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Avril Critchley in typical form – 'under arrest' by PC Dave Spencer at the Totley Festival, Green Oak Park, 2008

Avril Critchley 1934-2015

Sally Goldsmith writes: Avril Critchley – community activist, naturalist, bird ringer, teacher, Girl Guide leader, camper, artist, tortoise enthusiast, pond maker, fund-raiser - was perhaps the best known person in Totley. She was usually seen walking a succession of cocker spaniels, always with her ear to the ground for the latest Totley scandal. She was sometimes a controversial character, but always with a dogged determination to stand up for what she thought was right.

I have compiled a number of tributes from people in groups and organisations she was involved with. But first, I'll let Avril herself tell you about her life in a piece she prepared a few weeks before she died, to be read at her own funeral. In the hospice, I read it back to her after typing and said "You know Avril, I think this should be..." and she finished for me "in the Independent."

"My Life

I only weighed 5 lbs at birth – 'She will make a lovely dancer' said the midwife. I was just the opposite - I hated dolls and girly things. Instead I played with worms and frogs - always surrounded by animals. I was brought up during the war years but had fun learning about the natural environment. We had a bomb in the back garden in Fitzwalter Road, underneath the barrage balloon. I saw Sheffield burning as we moved out to live with relatives. I remember queuing for water as one house still had some. I was always surrounded (*cont p.3*)

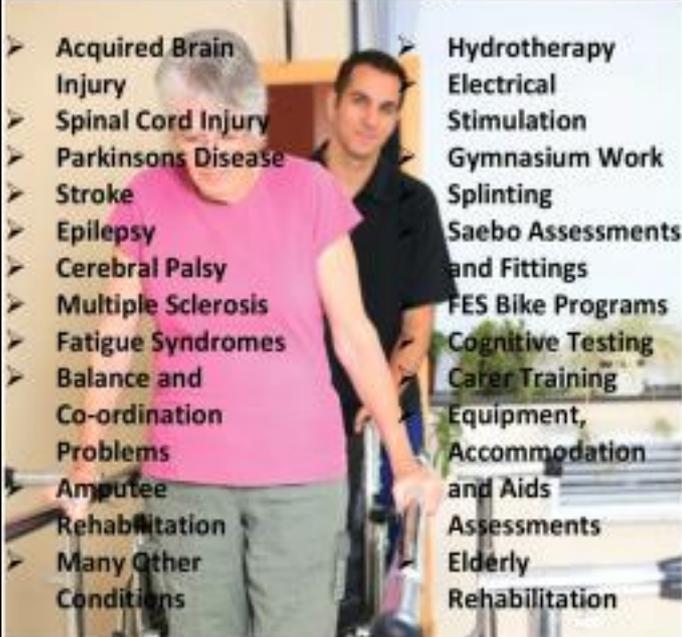
Amey's coming to town!

With Amey's arrival to work on roads, pavements and street lights in Dore and Totley becoming imminent, Roger Hart, Chair of the Traffic Focus Group, told us "We do not know when or where they will actually start. The web page says footpaths/roads will start in January but at the road show at Abbeydale Sports Centre on Thursday 17th September, their director told me February. Streetlights are scheduled for October 2015." Conscious that some of the works carried out by Amey so far in the city have been somewhat controversial, (*cont. p.5*)

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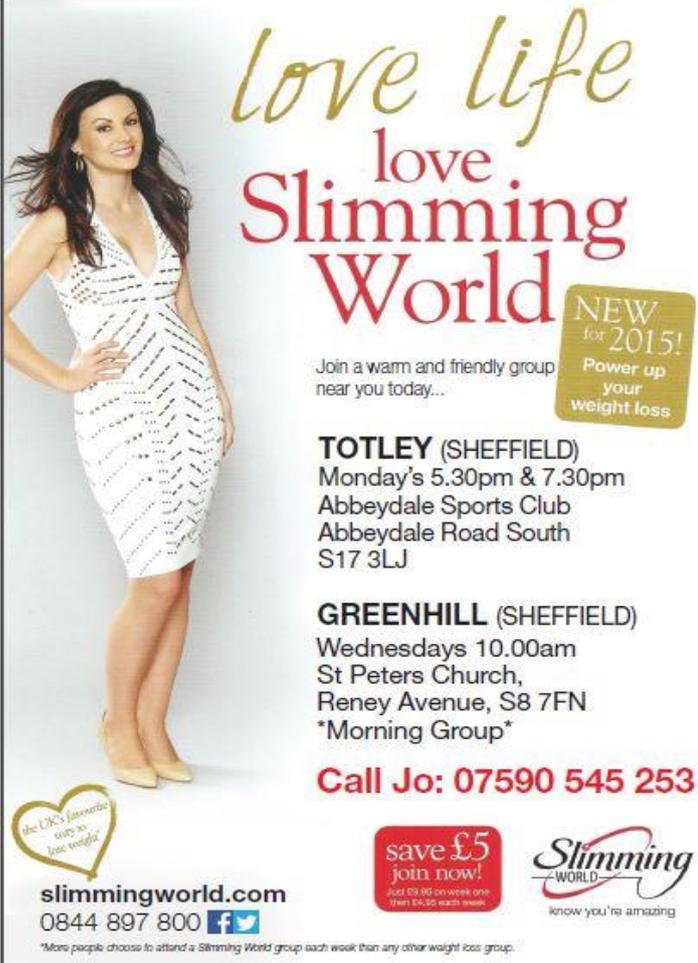
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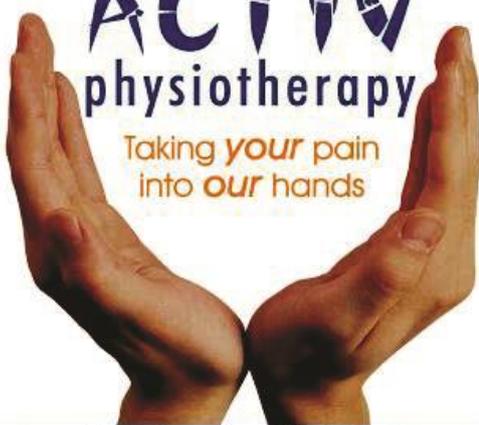
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Avril Critchley (from p.1)

