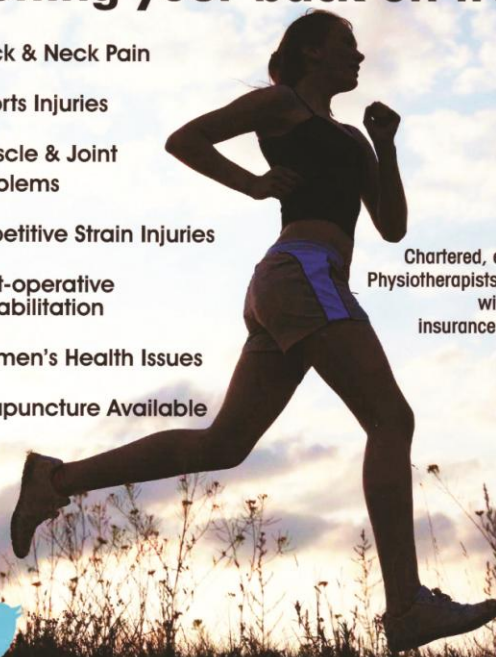
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Transport 17

We had a lovely coffee morning at the Cross Scythes on 26th April raising £300 on the day, and donations after the day of £35. This was due in no small way to the display of Len Capper's art work, which was really lovely to look at, and from which he made several sales, a percentage of which he donated to us.

The Cross Scythes gave us an excellent spread with fabulously delicious cakes, coffee and tea and all the people that attended really enjoyed catching up with their friends and chatting to some of our volunteers.

Thankfully the bus with the damaged tail lift came back into service on Tuesday 22nd April - it had been out of action for nine weeks which meant that some of your clubs have been let down. Hopefully everything should return to normal until the next mishap - which I hope will be a long time coming. Our insurers are not being very helpful so we are still looking for any contributions towards the £4,000 that we have had to borrow from our new bus fund.

Another piece of good news is that Colin is back - just one day a week, but it is good that he is continuing to make a recovery! Welcome back Colin, you have been truly missed!

We have some forthcoming events to announce so you can pencil us into your diaries as follows: Saturday 7th June is the birthday bash which is to be held in conjunction with the U.R.C. and All Saints. We all have special birthdays this year - ours is 30th. There will be lots of information on your local notice boards. All donations will be passed on to us. We have arranged another Coffee Morning at the Cross Scythes for Saturday 5th July; we will have a stall at the Trolley Show; and our Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 15th November.

We are also hoping to hold a Coffee Morning during October, so watch this space. We always welcome helpers as escorts/drivers so if any of you would be interested in volunteering please call the office on 2362962, Monday to Friday - 9.00 to 12 noon.

Stay well and hope to see you soon.

Felicity Revill

Letter to the Editor

From Avril Critchley

My Thanks

I understand many residents in the community are wondering why I am not around as usual. I know people often see me passing their house and wave.

The reason is twofold. Having visited the doctor because I found it not as easy as usual to walk up hill, I found myself at the Hallamshire for x-rays and

admitted to the Northern General all on the same day. There was fluid on the lung which was removed, but scans and ultra sound to discover where the fluid had come, from found I had peritoneal cancer.

This is now being treated with chemotherapy at Weston Park.

To make matters worse I have lost Oscar. He had been diagnosed with an anal tumour in October which spread to his liver so nothing could be done.

The house is now empty. I miss going out for walks and meeting people for a chat. For the love and kindness of all my friends, who have rallied round and are helping me to get on with my life **thank you**. The many cards, cakes, flowers, fruit, plants, dinners, visits, shopping, dog walks, chats on the phone and most important of all taking me to hospital appointments are helping to lift my spirits at this difficult time.

I hope to find another rescue dog in the near future. Keep watching, it may not be too long before I am walking past your house again.

Don't forget to wave.

Avril Critchley

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GARDENING TIPS FOR JUNE / JULY 2014

Christine and I have been very busy preparing the bedding plants, tubers, etc. for the hanging baskets and tubs. We have also been splitting up some of our perennials which have become overcrowded. I have finished the raised bed extensions at the bottom of the vegetable plot. It looks quite smart at the moment. I have planted ten bare rooted raspberry canes in one of them, though at the moment only one has shown any signs of life. It looks as though I might have to get some more plants - I will give them two more weeks as they may be a bit backwards in coming forward. I wasn't expecting to have any fruit this year so another week or so won't make a lot of difference.

Some of the other raised beds have veg - radish, cabbage, garlic, and shallots are coming along nicely and the onions and leeks are in the cold frame - bear in mind that I'm writing this on the 29th April. They will be planted out as soon as the chance of keen frost has passed. I hope they will give good results in time for the Totley Show in September - they will need a good rich soil and a lot of TLC. The greenhouses are bursting at the seams with geraniums, fuchsias and bedding plants waiting for the last of the frosts; then they can be put around the flower beds to give us a splash of colour during the long hot summer months (ha ha!). The tomatoes are well on the way. I can see the little flower buds on the first truss coming along with a promise of lovely tasty fruit (don't count your chickens Tom!)

I hope you are thinking of entering your efforts in the Totley Show. I am polishing up my cooking skills! I must give a bit of extra effort with my Dundee cake - I am determined to make an impression on the judges. I may have a go at an apple pie - I may have a better chance at something a bit simpler. I hope you will make a big effort to join those who enter and make the show a success. The show relies on you all to come and support the volunteers who have been working hard all year to bring everything together. They only need you to turn up with your knitting, artwork, woodwork, jams and pickles, photos, fresh produce, and flower arrangements - not forgetting the children's section with wobbly jellies, Lego models, vegetable animals, egg cup posies, etc.

Come on you talented lot! Have a go! Let's make it the best ever!!! The show schedule is in this (and the next) issue of the 'Independent'. That's it for now I'm off on holiday for a few days. Enjoy your gardening.....

JUNE

Flowers: Keep an eye on all newly-planted bedding and other plants, and keep them well watered during dry spells. A bit of liquid feed added to the water now and again will give an added benefit, but keep it off the leaves if it is sunny when you are applying it. Stake and tie any taller plants as they grow, otherwise they will be damaged or broken by the wind.

You can lift and divide hardy primulas such as *primula denticulata*, *primula japonica* etc. as soon as they have finished flowering. As alpine plants in the rock garden finish flowering, trim back the growth to keep them neat and compact.

Biennials such as Canterbury Bells, wallflowers and sweet williams may be sown now. Bedding plants should be safe enough now from frost, so if you haven't planted them, do so now. Place chrysanthemums in their summer quarters, standing them on ashes or gravel to give good drainage, and keep them well watered.

Divide mossy saxifrages if they have a brown centre. Discard the brown pieces, and replant the green clumps in a semi-shaded place in a good humus soil, leaf-mould or moss peat, and keep well watered for a few weeks. Deadhead peonies after flowering and cut back oriental poppies.

Vegetables: Keep all vegetables well-watered and fed, especially during dry weather. Plant out outdoor tomatoes, sweetcorn, runner beans, marrows and ridge cucumbers. Plant out leeks for winter/spring use and celery for autumn/winter. Sow leaf chicory, endive, spinach and leaf beet for use in autumn/ winter. Make succession sowings of beet, carrot, dwarf beans, peas,

lettuce, salad onions and radish. Take cuttings from rosemary and sage, and root in pots on a window sill. Pick any vegetables as soon as they are ready - this will encourage more cropping.

To help rhubarb build up new crowns for next year, stop picking. Any flower shoots that appear should be removed and the plants should be well watered and fed. They would also appreciate a top dressing of compost (I put custard on mine!! Ha ha!). Pinch out the tips of broad beans.

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit: Keep newly planted shrubs and trees well watered. Remove the dead tips of cotoneaster and cherry. Don't forget to pick the seed of laburnum, especially if there are children around. Give azaleas, rhododendron, camellias and hydrangeas a feed of sequestrene. You can take semi-ripe cuttings from quite a lot of shrubs and trees, and root in a frame or window sill (not in bright sun). Keep fruit-tree trunks clear of weeds and grass.

Trim apples and pears after the June drop of fruitlets. Don't let newly-planted fruit trees produce flowers, but pick them off to encourage strong plant growth for the future. Tie in a support growing blackberry and loganberry, and check supports on other fruits. Cut out any badly cankered apple branches. Summer-prune gooseberries, grapevines and red and white currants.

Greenhouse and indoor plants: As the weather gets warmer (we hope) ventilation is very important. Watch out at the beginning of the month and be ready to close up if the temperature drops. Most plants are happy at 16C (or 60F). As usual, watering and feeding is the

order of the day except, of course, for the ones that are resting. Stand pots on damp pebbles to maintain humidity. Pot up cuttings taken in May. Watch out for aphids etc. and deal with them when they're seen. Smoke cones can be very effective, but don't use them if you have seedlings growing – and some cucumbers don't like them either. Keep an eye out for mildew and spray or dust with an effective fungicide as soon as possible. Sow calceolara, cineraria, busy lizzy, French marigolds and indoor primulas to use as pot plants.

Take cuttings of most indoor and greenhouse plants, such as fuchsia, heliotrope, kalanchoe, plumbago etc. Leaf cuttings can be taken now from African violets, rex begonias and echeveria. Established fuchsias can be given a new lease of life if they are taken out of their pots, the old bottom root screwed off and the plant re-potted in fresh compost – but don't damage any new paler roots as you do this. Nip out the side shoots as tomato plants develop. Stop them when you have five or six trusses. Regular feeding improves flavour.

Lawns: Clean up, raking regularly. Get into a cutting and feeding routine. Keep edges tidy. Don't worry about your lawn drying up in dry weather – it soon recovers when it rains. Keep the mower set high during dry spells, and try to keep children and animals off.

JULY

Flowers: Regular dead-heading will encourage many plants to give more flowers. Water and feed regularly. Give sweet peas, dahlias and chrysanthemums a liquid feed, then mulch them, so that they will give better flowers later (just about show-time). Clip over alpine and rock plants as they finish flowering. Cut and dry everlasting flowers when they are at their best. Sow forget-me-nots, Brompton Stock, pansies and violas for planting in the autumn and spring. Watch out for aphids and caterpillars and deal with them as soon as they are seen.

Garden pinks of all kinds can be increased by cuttings or pipings taken now, as can dianthus. Set them in a sandy soil in a shaded place. Prune early-flowering clematis (white and pink Montana) thinning out overcrowded stems and cutting back where necessary to keep plants within bounds. Standard fuchsias like plenty of water, so water regularly when the weather is hot and dry. Floribunda roses do not need disbudding but remove faded flowers regularly, and when the whole truss has finished the stem should be cut back to a prominent bud. Thin out dahlia shoots if they are getting overcrowded.

The first week of August is the latest time to plant out colchicums, autumn flowering crocuses and hardy cyclamen. Bulbs should be planted 6 ins apart in well-drained soil, and cyclamen are best bought as pot grown plants. Most lilies should be planted in October or November but the hardy Madonna Lily is an exception and it must be planted during August. Don't plant too deep – an inch of soil above the bulb is ample. As rambler roses finish flowering they should be pruned. Disentangle the growths from the trellis and cut out at ground level those that have carried flowers. Keep the new stems made this year and tie them neatly in place – these should flower next year.

Vegetables: Clear away early vegetable plants as soon as the crop is harvested, and fork over the site ready for follow-on crops. Stop feeding onions at the end of July, and as the leaves start to yellow, bend them over to encourage larger bulbs (ready for the show!). Water marrows regularly and apply a high potash feed. Cut cucumber and marrows as soon as they are ready – don't leave them on the plant (except the one for the biggest in show). Plant out winter cabbage. Do not allow celery to dry out or it will run to seed. Runner beans should be kept moist: one way is to put lawn mowings or garden compost or even straw round them, as the object is not so much to feed the beans as to keep in the moisture (though do not use mowings that have been treated with weed or moss killer).

Butterflies may look nice flitting about the garden but bear in mind the white ones are busy laying eggs which will hatch and scoff your cabbages before you can, so deal with caterpillars when seen, squashing any eggs you may find on the leaves. Brussels sprouts will benefit if a little soil is pulled up around the stems. The fourth week of July is a good time to pick herbs for drying. Tie the shoots or leaves in small bundles, suspend them head down, in a cool, airy shed or room, not in strong sunlight. August is a good time to sow spring cabbage; the plants should be ready for setting out at the end of September.

Trees, Fruit and Shrubs: Water and mulch around azaleas, rhododendrons, hydrangeas and magnolias. Cuttings can be taken of many shrubs: some need a bit of warmth to start with. Thin pears and plums if the set has been heavy. Any plum branches showing signs of silver-leaf should be cut out and burnt. In August cut out the raspberry canes to ground level as they finish fruiting. Retain six or seven of the strongest canes for fruiting next year. Feed blackcurrants with a high nitrogen fertiliser, and prune as soon as the crop has been gathered. Cordon and other trained apples should be summer pruned to keep them in shape, and to check their vigour. Mock orange, jasmine, wisteria and clematis can be pruned once they have finished flowering.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: Keep a close check on the temperature and humidity in the greenhouse. You may need to water twice a day, avoiding mid-day if possible. Morning and evening are best. Damp down staging and paths to keep things cool and use all ventilators. Pinch out tips of tomatoes when they reach the eaves and continue to take out side shoots. All plants should be shaded from bright sunlight. Tip cuttings can be taken from geraniums, fuchsias, cherry pie, regal pelargoniums etc. Plants indoors need shading and spraying, except for the hairy leaved plants, which do not like water on their leaves. On nice days give them a spell in the garden – they will enjoy the fresh air, and you could talk to them whilst you are lazing about in the deck chair. You never know, they might answer back (depending on what you are drinking at the time). Watch out for white fly, aphids etc. and deal with them as soon as you see them.