by animals and nature - this stamped my life. My first pond was a trough.

I went to local schools and Sunday School and played in Norfolk Park. We moved to Nether Edge when I was eleven. I had a second-hand bike for my birthday, otherwise we played with a skipping rope. The neighbours made me a concrete pond for my birthday but the fish died. My first dog was a stray, then a rescue but it had to go back as it chased buses! We always went to the market. One day my sister came back with a puppy with Mum's permission. Bess was our first dog and I've still got a dog to this day. I went to Grange (Hurlfield) Grammar School. I studied most forms of natural history and took Biology 'A' level. I won a flower contest and could name over 380 wild flowers. I wanted to be a vet but I wasn't good enough so I followed in my parents' footsteps and went to Matlock and became a teacher - Infants, then Special Needs, for 37 years.

I continued to attend Victoria Methodists, was in the Guides, then ran the Sunday School for many years. I took the Guides for over twenty years but a hospital operation meant I had to give up. I later asked to become either Division Commissioner or become Camp Advisor. I chose Camping which extended into Outdoor Activity Advisor. Great! I loved meeting other Guides from North East England. I'm still a member of the Guide Association as a Trefoil Guild member.

I became a member of the Sorby Natural History Society when I was still at school and I'm still a member. I attended Flatford Mill Field Study Centre when still at school then went to Monks' House Bird Observatory in Northumberland and with Dr Eric Ennion's help became a bird ringer. With Sheffield City Council I looked after over 100 nest boxes in Ecclesall Woods but gave up when my eyesight deteriorated.

I married my first husband John in 1960 who made a pond for me. I lost him to cancer after 13 years.

I met my second husband George in 1974. He was a warden for the RSPB. We had a wonderful time on North Uist (Outer Hebrides) at the Balranald RSPB Reserve. Camping on North Uist was too windy so I bought a VW Caravette and we went all over Scotland in it.

After retiring in 1984 I joined The Friends of the Botanical Gardens and was on the Committee as Deputy Chair. I organised the lecture programme for around twenty years. I was on the Totley Residents Association Committee for 10 years and was Chair, retiring when I lost my dear George. Since then I have enjoyed being a member of the Totley History Group and The Friends of Gillfield Wood. My rescue

Cocker Halle, loved by all, is a joy and cheers me up when I'm alone.

My life has been active and fun, surrounded by my beloved nature, especially trees. The natural world keeps me sane in a world which has become frightening.

Finally a big thank you to all my many Totley friends, medical staff and relatives who have been so wonderful to the end. Be happy. I have had a wonderful life."

Avril Critchley

Feisty. Formidable when on a mission, caring when it came to nature and Totley, a bit of a nosy parker always looking around and if she saw something amiss she was on the tail of Sheffield Council and particularly local councillors. She was like a dog with a bone and would see things through to the end. Councillors must have thought, "Oh no, it's Mrs Critchley again."



I served with Avril on the committee of TRA. We've stood with her to save the old oak tree at the entrance to the park and also in deep snow on Baslow Road protesting about the lights up near Broad Carr. On the other hand I used to go to Chairobics with her and she was a bit of a giggler as me and her could not do certain moves. Although I did not agree with her all the time, there is no doubt that she cared deeply about our local community and will be greatly missed. RIP Avril.

Ann Lee

She was certainly a force to be reckoned with.

I have known her from our Grammar School days, seventy years ago. Throughout all this time she loved the outdoors: plants, streams, ponds, bogs, small and larger creatures, animals and birds. And I guess for most of her life she had these with, or near to her.

She was always to the point: articulate, outspoken and unafraid to speak up at meetings on topics concerning all of us, such as speeding traffic on Baslow Road, the future of the library, the Totley Residents' Association of which she was once Chair, public footpaths, rubbish tipping and Gillfield Wood.

Avril and I were both in education so teaching was what we both often conversed about and her special interest in less able children was very obvious.

You will never be forgotten Avril, but remembered for all you did and meant to us. Thank you and may God bless you.

Judith Norris

Avril Critchley (continued)

She was an amazing lady of strong opinions and great integrity. She will be much missed by all who knew and loved her and long remembered as "Mrs Totley."

Josie Dunsmore

She was always in the thick of things but when things needed doing, BY JOVE she got them done no messing. She would upset quite a few people on the way but this never made any difference.