Lawns: Cut (not too close) and trim regularly. Make final preparations for seeding a new lawn in July prior to seeding at the end of August.

That lot should keep you busy for a bit. **DON'T FORGET THE TOTLEY SHOW on SEPTEMBER 20th.** I shall expect a really good turn-out, especially from the children.

Cheerio for now! Tom

Walking the Dog....

Into Thin Air

This bloke was telling me, on the radio, how suddenly happy he was when he caught his first 24 bus to Totley, and found he'd not only be studying above the snow line, within drinking distance of the Fleur, just up from the wood. He'd also be the first man ever suddenly to join the domestic science teachers, waiting for him with apple crumbles. I told him I'd felt as suddenly happy myself, thirty years later, when I was at a conference of the National Association of English Teachers there. It was a fab time to be associated with English teachers - I'd just stopped being one in London, just started being a playwright, just had a baby and was just about to come home.

I went into the old Hall for my only time ever, posed on the pantomime staircase, found two red brick beer cellars, sang, played with puppets and fell in love with someone for the week, like you do at conferences.

Most of my sessions were at the very top of the skyscraper, and I remember, in the middle of one morning, being suddenly as happy as I've ever been, thirteen storeys up, looking out at my woods and my Totley.

Everything was possible again.

I tell Jack about it and point at the empty sky above the footballers' divorcées' houses there now. He doesn't believe anything like that could ever have happened, high up in the thin air.

Aching Drums

*There was a man lived in the moon
Lived in the moon -*

It was the first song we sang at All Saints, and I was singing it again with Jack and Bronwyn and Sandy. They didn't ask why the man lived in the moon. Or why he played upon a ladle. Or why his hat was made of good cream cheese. Or why his breeches-

*his breeches were made of haggis bags
And his name was Aching Drum*

They didn't ask why he ended up being eaten bit by bit. Or why he had such a funny name and why it had to keep being said over and over.

Or why he was Aching.

I'm surprised, now, that we were allowed him at All Saints, because no one lives in the moon except God, because God lives everywhere, and that's why he can always see you whatever you're doing, even in the outside dubs.

I looked up Aching when we got home. He turns out to share his tune with Mulberry Bush. And Nuts in May. And I Saw Three Ships. He's Scottish (1715) and that explains the haggis, though not the spaghetti. He did get eaten bit by bit. He did play upon a ladle.

But the funny thing is, his name wasn't actually Aching Drum at all.

Park Life

'Did you, when you were little like me,' says Jack, 'used to come and play in this park?'

'I did.'

'What was it like in the olden days?'

'Well, there was an enormous faraway oak tree there in the very middle. The park was cut in two because Hitler had his allotments, but I don't remember them.'

'What's the funny flat bit?'

'That was the cricket pitch for when Totley beat the Australians in 1947.'

'Was there a tennis court?'

'There were two, because Podge Turton knocked his own front teeth out with his own racquet when I was winning him 40 love at 19-18.'

'Where did that happen?'

'Where the kids play football in their cage. And climb on their shed with no walls, pretending to be youth nuisances.'

'What about that other funny flat bit?'

'That's where the courting couples come on warm evenings so they can be seen from the attic windows on Lemont.'

'Is that why it's flat?'

'No, that's because it used to be for old people to roll up on, and then grumble because they were wide and didn't have enough legs.'

'What used to be up there by the orange fence?'

'Proper football. With proper goal posts and proper nets and proper trainers who put icy loofahs down your shorts when you got proper kicked in the pills. There were improper women who came to swear even if it was Sunday. And in those days, of course, all the dog poo in the park was white.'

'...Why?'

Rony Robinson

P.S. Anne Rose got in touch to say the 45 Bus would not let you get off before the Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, not the Abbeydale Cinema like I said. Soz!



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 8th and 9th 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

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We look forward to hearing from you!

Totley Scouts

Sainsburys have just finished giving out Active Kid vouchers when you shop with them. If you have collected any please 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 to those who have already passed vouchers onto us.

We have started our annual 20p challenge. All the children have been given a tube of Smarties. All they have to do is eat the Smarties (or even share with friends) and then fill the tube with 20 pence pieces. Last year we raised nearly £500 which was used to renew camping equipment. Hopefully we can renew even more this year.

The Scouts had their first camp of the year over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend at a special site in Chatsworth. As well as practising backwoods camping, they had a night-time hike to practise map reading skills, and also 'enjoyed' a swim in a freezing lake.

In June, on separate weekends, the Beavers and Cubs will camp at Walesby Forest. A range of outdoor activities are available including swimming, archery, canoeing, zorbing and many many more.

And then in August the Scout have a week's camp at Gradbach to use all the skills learnt on the May camp.

Please take a look at our job advert (see below) 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 year 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.

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14. Soubriquet; 15. Tourniquet

TOTLEY SHOW ENTRY FORM 2014

THE TOTLEY SHOW THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD AT **TOTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL, SUNNYVALE ROAD**
ON SATURDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER. **ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BETWEEN 8.45am AND 10.45am.**

- 1 No entry in any class should have been in previous Totley shows.
- 2 Entries may be donated to be auctioned at the end of the Show but this is not compulsory nor a condition upon which entries will be accepted
- 3 Prize money may be collected from 1.45pm

- 4 If fewer than three entries in a class only a First Prize will be awarded except in Children's Section
- 5 Any prize monies not collected by 4pm will be put towards next year's Show
- 6 You may enter as many classes as you wish (The more the merrier!)

- 7 if an entry does not fit a class, it can be left for viewing but no prize will be given and there will be no entry charge.
- 8 You may only collect your entries after the public viewing ends at 3.15 pm
- 9 Goods left after 3.30pm will be auctioned.

SHOW PROGRAMME

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| 8.45am to 10.45am Entrants' registration | 1.45pm Official Opening and collection of prize money |
| 11am to 12.30pm Judging and awarding of certificates | 3-15pm Prize giving followed by auction of donated items |
| 1.30pm Doors open to the public. Entry 50p, children 20p | |

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HANDICRAFT SECTION

- 1 Hand knitted or crochet garment
- 2 Decorative cushion
- 3 Soft toy
- 4 Tapestry
- 5 Cross stitch
- 6 Collage, any medium
- 7 Greetings card
- 8 Any medium

DOMESTIC SECTION

- 9 Victoria sandwich - as recipe below
- 10 Dundee cake - as recipe below
- 11 Carrot cake
- 12 5 Biscuits
- 13 3 Fruit Scones
- 14 Apple pie
- 15 Jam
- 16 Lemon curd
- 17 Marmalade
- 18 Chutney

- 51 Vegetable/fruit animal - up to 7
- 52 Vegetable/fruit animal - 8 - 14
- 53 3 decorative Buns - under 7
- 54 3 decorative Buns - 8-14
- 55 Wobbly Wobbly Jelly - up to 14
- 56 Flower arrangement in an eggcup - Up to 14