Marlene Marshall

Avril's interests in birds, flowers and wildlife were wide and varied but pond life held a particular fascination for her and this was very apparent when she attended a recent survey of Totley Brook and shared her experiences with aquatic life expert Stuart Crofts. My abiding memory of



Always the animal-lover: young Avril with friend

Avril was her face on that day, full of excitement. She became a founder member of Friends of Gillfield Wood; a committee member and stalwart of the group. Her smiling face and her company will be sadly missed whenever we have any future events in or about that wood.

Chris Measures

Many of us have that image of the slightly bohemian Avril, long sweatshirt, long grey hair, spaniel in tow – and usually on the warpath. However, images of things in her house also stay with me – the collection of ceramic owls, her art work especially the large pottery snails, the orange tiled 70's style kitchen (around long enough to become trendy again), her pencilled lists of birds seen in her garden - logged daily for the BTO for over 20 years, the dining room table with its ordered piles of matters to be attended to. And in the garden, the two big ponds, the greenhouses full of insectivorous plants, geraniums and things nurtured for fundraising sales, the little tortoise house round the back and Tommy and Bertha crawling around in the grass - or even sometimes in the back porch.

Sally Goldsmith

Avril was such an indefatigable character – she certainly kept her local MP busy! It is difficult to imagine life in the community in Totley without her. She will be sorely missed.

Nick Clegg MP

Avril was Chair of the Residents Association when I took over as Editor of the Totley Independent. She never failed to meet a deadline. Her energy, enthusiasm and interests were many and varied so to deliver a regular detailed editorial was quite impressive. Despite her illness she still had those same qualities and always stopped for a chat while out walking her dog. A true character who will certainly be missed in Totley.

Ian Clarke

Avril was a strong supporter of the library campaign right from the beginning and was often e-mailing me with suggestions of ways she could help, whether it be putting up posters around the community or contacting people to raise awareness. Once we took over the library, she became one of our volunteers for the Story Time sessions. She also volunteered at the end of last year to grow plants for a fundraising sale that took place in May this year. The plant sale raised over £700 and currently remains our most successful fundraiser to date.

We were very lucky to have her on our side in the fight to save the library and I am glad she was able to see it pass into the hands of the community and begin to thrive. It goes without saying that she will be very much missed. Rest in peace, Avril.

Matt Kik

People can contribute to St Luke's, who cared for Avril at the end, on a special tribute site:

<http://www.stlukestrIBUTE.org.uk/avrilcritchley/> You can also send donations by post to Avril Critchley Tribute Fund, St Luke's Hospice, Little Common Lane, Sheffield, S11 9NE.

Holmesfield Flower Club

Wednesday 21st October – 7.30 pm: Evening Workshop entitled "Weaving Vines and Roses" – Tutor Jan Travis. Non-members are welcome to take part in this workshop – fee: £4.00. Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield, S18 7WZ – ample parking. Contact Sandra 01709 541197 or Diana 0114 2377601 for list of materials required or for further details.



Wednesday November 18th – 7.30 pm: Demonstration of Flower Arranging by Di Smith (NAFAS area demonstrator) entitled "Rejoice, Rejoice".at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield, S18 7WZ – ample parking. Tickets available at the door: visitors £7.00, members £3.50 includes refreshments. The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. All are welcome.

(Holmesfield Flower Club's 2015 programme can also be viewed on the NAFAS North Midlands Website www.flowersnorthmidlands.co.uk)

Amey's coming to town! (from p.1)

such as the wholesale removal of the trees on Meadowhead roundabout and, closer to home, the unfinished business in front of Totley Co-op, the 'Independent' also visited the Amey 'road show' and asked Amey representatives some questions about the coming works in the area.

To begin with, not every road is going to be re-surfaced though, to be fair, Amey have always maintained that they would not resurface 100% of the roads in Sheffield.

Roger Hart reports that details of the programme in Zone B52, which includes Dore and the north side of Baslow Road in Totley, are hard to decipher: "the colour coding is bizarre – yellow for streetlights, brown for roads and beige for footpaths!" And, says Roger, the map on the link is so small it is difficult to read – he awaits a larger copy. But it seems that although they will get new street lighting and possibly footpaths, these roads won't be resurfaced in the present scheme:

Marstone Crescent and Stonecroft Road
Akley Bank

"New" roads off Grove Road

Totley Brook Road to King Ecgbert Road

Top "half" of Furness Avenue

Path from Furness Avenue to Dore Road

Dore Road

Rushley Road

Causeway Head Road

Possibly Ashfurlong Road from Cavendish Avenue to Dore Road (though this is difficult to read from the small scale map)

The cul-de-sac on right of Dore Road, near the bottom.



Abbeydale Park Rise

Of particular concern to many residents, especially following the campaign around Rustlings Road, is the proposed removal of many trees – about 150 in the Dore and Totley area. The 'Independent' specifically asked Amey about the tree-removal policy, and was assured that there is no policy of wholesale removal of trees. Rather, each individual tree is examined and assessed, and if the tree is problematic on

one or more of a number of grounds, it is marked for removal.

Those grounds are that the tree is dangerous, dead, dying, diseased, damaging or discriminating (it is obstructing the pavement in a way that prevents reasonable usage of it). If a tree falls into one or more of these categories, Amey try to see if a solution can fix the problem. If it can't be saved, the tree is marked for removal and replacement.