FLORAL SECTION

- 19 Floral arrangement - 18" high 10" x 10"
- 20 3 Cut Flowers of any variety in season - home grown
- 21 Foliage plant in pot
- 22 Flowering plant in pot

FRESH PRODUCE SECTION

- 23 1 plate 4 Eating apples
- 24 1 plate 4 Cooking apples
- 25 1 plate 8 Blackberries
- 26 4 matching Potatoes
- 27 3 matching Leeks
- 28 3 matching Onions
- 29 5 matching Runner beans
- 30 1 plate 5 Tomatoes
- 31 1 Cucumber
- 32 3 Courgettes
- 33 Largest onion
- 34 Heaviest marrow
- 35 Longest runner bean -1 per person

CHILDREN'S SECTION

- 57 Painting - under 5
- 58 Painting - 6-7
- 59 Painting - 8-11
- 60 Painting - 12-14

- 36 1 plate 3 eggs from own hens - No embellishment

ART SECTION

- 37 Oil or acrylic painting
- 38 Water colour
- 39 Pen and ink sketch
- 40 Pencil sketch
- 41 Open multi-media
- 42 Upcycled art/sculpture
- 43 Sculpture, any medium

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION

- (prints only)
- 44 Monochrome, any colour
 - 45 Creative
 - 46 Wildlife
 - 47 Landscape

WOODWORK SECTION

- 48 Wood turning
- 49 Small furniture
- 50 Wood sculpture

NB all Lego models max size 25cm square

- 61 Lego model - 5-8
- 62 Lego model - 9-14
- 63 Colour photo - up to 14
- 64 Open, any medium eg Hama beads - Up to 14

DUNDEE CAKE

- 175gms/6oz Plain flour
- 125gms/4oz Margarine/Butter
- 125gms/4oz Soft brown sugar
- 2¼ tsps Baking powder
- 1 rounded tsp Mixed ground spice

- 3 eggs
- 125gms/4oz Raisins
- 125gms/4oz Sultanas
- 125gms/4oz Currants

- 75gms/3oz Chopped mixed peel and chopped cherries
- 40gms/1.5oz Blanched almonds to decorate

METHOD: Line 7" deep cake tin. Sift flour, baking powder and spice together. Cream margarine/butter and sugar. Beat in eggs 1 at a time adding a tbsp of flour with last 2. Fold in remaining flour and fruit till thoroughly mixed. Put in tin and decorate with nuts.

Bake in a preheated oven 140°C/290°F/gas 2 for 1 hour then lower to 130°C/270°F/gas 1 for ½ to 1 hour approx.

VICTORIA SANDWICH

- 125gms/4oz Margarine/Butter
- 125gms/4oz Self raising flour

- 125gms/4oz Caster sugar
- 2 eggs

METHOD: Cream margarine/butter and sugar. Beat in eggs 1 at a time with a little flour. Fold in remaining flour. Divide between two 7" sandwich tins greased or lined with greaseproof paper.

Bake in a preheated oven 180°C/350°F/gas 4 for 20-25 minutes. Sandwich with jam and sprinkle top with caster sugar - please note, recipe quantities only.

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Totley Residents Association

Annual General Meeting, Monday 28th April

At the Totley Residents Association Annual General Meeting held on Monday 28th April, the following Officers were elected:

Hetty Moran - Chairman
Norman Rolfe - Treasurer
Pat Wise - Secretary

Christina Fitzsimmons, Dominic Harris, Johnny Moran, Geoff Wise and Phil Harris were elected to the Committee and Paul Savage was co-opted. Natasha Watkinson gave a report and update on the 'Save Totley Library' campaign.

The Chair presented her report for the previous year, which is reproduced here as follows:

Chairman's Report 2013 – 2014

We met on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at The Cross Scythes.

In the early summer we were pleased to announce, due to the hard work of Ian Clarke, that we had a website, www.totleycommunity.org.uk. Dominic Harris is the Webmaster and we have a new email address dedicated to all things Totley - totleychair@gmail.com.

In May Johnny Moran and I attended a Drop-in Day at St Mary's Community Centre which gave us information about funds available for each Ward after the demise of the Community Assemblies.

In June I joined a Tree Day in Ecclesall Woods to discuss what was happening with certain trees in Totley about which there has been much concern and I now note that some replanting has taken place this year. On June 10th Cherrytree Home celebrated its 150th Anniversary, and the staff and residents hosted a splendid Garden Party with cakes and scones which they had baked for us.

July brought the Public Consultation at Totley All Saints Church Hall regarding the Dyson site. Several members of the Committee attended, myself and Dave Spivey (Vice Chairman) having previously met with Robert Barnes when we were given a copy of the Opportunities and Constraints Appraisal. I have to say that so far this year I have had no up-to-date information despite my sending several emails.

In the same month we were delighted to support the fifth Totley Music Festival and thanks go to Phil and Sue for all their hard work. The Totley Show was held in September and thanks must go to Les and Dorothy and their team for making it another success. £300 raised was donated to Transport 17.

During 2013 we had three Markets and as mentioned at last year's AGM we continued to experience difficulties with parking on Totley Rise. I met with a

representative of Street Force and followed his suggestions; however, problems still arose. There was also concern from some stallholders regarding the gradient of the site and the fact that at some events it has been extremely windy. We have, therefore, decided to have a change of venue and would like to thank Totley Rise Methodist Church for the offer of its car park where we will be holding our next Market on Saturday 17th May. Thank you to the Totley Independent for generously covering the cost of a generator for use at our events.

Members of the Committee joined many Totley residents at the Remembrance Service in November when Dave Spivey laid a wreath. To tie in with this, Dominic Harris, Norman Rolfe and I, together with members of The History Group, met at the Memorial in February this year with a Council representative to discuss cleaning and maintenance. I am pleased to report that the initial work suggested was completed within a matter of days and we are now waiting to hear what can be done to improve the view at the rear of the site.

The issues with the trees in the Pinfold were resolved by Jon Coe, a local Tree Surgeon. This took quite a while as, amongst other things, the Conservation Application had to be displayed for public comment for several weeks. We had success eventually and work was carried out on the eucalyptus with some minor pruning to two other trees.

In December we hosted a Christmas Luncheon at the Shepley Spitfire for which we made an Application for a Ward Pot Community Grant. This enabled us to offer a two course meal with wine, coffee and mince pies. Our Raffle Prizes were donated by local businesses, for which we thank them. Len Capper entertained us and Mike and Lisa looked after everyone very well. Thank you to Ann Capper and the other volunteers for their valuable help on the day. Also to Christina Fitzsimmons, my fellow Committee Member, without whom we would have had no guests to invite.

We have been closely involved with the 'Save Totley Library' campaign and will continue to support it.

Sadly, two members of the Committee have resigned. Dave Spivey left in November due to other commitments. He was a brilliant and wise Vice-Chairman and I miss him. Peter Martin left at the beginning of this year, as he has moved to Barnsley to be nearer his daughter.