Matt Kik, a resident on Abbeydale Park Rise (known for its annual display of Christmas lights on its trees) points out that, controversially, perfectly healthy specimens are also added to the list of trees to be replaced because of damage they may receive when pavement resurfacing works begin. This is because the machine used to remove the old surface digs down approximately six inches which would either damage or completely destroy roots close to the surface. This could then cause fungal infections that may spread through the tree.

Amey stress that every tree which is removed is replaced, and claim that so far, they have replanted over 2,000 trees.

But local campaigns have sprung up across Sheffield as well as an awareness group covering the whole city. The petition against the tree removals in Dore and Totley received over 1,500 signatures in two weeks. Critics argue that there has been no consultation over the tree-removal programme. Kathryn Burkitt, an Abbeydale Park Rise resident who started the Save Dore Trees petition and group, said "It's absolutely shameful how the council are handling this situation. They haven't consulted the public at all. These trees are loved all year round, and especially with all the lights at Christmas and when they blossom in the spring."

Amey point out that they are under contract to the council to carry out specified works, and they are simply getting on with the task as specified in that contract.

Two interesting points emerged from our conversation with the Amey representative which readers may find helpful. If you are concerned that your hedge protrudes over the pavement because it is too thick; or your worry is that pavement renewals might damage the top of your paths or drive where they join the pavement, then Amey positively encourage you to contact them so that they can advise and help.

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Friends of Gillfield Wood Diary

OCTOBER

Sunday 4th Oct: Mammal Trapping Survey will be led by Val Clinging (Sorby Society) to see which small mammals have been caught overnight. We will meet at the end of Totley Hall Lane at 8.30am. Bring strong footwear and appropriate clothing. Trapped animals will be identified then released. This will take about 2 hours.

Monday 12th Oct: Member's Night Talk. An opportunity for members to ask questions about the forthcoming year and to offer their own suggestions as to what we might pursue. Prospective members are welcome. Meet in the Library, 7.30pm.

Sunday 18th Oct: Friends of Gillfield Wood practical conservation morning run with the help of the Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am at Baslow Road bus terminus. Refreshments, tools, etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. All levels of help required and guidance given. Do also check our website at www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com – any late changes of venue will be published there.

NOVEMBER

Monday 16th Nov: Talk by The Woodland Trust will take place in Totley Library starting at 7:30pm. The speaker will be Sarah Cooley (Campaigning Volunteer Coordinator of The Woodland Trust) who will present the need to campaign to save precious ancient woodland.

Saturday 21st Nov: Bird Walk by Chris Measures (Friends of Gillfield Wood). Meet by the Totley Hall entrance by 9:00am. Bring binoculars and cameras. If it rains overnight it is best to have strong shoes or boots.

Sunday 29th Nov: Friends of Gillfield Wood practical conservation morning run with the help of the Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am at Baslow Road bus terminus. Refreshments, tools, etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. All levels of help required and guidance given. Do also check our website at www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com – any late changes of venue will be published there.

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Letter to the Editor

Hello,

We live in the new build town houses on Green Oak Avenue. We moved in March of 2014 and have enjoyed every second of living here. Unfortunately however an incident which occurred between the 13th and 14th of September now has us worried.

We moved from Wincobank where we were the victims of vandalism against our vehicles and property on numerous occasions by so-called 'postcode gangs'. The S9 (Wincobank) gang was seemingly in constant battle with the S5 gang and we would find 'S9' around the local area on walls, bus shelters and unfortunately graffiti'd onto cars, including ours.

Thankfully the previous occasions were in white marker pen so with a little effort we could polish it off our vehicles. We saw it as these gangs marking their territory.

We felt secure we had left that type of behaviour behind. However our next door neighbour had 'S17' scratched into the boot lid of his car whilst parked on his drive - quite sizable lettering too.

Hopefully it is a one-off occurrence, but I will be vigilant and will keep an eye out for any suspicious activity, as we are nervous that this could be the beginning of some sort of campaign by someone locally.

I thought you might want to share this story with readers of Totley Independent to make them aware, and to be vigilant.

Thank you

Dan Caterer

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Friends of Gillfield Wood

Bird and Butterfly Walk, 1st August 2015

It is always exciting to see a Sparrowhawk, but a sleek male gliding through - and scattering - a flock of chattering Swallows is rather special. That is exactly what we experienced as we walked by the boundary wall of Woodthorpe Hall at the top of Shep's Hill. It caused much excitement amongst our group, the bird having appeared 'out of the blue', quite close and just above eye level, as we stood admiring the view over the fields that spread out in front of us to the south of Gillfield Wood. It was turning out to be a lovely walk, full of highlights.

The morning had started a little overcast when we met at 8.30 but as we walked away from the Scout Hut along the main path, our eyes turned skywards when we heard and then saw a small party of Swifts calling above the houses on our right, their streamlined bodies on stiff curved wings zipping backwards and forwards below the clouds. The Swift is one of our summer visitors and these were possibly getting ready, by feeding up, for the long flight south to their winter quarters in the southern half of Africa. We realised that this might be our last opportunity of seeing this species this year.