On a personal note, I would like to say thank you to Roger Hart for his continued efforts with all things Traffic and Roads; to Dominic Harris for his help with advertising and promoting the Markets; and to the Committee Members for their support and advice over the last year.

*Hetty Moran,
Chairman. Totley Residents Association*

Dog Dirt

I know that many dog owners are now far more responsible now than they once were as collecting their pets' "deposits" in poo bags is now common practice.

However, it is what sometimes happens to these poo bags that causes me concern. Not all owners carefully dispose of the bags in bins or take them home. We must have all noticed bags thrown into the shrubs or even hung from the branches of bushes like some weird ornaments

But now I have come across a new low in the waste disposal saga. The bags have been thrown across hedges into gardens, thus exposing young children who play in these gardens to the risks associated with dog faeces. A particular site for this is the footpath that runs from the Grove into Butts Hill, just next to Hillfoot Road

Dog owners please think very carefully about what you are doing, and what the consequences of your actions may be, and take the poo bags home! This path also gets a lot of dog dirt left on the path so please clean up responsibly

Cllr. Colin Ross

Totley Yard Sale

The Totley Yard Sale, held on 27th April, was a great success. 30 households took part, and because we were lucky with the weather being fine and sunny, a lot of people came from all over Sheffield - and beyond to find bargains.

What's more, Radio Sheffield included the Yard Sale as one of their clues in their Clueless programme that morning. At about 12.30, Kat, the programme's presenter, turned up and gave the Yard Sale a quick plug live on radio before going on to the next clue at Grindleford.

The Yard Sale raised £213, which will go towards the takings of the Totley Open Gardens on Sat 19th and Sunday 20th July. The proceeds from Open Gardens will be allocated as follows: Transport 17 (70%); Totley Music Festival (10%); Totley History Group (10%) and Cherry Tree Young People's Accommodation Fund (assisting young people moving out of care into their own flats, with equipment) (10%)

If you think you might like to take part in a future Yard Sale, email me at jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk and you will be notified ahead of time when we are planning the next one

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The Totley Independent Poetry Workshop

Sally Goldsmith

Another challenge to encourage you to write. The task last time was to write about April or May as if they were a person - and I used *August*, by poet Ruth Fainlight as inspiration. Several smashing entries for this one - Pauline Pillow had April as a moody teenage girl; Sue Hare's was intriguing, based on a real encounter in the Paris Metro. I've chosen Avril Critchley's - an autobiographical poem as Avril, of course, means April! I loved the 'bursting into life' - like April - from the very beginning. I liked how the poem turns back on itself into a slower and uncertain future at the end, but with the natural world carrying on. It's full of specific detail too - the 'clap netting,' the wartime barrage balloons, the ringed sanderling and meeting her husband 'while making a rabbit hutch!' More of these and less of the more abstract stuff would bring this out even more. Lovely!

April *by Avril Critchley*

April, that's me, bursting into life
before expected. *Small, petite,*
she'll make a beautiful dancer!

But I became a tomboy,
pretty frocks and dolls not for me -
worms, soil and frogs my favourite toys.

The natural world stirred me,
the world an exciting place to explore -
no health and safety, no restrictions,
I wandered at will under the barrage balloons.
War meant nothing to me.

My 11th birthday present was a pond;
teenage years, I ran the nature club,
birds, flowers around the school recorded,
hours spent collecting wild flowers,
peering into microscopes to win a competition.

Horizons widened and deepened,
learning at Monk's House how to ring birds.

Out into the wide world to earn my living,
settled down - routine of work but passing on
my love of the natural world to children in my care.
I met my husband while making a rabbit hutch.

Clap netting on the beach at Boulmer, and a sanderling,
recovered on the shores of the Black Sea.
Married again to a warden for the RSPB,
visits to the Outer Hebrides followed.

A widow again. What happens next?
Things slow down but the natural world
is still within me since the April beginnings.
It remains into the future whatever life brings.

The next challenge is to write first thing in the morning, noticing how the light affects things in the room. Using all your senses, write bringing out the extraordinary in the ordinary. You might re-draft several times - poems can take time. Here's a poem by Esther Morgan for inspiration. Don't copy, just see where it takes you, when you too look. You might want to start it, like her, with 'I watched...' The only rule is that yours too must be 15 lines. Pay attention to the line endings - they are never arbitrary.

This Morning *by Esther Morgan*

I watched the sun moving round the kitchen,
an early spring sun that strengthened and weakened,
coming and going like an old mind.

I watched like one bedridden for a long time
on their first journey back into the world
who finds it enough to be going on with:

the way the sunlight brought each possession in turn
to its attention and made of it a small still life:

the iron frying-pan gleaming on its hook like an ancient find,
the powdery green cheek of a bruised clemantine.

Though more beautiful still was how the light moved on,
letting go each chair and coffee cup without regret

the way my grandmother, in her final year, received me:
neither surprised by my presence, nor distressed by my leaving,
content, though, while I was still there.

Please send yours to Sally Goldsmith, goodsally@googlemail.com by Tues 8th July. I'll choose one to publish and comment on. I'm sorry I can't give individual detailed feedback on others sent in.

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

A Day in Dovedale.....

A day in the life of a National Trust volunteer

The National Trust relies on a vast army of volunteers to back up the work of paid staff. In the Peak District the Trust owns over 13% of the National Park. The land it manages stretches to within sight of Totley, to Marsden Moor in the north and Ilam to the south.....

About 5 years ago the Trust decided that the concession they'd granted to an ice cream seller in Dovedale, near the famous stepping stones, was no longer suitable. A brightly coloured van looked out of place, and it kept its engine running all day to keep the ice cream cold.

In its place was to be a purpose built van, made to look like a stone barn, powered by a large rechargeable 12 volt battery. Part of the deal was that it would include an information point, and small shop to sell appropriate goods for walkers and tourists.

Roger Woolley set to work with a will. A steel frame soon grew 'stone' walls made from fibreglass carefully moulded from real stones and sprinkled with grit to feel like the real thing. The fibreglass roof looked just like slate. His partner and friends painted the finished structure to look the part and it was finally ready for action by September 2010, a little behind schedule. Each evening it has to be towed away to be kept in a real barn for security, and to recharge its batteries.

A team of volunteers was arranged to man the Trust's section from the following April, for 6 months of each year. The original position was near the stepping stones. The very wet year of 2012 put paid to that as the site was under water more often than not. A strategic withdrawal to drier parts became necessary and has been much more successful to provide information, and sell souvenirs and maps.

Volunteers may see hardly anyone on wet days, but many thousands on sunny bank holidays. They have no telephone, either land line or mobile, but do have two way radio for emergencies. Lost children, broken limbs, bleeding wounds, worried or dead sheep, dog incidents, barbeque disputes, the volunteers have to deal with them all as tactfully as possible. Many incidents get exaggerated by anxious parents of city children, unused to the country. Fortunately, the mountain rescue service doesn't need to be called out very often. When they are, the sight of about 10 vehicles plus ambulances, and occasionally a helicopter, certainly livens up the day!