Shep's Hill (photo: Chris Measures)

Carrion Crows and Woodpigeons, Nuthatch and Robin were then noted as we worked our way along the path, each giving away their presence with calls. And then a group of Jackdaws drifted over our heads, their broad short grey necks clearly seen, and as they went they uttered 'kyack' 'kyack' to confirm identification! It was pleasing, as the clouds cleared and we remained in relative shelter from the light breeze, that one or two butterflies were starting to put in an appearance. Apart from Green-veined White, with dusting on the dark veins in the wings clearly showing, it was a great opportunity to compare the "browns". We had close views of Meadow Brown and Hedge Brown, or Gatekeeper as it is more commonly known. The Gatekeeper was noted as being smaller and brighter with more brown on the upperside of the wings, and it had the double white pupils in the black eye-spots on the forewings rather than the single pupil found in the eye-spots of the Meadow Brown. A Ringlet also showed well: the lovely pale edge to its dark velvety-brown wings were noted when it was resting with wings open, and then as if on cue it closed its wings to show the characteristic 'rings' on the undersides.

Then we walked on through Gillfield Wood. In a shady part of the wood a member of the orchid family, a Broad-leaved Helleborine, was pointed out for us to admire. It was standing erect - the small purple-tinged flowers were seen

to be just starting to open on the thin stem. This specimen stood 60cm high. Some can have up to 100 flowers on one spike. Then just a few metres away we closely inspected, on the edge of the wood in dappled sunlight, a delightful Field Maple tree; small, arched and gnarled, and to think, possibly over 300 years old....what stories it could tell.



Ringlet Butterfly (photo: Chris Measures)

On Shep's Hill more Meadow Brown butterflies were seen flying low in front of us over the long grass, whilst a Bullfinch was heard calling from the hawthorn bushes at the field edge. Then as we progressed further up the hill a Red Deer hind was spotted grazing in a nearby field to the west. She was facing away from us so we could see her pale rump as she gently worked her way along the side of a dry stone wall. And as we watched in silence another two hinds slowly appeared in the field below her. The sun was shining at this point, the grass was long and green around them, and a wild flower meadow lay between us. It was a perfect setting.

As we continued on our walk that took us by Fanshaw Gate Hall, at least two Buzzards were heard calling, and although they proved difficult to locate, one lucky member of the group managed to see one of them as it flew over the valley below us and out of sight. With the Hall's impressive old barn behind us we descended through the pastures below and it was here that a good number of butterflies were seen in flight, some settling on the flower heads of thistles. Small



Tortoiseshell Butterfly (photo: Chris Measures)

and Large Whites, plus colourful Peacocks and Small Tortoiseshells were observed with much enjoyment at close quarters.

Entering the wood, we turned on the main path for home, and soon we were hearing the distinctive call of young

Sparrowhawks which were out of the nest. They were moving about in the tops of the trees and making so much noise we were sure one of the adults had arrived with some food. And as we tried to get a good look at one of these birds of prey our attention was drawn to a tiny brown bird moving on the side of a tree just in front of us. It was a Treecreeper, edging its way up the trunk of a tall Larch, the clean white underside of the bird very noticeable against the bark of the tree. It delighted everyone. But the Sparrowhawks would have to wait until another day, as time was getting on.



Sparrowhawk (Library picture)

And so, finally, as we neared the end of our walk, yet another highlight, a fantastic White Letter Hairstreak was spotted with closed wings on the top of a tall Hogweed. The white "W" is the main identification feature on the underside of the hindwing of this tiny butterfly, which remained quite still as it fed, allowing close observation. Tiny, yes, about as big as a thumb nail. This species of butterfly associates with Elm trees and their suckers, and it is quite rare in our area. In fact this is the first year it has been seen on the edges of the wood as far as we are aware. A special butterfly to end a great walk which certainly exceeded our original expectations.

On October 4th we plan to do some small mammal trapping in the wood and after close inspection we will release these tiny creatures back into the wood they inhabit. And on November 21st there will be another opportunity for you to come on a Bird Walk. So please do join us - no experience necessary! Individuals and families will be made most welcome. You do not have to be a member of the FOGW group.

See our website www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com for more details regarding these events and read about the History of the Wood. It's fascinating, and Sally Goldsmith has promised to do another one of her excellent History Walks through the wood in the new year. As always, there is so much to look forward to!

Chris Measures

Holmesfield Church Walking Group

Shepley Spitfire Walk

On **Wednesday 7th October at 10am** Robin Greetham will lead a walk starting at the Shepley Spitfire pub at the bottom of Mickley Lane in Totley. We will up to Woodthorpe Hall, then Fanshaw Gate Hall where we will have coffee provided by Mr and Mrs Ramsden. We then go on to Storth House, Gillifield Wood and back to the pub. Lunch (optional) will be at the pub. The cost of the walk is £3 and the proceeds will go Holmesfield Church Restoration Fund.

If you would like to come just turn up on the day. The walk is approximately 4 miles long. If you have any queries please phone Robin on 01246 412767.

Councillor Surgeries

Liberal Democrats:

2nd Monday in the month 6.00-7.00 pm, Totley Library, Baslow Road and 2nd Saturday in the month, 10.30 am to 12.00 noon, Dore Old School Hall, Savage Lane, Dore.

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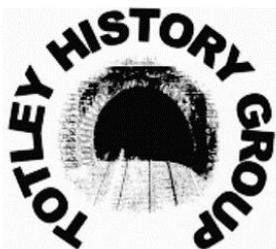
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Totley History Group

Programme 2015

Meetings take place at Totley Library at 7.30pm

Oct.28th Open Meeting around World War Two artefacts and memories.

Nov. 25th The Mystery Box - Leo and Malcolm Leader.

Dec.16th **A change to the programme:** The Sheffield Folk Chorale together with guests York Waits are performing an evening of winter songs and music. Arrangements for transport will be made nearer the time but it should be an enjoyable start to the Christmas festivities with an historical theme. Ecclesall Church, 7.30pm

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Gardening Tips for October and November

We had a good show on Saturday 5th September, although it was a bit sparse in some categories. We could have done with a few more entries in the children's section, and the onions and leeks had only one entry. I admit I did not enter, as my onion and leek seedlings failed to come good and there was not enough time to replace them. But I did get a first in the longest runner bean! I also put in a large marrow - it was the only one! I expected to be beaten as it was not very heavy.

In the domestic section, the people who stayed for the auction had some real bargains with jams, lemon curd and chutneys keeping the bidding going. My Dundee cake contributed well to the takings! Rony did a stalwart job and entertained the bidders with his comedy routine. Everyone seemed to enjoy the show, and I hope the people who didn't enter this year will be encouraged have a go next year and make the show even better.

The garden is still quite colourful as I write (September 12th). I have put out the ginger lilies this year and they have flowered OK, as you can see from the photo below. I thought it might be a bit cold for them as I have only had them in the greenhouse before but the flowers seem to have lasted longer and the bees and moths love them. I suspect that the lovely scent they give off has attracted them. The hydrangeas are still looking good. We have four different types. One has grown rather large and it might have to be reduced in the spring. I know one thing about them - they are very thirsty plants. I suppose that is the 'hydra' bit of their name coming into play.

As the ponds are now devoid of fish, the nets have been removed. We see a bit more wildlife: a dragonfly was seen flying around yesterday, though whether it came from the pond or was just visiting I can't be sure.

The frogs and newts seem to be enjoying having the place to themselves. I have not seen any small frogs about - I know the newts eat tadpoles. I don't know whether they ate the lot or they escaped into the garden. I hope some of them made it, and are currently eating slugs and snails, fattening themselves for the winter.

I have a lot of pruning to do on the apple cordons. They are putting out shoots which are getting too long. I try to keep them to within 12 inches of the main trunk, as I was advised when I bought them, and it seems to have paid off over the years. The Worcester Pearmain are really sweet this year, but I have yet to try the ten others as they ripen later. I might be trying them as you read this (Mmm delicious). I bought mainly varieties that are not available in the shops. They are all very nice but very often they have a rest year, which I suppose is why they are not very commercial. But we enjoy them when they do fruit (and so do our friends).

Well, I must get on with the pruning, and polishing the eagle and the chickens - all this activity takes time!

Don't forget the show next year! Try your best to encourage the new volunteers to keep it going as they come up with new ideas. Watch this space for hints and advice on showing!

October

Flowers: Order roses ready for planting next month. Prepare beds for spring plantings, removing summer bedding and forking over the soil, adding a dressing of fertilizer.

Herbaceous plants can be put in now, except in exposed gardens which are best left till Spring. Lift and divide Michaelmas daises and other herbaceous plants which have outgrown their allotted space. Tender plants which have been outdoors must be lifted and placed indoors; and begonia tubers must be lifted, dried off and stored in a cool frost-free place.

Summer bulbs must be lifted or covered with mulch before the frost comes. Keep newly planted plants well-watered during any dry spells. Plant out spring-flowering bulbs (narcissi, lilies, daffodils and crocus). Hold tulips and hyacinth until the end of the month. Don't forget if you are into planting forget-me-nots, polyanthus and primulas with spring bulbs the plants go in first.

Dahlias can be lifted when the frost has blackened the tops. You needn't wait for that if the ground is required for planting - lift them carefully with a fork, cut down the stems to about 6-9" above the tuber, and lay them with stalks downwards in a frost-free place. 10 days or so later the tubers may be cleaned, cutting away any damaged roots or doubtful pieces, and dusted with flowers of sulphur - and don't forget to label them.

Vegetables Dig vacant ground as crops are cleared. Plant out spring cabbage in firm soil, earth up leeks and celery for the last time, cut marrows and hang them in nets in a cool dry place. Remove any discoloured leaves from brassicas, put onions in store by roping them or in nets, inspect regularly and remove any suspect bulbs. Keep the hoe going around all growing crops. Watch out for pests and deal with them before they are established.

Turnips can be lifted and tops screwed off. Store them in sand, or you could leave some in the ground and use the tops as an alternative vegetable, cooking as for spinach. Make sure brussels sprouts are well supported - it would be a shame to lose them having got this far. All root crops other than parsnips, swedes and Jerusalem artichokes should be lifted and stored. Store potatoes in a dark well-ventilated frost-proof place - if they are stored in heat they will begin to sprout.

Trees Fruit and Shrubs: Hardwood cuttings of gooseberries and blackcurrants can be taken now, inserting 9" to 10" cuttings 6" deep in a sheltered position outdoors. Peaches should be sprayed at leaf-fall with lime sulphur against leaf curl. Cut out any dead or crossing branches from trees and bushes, and paint any cuts larger than a half-inch diameter with arbrex. Don't forget to inspect any fruit in store and dismiss any doubtful apples and pears; pick any fruit still on the trees before they are dashed by weather, and remember to limit the new growth of raspberries to 6 to 8 canes per plant. Make sure all cordon trees are well-supported and the ties are not fraying.