Why do kids have to scramble up rocky scree? Why do grandparents have to relive their youth by running across the stepping stones, and fall in the water, gashing their limbs on the stones as they go down? Isn't it strange that when there's a cattle grid, and a gate is provided for walkers, 90% still walk across the grid, including small children and

dogs? Strangely enough, some slip and get their feet trapped in the bars.

Litter! How can folks bring in masses of picnic material in large shopping bags, consume most of the food, yet think it's OK to leave what they don't consume for somebody else to have to collect for them? Dog poo!! Bag it, yes that's what should be done. But hang it in a tree? Stick it by a gate? Tuck it in a wall? Leave it beside the path? Far better to save the bag, flick it into the long grass, nettles or brambles where it will degrade within a few weeks. Those bags take years to degrade, so some poor soul has to go and pick them up. Lots of dog poo bags are heavy – just try collecting them!

Volunteers get asked some wonderful questions. "The stepping stones are full of fossils. Where did the rock come from – Italy?" Doh! It's all local Derbyshire limestone. "Which side of the river should I go to get to the stepping stones?" That gets asked many times every day. There's a path up one side of the valley, the road on the other. After about 500 yards the stepping stones go across the river, take your pick.

An elderly couple approach. The husband plucks up courage to ask a question, his wife starts to make a face, clearly anticipating embarrassment. "We have a garden at home with a lawn. How do you keep the sides of Dovedale looking so smooth and evenly green, despite the gradients? I can't." Wife's eyes look to the sky! 'Well sir, you see those white dots all over the hillside, they're clever Flymos, each with a silent motor that operates 4 legs. They're automatic, run on natural fuel - the grass they've cut. Yes, they're sheep, however, back in Birmingham I'd suggest you drive a stake into the centre of the lawn and tether a goat.' His wife was enjoying this, and came back with the quick reply "And I know where I'll find an old goat!" Fortunately, laughter all round.

Supposedly over a million visitors pass through Dovedale each year. Most of the day trip visitors come from Birmingham, Coventry, Warwick, Wolverhampton and Stoke as well as Derby and Nottingham. Holidaymakers from the south of England stay in nearby camp sites, b & b's, hotels and caravan sites. Many come from the flatter lands of East Anglia, and we even get coach trips of children from the Czech Republic. Japanese, Mexican, Australian, Brazilian, and American tourists are just some of the many nationalities in Dovedale.

Some read maps. Some can recognise a few birds

or plants. During the week most have come for a walk and to see the views. At weekends the play aspect figures very strongly. Canoes and inflatable boats appear. It's flip flops time, not walking gear.

A barbeque approaches the barn, loaded on a porter's trolley, amidst a crowd of about 16 burly tattooed men. No barbeques are allowed due to the risk of fires. What to do? Dare I tackle them? They've driven up from the city, loaded with all the gear and grub. Looks like they've brought a ghetto blaster sound system as well. A challenging situation! Take a deep breath and ask them where they've come from. 'Birmingham.' Started a gentle conversation asking if they've been before. Were they aware that barbeques aren't allowed due to the risk of setting fire to



The 'stone' van

all the dry vegetation? Pointed out that most people, and they can see there are a lot about on this day, have come for peace and quiet. They promise to keep the noise down. A concession needs to be made about the barbeque. It's what they've driven all this way to enjoy. They now realise other visitors may not like smoke from the bbq and may report them. I explain that if they have to have a bbq they need to be extremely careful and ensure it's on rock, not on grass, or anywhere near vegetation. When they're finished they must put it out and remove all debris. They say they will. Did they? Nobody reported a fire and no complaints were received about noise from that party.

It's great fun when it's busy. Not so much fun on wet days, but there's always somebody walking up the valley, whatever the weather. Fresh air's good for you.

Chris Morgan

St John's Luncheon Club

There are currently a few places available at this very friendly and welcoming luncheon club. We meet every Thursday in St John's church hall which is next door to the GPO sorting office on Abbeydale Road opposite the sports ground. Members arrive from 10:30 onwards to be greeted with a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. Most of the members come on a T17 minibus which is specially adapted for those with limited mobility.

After a drink there is plenty of time for a chat or some planned activity. At the moment the favourite activity is a game of bingo with prizes but sometimes there are talks on subjects of interest to the older generation. During the course of the morning the volunteer helpers aim to make time for talking with the members and for listening to their problems or

their news. Shortly after noon a two course lunch is served. All the food is cooked on the premises from fresh ingredients and is judged to be very delicious by the diners. We have a special treat on birthdays. Finally after another cup of tea the members go home at about 1:30. The cost is £5:20 for both the meal and transport on the minibus with a reduction for those who come under their own steam.

Anyone who would like to help out at the luncheon club would also be very welcome especially those happy to help with the cooking. We are very short of cooks. The commitment is about 2-3 hours per month but there is flexibility on the rota.

If anyone is interested either as a diner or helper please contact Elizabeth Thompson (tel. 2363346) or Phyllis Glossop (tel. 2362597)



Friends of Gillfield Wood

Events for June and July

SATURDAY 7 JUNE - 2pm to 4.30pm At All Saints' Church 90th Anniversary Event - FOGW Information stall and exhibition about our work and the recent Heritage Lottery Fund Project. There will be a chance to find out about the archaeology, history and natural history of Gillfield Wood.

Practical Conservation Mornings for June/July – This would normally be at 10.00am on Sundays 29 June and 27 July, but please check the website or email the Secretary for confirmation nearer the time.

SATURDAY 12 JULY - BUGS AND MOTHS SURVEYS - Afternoon invertebrate survey and evening moth trapping with specialists from Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Entomological Society. Check website nearer the date for confirmation/details: www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com or email the Secretary at fogwsecretary@gmail.com

Double rainbow.....

*...over Gillfield Wood and Totley Bents, at 5.30 pm on 23 March.
Photo by Roger Hart*



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Letter to the Editor

Litter Heroes of Totley!

A BIG thank you to those who helped voluntary litter pick on Saturday 10th May! We collected 14 black bin bags of trash in two hours! Also thank the other Totley residents who regularly litter pick on an "ad hoc" basis and voiced their support as we walked armed with our very fetching orange litter grabbers! Most of the litter consisted of drinks cans/bottles, cigarette packets, plastic supermarket bags, dog waste bags and cardboard boxes! We are thinking of collecting litter again when the children are back at school in September but need to make sure we put up notices to inform more people!

Thank you!

Julie and Richard Gay

Totley Rise Methodist Church

Summer Events

Saturday 7 June: Quiet Garden. 9.30am until lunch-time. Totley Rise Methodist Church Garden. There is a special event in the garden for Pentecost. Bring your own lunch if you would like to stay on in the peaceful environment. Reverend Louise Grosberg and Anne Wiles lead this event, with help from Anna Steele.

Wednesday 9 July: Quiet Garden. 7.30pm, Totley Rise Methodist Church Garden. A relaxation session led by Deacon Merry Evans, with a contribution from Anna Steele.