Evergreen shrubs and trees should be planted by mid month, hardwood cuttings can be taken from shrubby plants. Give established shrubs and trees a mulch of manure or compost, working it into the soil with a dressing of bone meal. If the weather prevents the planting of newly-delivered trees and shrubs, undo the packaging and stand them in a dry shed until the weather breaks, covering the roots with straw or sacking which must be kept damp.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: Remove all traces of shading from the greenhouse. If you have had trouble with pests clear the greenhouse and fumigate with smoke cones and wash down with disinfectant. Any tender plants that have been left out should be brought inside or the frost will kill them: a minimum temperature of 4 - 7 degrees C (39-

45 degrees F) should be maintained. Cineraria is a bit temperamental - it will collapse if allowed to dry out or go soggy so watch out. Bring in primula abconica from the frame - this plant can affect sensitive skins so gardeners beware. Pot on schizanthus to larger pots, as they don't like to be pot-bound. Grapes which are slow to ripen can be hurried along by removing more leaves around the bunches. A final batch of viola and pansy cuttings may be put in pots in the cold frame.

Gradually cut down watering on fuchsias, but do not let them dry out completely. Treat cyclamen to a fortnightly feed. Watch the temperature, don't forget a sunny winter's day can soon raise the temperatures to over 100 degrees F - and this can be devastating to resting plants.

Lawns: Carry out any final repairs, rake and scarify, brush over with a fine compost and treat with autumn, winter lawn fertilizer. This will give you a fine green sward in the spring.

November

Flowers: Tidy up herbaceous borders, cutting off dead or dying leaves and stems, and dig over any vacant plots. If you have not

fed the ground recently then a good dusting of bone meal will work wonders - work it into the top 2 inches of soil and the worms will do the rest. It is a good time to half-prune roses, which stops the wind from rocking them. You can prune them down properly in the spring when the frost has done its worst. It is also a good time for planting roses. Dig a large enough hole to spread the roots in a natural formation, and fork a bit of bonemeal or better still rose fertiliser into the bottom of the hole (but don't let the roots lay directly on the bonemeal). Fill up the hole making sure there are no air pockets, firm them in well but leave the final 2 inches or so loose.

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

Vegetables: Clear any plots of old veg and roughly dig over leaving the clods big so that the frost can get to them. This is one way the frost helps the gardener in breaking down clay soils and killing off any nasties. Stake up brussels sprouts and broccoli, removing any yellowing leaves. Cover any green crops with netting or fleece to protect from birds, watch out for the dreaded slugs and deal with them pronto. Keep the old hoe busy elimin-

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

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

Greenhouse and Indoor

Plants: If you have not already done so, give your greenhouse a good fettle, removing all dying plants and any other debris that is lying around. Give the glass a good wash with greenhouse cleaner, making sure none goes on the plants; and fix up the insulation. One of the most important things at this time is getting a nice balance of temperature and ventilation. The temperature on a sunny day can reach 100 deg F which would build up quite a damp atmosphere if adequate ventilation is not provided. Most plants do not like it. So keep a wary eye open and try to avoid these conditions. If you are a summer greenhouse gardener when the greenhouse is empty in the winter (shame on you) then a good wash down with Jeyes or similar is all that is required, and do not store tools etc in the greenhouse, as this reduces their life quite considerably.

Cyclamen and winter flowering primulas are ready to come into flower and will benefit from a feed once a fortnight. Remember that calceolarias must be quite dry

before they are watered - this rule applies to most pot plants except those that are in full flower or those that are growing rapidly in a heated greenhouse. Seedlings and cuttings should be kept on a shelf as near to the glass as possible. Plant indoor lilies, gladioli and hyacinth to flower in spring (you see! There is no need to have an empty greenhouse!)

Prune flowering maple, musk, fuchsias, oleander and plumbago. Try to keep the atmosphere moist around indoor plants, especially those near radiators etc, by placing them in a tray of damp pebbles (or glass chips which look a bit posher) and spray-mist them occasionally (except for the hairy leafed specimens). Do not over-water plants at this time, and avoid spilling water about in the greenhouse and cold frames.

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

Cheerio for now,

Tom



Totley Primary School

Judged Outstanding by Ofsted Eight Years After Special Measures!

This has happened eight years after being judged inadequate and being placed in Special Measures. In 2007, Inspectors deemed the school to be underperforming. However, on the last week of the 2015 summer term, they returned to give school leaders and governors the news that the hard work of improvement over the years had paid off!

Back in 2007, the school was judged to be failing the children of Totley. Issues around achievement and low expectations meant that the school was placed into Special Measures. Chris Stewart arrived at Totley as Deputy Head in 2007 to improve the school, alongside the previous Headteacher, Angela Lant. "It was obvious there was a lot to do to turn the school around but the support of the Governors, parents, staff and pupils meant that within 5 terms, the school was performing well."

Angela and Chris introduced some key improvements to behaviour and the quality of teaching which led to it being taken out of special measures with a 'good' judgement. However, the school continued to build on its successes and 5 years after being judged 'good', and with Chris about to move on to his new headship post at Hallam Primary School, the school came under the scrutiny of Ofsted once more and succeeded in achieving the 'outstanding' judgement they had worked so hard for.