Sunday 13 July: Family Fun Day. 12noon onwards. Totley Rise Methodist Church. With a theme of 'All things Sheep' this will be a day of fun in the sun with water and a giant slide. Bring a towel and a change of clothes. There will be a free BBQ but bring a picnic along too if you would like to.

28-30 July: Holiday Club. Watch Totley Rise Methodist Church website for more details nearer the time www.totleyrise.co.uk

Ongoing Events (and see this issue's Diary, p.30)

Knit, Natter, Craft and Chatter: Every Tuesday, 12 noon -3.00pm. Totley Rise Methodist Church Centre

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: Butterfly Wings (stillborn babies), Sheffield premature baby unit and the Christmas shoebox appeal. Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind have adopted knitted Ellie the elephants as their mascot and have given a certificate of grateful thanks. Members can knit/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.

Sheffield Citizens Advice Bureau: Every Tuesday 10.00am - 12 noon. Totley Rise Methodist Church. No appointment needed. A drop in free and confidential Advice Service at the TRM Centre. Advice on legal, financial, employment, benefit and any other matters.

Coffee Morning: Every Tuesday 10.00am-12 noon. Totley Rise Methodist Church Lounge. Need time to relax among friendly local people? Would like to make new friends? Then this spot is just for you. Stay as long as you like and relax with coffee and biscuits.

Pushchair Club: Every Thursday afternoon 1.30pm - 3.00pm. Babies and Toddlers 0-5yrs come together with their carers to play and chat in a Christian atmosphere in the TRM Centre. For more information contact Rachel, our Family and Children's Worker 07912352543

Toddler Praise: 9.30am every 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month. An opportunity for under 5's and their carers to make music and praise. Lasting 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. There will be bible stories, songs, games and a simple craft plus a drink and biscuit. By popular demand this group started in September.



Totley Music Festival 2014

All events are free

Wednesday 16th July, 7.30: Variety Cabaret, music and more! Old friends and new! Leonard Cheshire Disability, Mickley Hall.

Thursday 17th July, 7.30: Jazz evening with the Djangonauts and Howard Walker Quintet. Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road.

Friday 18th July, 7.30: Folk Concert. The return of the ever-popular folk concert, with many of the artists who have made previous events so successful. A wide variety of music and songs, with the usual entertaining banter in between. Be early to secure a seat at this entertaining event. Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road

Saturday 19th July, doors 7.30: Rock Night, with local band Redback, and four-piece indie rock and blues band Lane4. Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road.

Sunday 20th July, 7.30: Bob Hall's Last Chance Saloon is one of the most entertaining and exciting groups on the blues scene. The line-up features poll-winners Bob Hall (piano/mandolin /vocals), Dave Peabody (guitar/vocals), and Hilary Blythe (bass/guitar/vocals). With a style that is completely unique, they blend classic blues songs, boogie woogie and swinging guitar ragtime with finely-crafted original compositions. Heatherfield Club, Baslow Road.

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At Totley Primary, one of our whole school priorities this year has been to develop the opportunities for children to learn outdoors. Unlike many schools in Sheffield, we are lucky enough to have beautiful school grounds, surrounded by mature trees. There are playgrounds to the front and rear of the building, a decent school field and a general sense of peace and tranquillity (sometimes even at playtime!!) that comes from being located on the fringes of the Derbyshire Peak District.

Our aim this year has been to maximise the potential that our school grounds offer and, wherever possible, take learning out of the classroom. Money has been spent on staff training, which has had a direct impact on curriculum planning. For example, rather than learning about Tudor houses from books, the Y4 children experienced "wattle and daub" construction for themselves at the bottom of the school field. A messy but truly memorable experience! Similarly, the Y6 children learned about the conditions that World War Two soldiers had to face by completing a range of army drills and exercises in the rain and mud.

Our Foundation Stage children brought their topic on lifecycles to life by looking after duck eggs. Following a period of careful incubation in the classroom, the ducklings soon hatched out and were nurtured by the



children in their first days of life. Once the ducks had started to produce waterproof feathers, they were able to go outside and enjoy five-star accommodation in the form of a brand new duck house at the bottom of the school drive!

In addition to our existing outdoor classroom, a large poly-tunnel has recently been constructed to enhance science and gardening activities. A campfire zone has also been built so that we can keep warm and sing songs during lunchtime forest school sessions and at our annual class sleepovers.

We are all really pleased with the improvements we have made so far. Next in the pipeline is a planned storage area for outdoor problem solving resources such as tyres, wood blocks, crates, ropes and den building materials!

Ben Paxman, Assistant Head Teacher

... And join our Summer Fun Day!

Totley Primary School will hold its annual Summer Fun Day on Saturday 21 June 2014 between 1 and 4pm. Bouncy castles, face painting and lots of classic games will mean that there's plenty to do for both younger and older children alike. With tombola, a raffle, different stalls, arena displays and lots of activities to join in with, it will be a fun afternoon for the whole family on the green grounds of the school.

Refreshments will be available for sale throughout the afternoon including our legendary homemade cakes and a quality barbeque. Admission to the Summer Fun Day is free and a warm welcome awaits you. Access to the school and grounds is via Main Avenue (off Baslow Road) and Sunnyvale Road. Parking is available locally.



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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Michael and the team

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June

1st 10.00am All Age All Together
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8th 10.00am Morning Praise
Commemorating All Saints
90th Anniversary
6.30pm Evening Prayer
15th 10.00am Holy Communion
6.30pm Holy Communion
22nd 10.00am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer
29th 10.00am Youth Led Service
6.30pm Holy Communion

July

6th 10.00am All Age All Together
6.30pm Evening Prayer
13th 10.00am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer
20th 10.00am Morning Praise
6.30pm Evening Prayer
27th 10.00am Morning Praise
6.30pm Evening Prayer

The time to be happy is now
The place to be happy is here
The way to be happy
Is to make others so.

Elbert Hubbard

BIG BIRTHDAY BASH – SATURDAY 7th - SUNDAY 8th JUNE

Along with other churches in the world, on Sunday 8th June the churches in S17 will be celebrating Pentecost or Whit Sunday, the day the church remembers the coming of the Holy Spirit and celebrates its spiritual birthday.

As mentioned in the previous Independent, Totley is also celebrating the 90th birthday of the All Saints Church, the 40th anniversary of the lunch club that meets at the United Reformed Church and the 30th anniversary of Transport 17. Details of all the celebration events are given below.

Saturday 7th June

All Saints will be having a birthday party at the church hall from 2.00 – 4.30. Everyone is invited to come along and celebrate with us. There will be exhibitions from local groups, quizzes and many activities for the children including a bouncy castle, face painting, giant garden games, candyfloss and many others. There will be music and complimentary refreshments will be provided.

Sunday 8th June

From 8.00 – 10.00 the United Reformed Church will be offering breakfast baps, and Totley Rise Methodist Church will offer a continental breakfast in their church lounges.. In the afternoon Christ Church Dore and Dore Methodist Church invite everyone to join them on the Green for cake and pudding from 2.30pm.

All the weekend events are a gift from the churches to the local community and as such are free of charge. You are most welcome to attend any or all of these events. Any donations received will go directly to support Transport 17.

Letter to the Editor

Hi,

My name is Emma Glave and on May 1st I was involved in a motorbike accident on Greenoak Road. The accident only really involved myself, as I skidded off the bike and ended up being taken to hospital. There were a lot of people on the day that helped me and I have no way of thanking those people, even though they helped more than they really know.

Through the Totley 'Independent' I'd like to thank the people who helped me. I can vividly remember a man who provided blankets, and the first woman who came to my aid who called my boyfriend for me.

I'm very grateful for all of the help that I got that day and I just wanted to find a way to thank the people involved.

Thanks!

Emma Glave

Holmesfield Flower Club

The Flower Club welcomes you to the following forthcoming events:

Wednesday 16th July: Demonstration of Flower Arranging by NAFAS demonstrator Sandra Meakin entitled "Location, Location". 7.30 pm at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield S18 7WZ – ample parking.
Tickets: visitors £7, members £3.50 includes refreshments. The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. All are welcome.

Wednesday 20th August: A Joint Demonstration of Flower Arranging by NAFAS demonstrators Susie Marsh and Christine Hinchliffe entitled "Black is Back". 7.30 pm at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield S18 7WZ – ample parking.
Tickets: visitors £7, members £3.50 includes refreshments. The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. All are welcome.

TOTLEY & DISTRICT DIARY

MONDAYS	COFFEE MORNING , All Saints' Church Hall, 10am-noon TAI-CHI , United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 11.30am-12.30pm RAINBOWS and GUIDES , All Saints' Church Hall, 5.45pm-9pm SLIMMING WORLD , United Reformed Church Hall, 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm, Jo Elsey: 262 0523 or 07590 545253
TUESDAYS	PILATES , The Old School, Dore, 9.15-10.15am. Phone Teresa Tinklin 07906 312372 COFFEE MORNING , Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am-noon KNIT, NATTER, CRAFT & CHATTER See Totley Rise Methodist Church article in this issue - 12 noon - 3.00pm CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU . Drop in, free, impartial, and confidential. Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am-noon CRAFT GROUP . Totley Library, 2pm
WEDNESDAYS	PILATES CLASSES . 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 COFFEE in the LIBRARY . 10am-11.30am TODDLER GROUP . 10am-11.30am, All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Andy Holmes 0114 236 2088 HEALTH WALKS . 10.30am, Totley Library foyer. Phone Tina, The Health Walk Ranger: 0114 203 9335 MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING . All Saints Church Hall, 8pm-10pm
THURSDAYS	BELROBICS , United Reformed Church, 9.15-10am, email: jenny@belrobics.co.uk or telephone: 07816 850132. NCT COFFEE GROUP FOR DORE TOTLEY & BRADWAY , 10am-noon, For mums & babies/toddlers, meeting in various locations, Phone Lucy Street 07837 000405 or email: lucy@streetr.plus.com for further details ROCKCHOIR , United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd, 11.30 - 1.00pm. See www.rockchoir.com or call 01252 714276 CHAIROBICS . Heatherfield Club, 1.15pm PUSHCHAIR CLUB . Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. 1.30pm-3pm. Tel. 236 3157 for further details PILATES CLASS , United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 6.15pm-7.30pm also new class 1.30pm to 2.30pm , Phone Emer Coffey 07792 422909
FRIDAYS	PILATES , The Old School, Dore, 9.15-10.15am, 10.30-11.30am. Phone Teresa Tinklin 07906 312372
SATURDAYS	MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING . All Saints Church Hall 1st Saturday Monthly 8pm-10pm

JUNE

SUN 8th 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

WED 11th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church: Talk - Prof. Charles Stirling, FRS, "It's All on the Surface".

TUES 17th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, John Kirkman, 'Garden Bird Watch, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.

SAT 21st and SUN 22nd: WHIRLOW HALL FARM 'Dig Deep' Races. A weekend of races with all the races starting and finishing at the farm, the weekend is set to be a great one. The Whirlow 10k race is £12 to enter with £10 going directly to Whirlow Hall Farm Trust. For more details see www.whirlowhallfarm.org

SUN 22nd MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES Abbeydale Road South, 1 pm - 5 pm (weather permitting) OPEN DAY and EXHIBITION. Car Park closes 5.15pm. £1 per ride per person. See www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk

WED 25th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church: Talk - Sidney Fielden, "Murder Will Out".

WED 25th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP: Open Meeting - A chance to discuss and share recent research and discoveries. Totley Library, 7.30pm. See www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

FRI 27th WHIRLOW HALL FARM Barn Dance. With 'Drop of a Hat' Ceilidh band. Licensed bar, pie and pea supper. 7 pm. Tickets £14 adults, £7 children.

SAT 28th WHIRLOW HALL FARM 'Beer and Bangers': comedians from the Last Laugh Comedy Club including Jason Patterson, Carl Hutchinson and Colin Cole. Host: Toby Foster. 7pm till late. Tickets £22 (include hot dog and drink from bar).

JULY

SAT 5th DORE GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY Summer Concert, Dore Church Hall, Townhead Rd. 7.30 pm. Tickets £6 from Derek Habberjam, tel. 0114 236 2299.

WED 9th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church: Talk - Cdr. Alan Yorke, OBE, "Pearl Harbour: The Real Story".

SUN 13th 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

TUES 15th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD: Dorothy Firth, 'Chernobyl's Children'. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.

WED 16th - SUN 20th TOTLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL. See details of programme in this issue, p.25.

SAT 19th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP: Totley Rise Walk - a history walk around the lower part of the village including Totley Rise, Green Oak and New Totley.

WED 23rd TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church: Talk - Dennis Ashton, "Iditarod - The Last Great Race on Earth"

SAT 26th MARIE CURIE BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY at Totley United Reform Church, Totley Brook Road. 2pm-5pm. Come and enjoy a cup of tea and cake, cake stall and tombola. All proceeds to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

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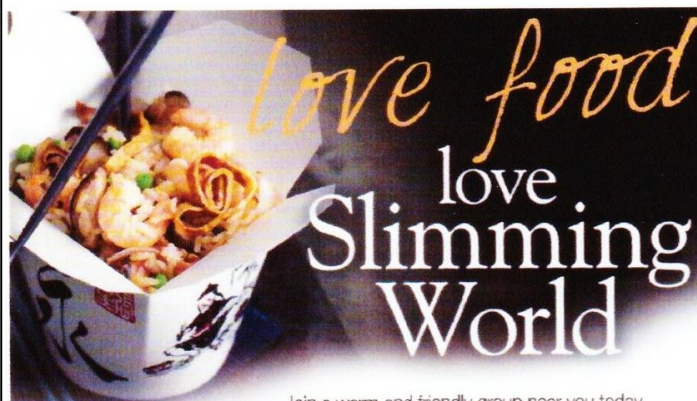
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