Chris, now two weeks into a new headship at Hallam primary school, was thrilled to end his time at Totley on such a positive note: "The news that the inspectors were coming was a bit of a shock in the last week of term but I was confident the inspectors would be impressed. The children, staff, governors and whole school community have pulled together to make Totley the fantastic primary it is and we were proud to show the Ofsted inspectors how far we have come". "It was a brilliant way to break up for the summer term and for me personally, a great way to end my time at the school. The year or so we spent in Special Measures was very difficult for everyone but, initially under the leadership of Angela Lant, we introduced the changes we felt would lead us to become outstanding. I feel very proud to have been Headteacher at the school."

Nicola Wileman has now taken over as Headteacher at Totley and was in the role of Head of School during the Inspection. She too has experienced the journey Totley has been through and was over the moon at the outcome. She explained why Totley is such a great place to work: "The children at Totley are amazing. They consistently demonstrate outstanding behaviours and make working here such fun. The staff are very dedicated to our families and regularly go above and beyond to ensure our children receive the best possible education that they can. It's always a little nerve-wracking when our Ofsted visitors arrive, but we have achieved so much to be proud of that we were excited to show them the impact of the changes we have made"

Now working as part of the Mercia Learning Trust, Totley is looking forward to sharing good practice with other schools and continually looks forward to see what is next. "I am so excited to be entrusted with this school for the next part of its journey" says Nicola Wileman. "As I look back to where it started, I couldn't be more proud of where it has come."

Ben Paxman Assistant Head Teacher

Speed Camera latest

The Speed camera Partnership has noted a general reduction in speeding on Baslow Road during the day, but there are still more offenders during mornings. They will be carrying out another survey soon, to compare this year's figures with last year's.

Recently a man in a pub challenged me about 'my' speed cameras. He had just been booked for offending twice in one day – at a cost, at the new rate, of £100 for each offence. Why did he not take the speed awareness course, I ask? Anything to do with only being allowed to do one course in three years? He didn't seem very interested in the fact that we have had at least four accidents, and two deaths on this road, both being caused by excess speed. (In one case, only the driver was involved in the incident).

And a lady went to a Parish Council meeting in a Derbyshire village, to complain about excess speeds through the village. She admits however that she has just been booked for driving at 38mph in Totley – she was sure it was 40mph limit.

The latest figures are

July: 280

August: 209

September: 74 to date

Of these, 145 are from the S17 postcode area. Offenders from S17 are seen throughout the day, with no concentration either early in the morning or into the evening.

Roger Hart

Recently Spotted



Wednesday morning open house

At Dore and Totley URC, 10 am to 11.30 am

Call in for a drink and chat on Wednesday mornings at the United Reformed Church on Totley Brook Road

Stay for a midweek service at 11.30 if you wish - or a sandwich lunch on the first Wednesday of each month (sandwiches ordered from Totley Deli in advance)

All welcome

Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

All in all we've had a very successful year and made an overall profit with help of Society social events and concerts. Such has not always been the case, so it is a big thank you to all who have supported us at the show or any of the other events. All three concerts we gave over the summer were filled with fun and a wide variety of music from the Beatles to Mozart via Eric Clapton and George Gershwin (as well as some Gilbert & Sullivan) and were very well received with lots of plaudits. Our next outing is to be in The City Hall Ballroom on Saturday, October 24th in the afternoon as part of a Classical Sheffield Concert with five other local musical groups: it should be fun. After that will be our usual December Concert in Dore Methodist Church at 2:30pm on Saturday December 19th. You be able to get tickets (£7 each) from me (tel 0114 2362299) from about October onwards. Don't leave it too late as last year was sold out!

As many of you will know, in 2014 we performed *The Merry Widow* by Franz Lehár and next year's show will be another non-G&S operetta. It will be "Orpheus in the Underworld" by Offenbach (which includes the famous "Can-Can"). We are pleased to announce that we will be ably assisted by Kate Riley and some of her girls from the Dore School of Performance Arts. We can't wait. I'll keep you posted with further information regarding the show in later editions of this magazine.

We feel that we can no longer survive as a society solely performing Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. It is sad to say but many youngsters have never heard of Gilbert and Sullivan even though it is a big part of our English musical heritage. Because of these diversions from G&S, the Society

recently discussed whether we should change our name from Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society to a one which reflected a more eclectic mix of shows but after much discussion and some feedback from outside the Society it was decided that we would stick with the name we currently have for the time being. It was said that we are known for presenting quality shows under that name and would not want to give the impression that the Society had folded and reformed.

The Gilbert & Sullivan operettas will, of course, still form the major part of our repertoire. One consequence of utting on other shows is that most of them are still subject to a performance fee (the G&S operettas, being out of copyright, have no such downside). This fee can be quite onerous so we have no alternative but to increase our ticket prices for the show. We will keep any increase as low as possible so we hope that it will not put you off coming to see us!

Whatever we might be called in the future we all hope that you will continue to support us regardless of the shows we present and that you all continue to come to our concerts which will always be filled with fun and good music. We hope to see you on December 19th but if not have a happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

The photo below features Jo Hutchesson, Angela Wade, and Katherine Parkin being 'Three Little Maids from School' in our Dore production.

Derek Habberjam



A Nature Walk for Children and Families – a Library event!

Organised by Jill Hnat

A small group of children, with accompanying adults, gathered excitedly in the library, writing down what they hoped to see on their Nature Walk. "Trees", "Flowers", "Butterfly" and then there was "Frog" - now that would be a challenge!



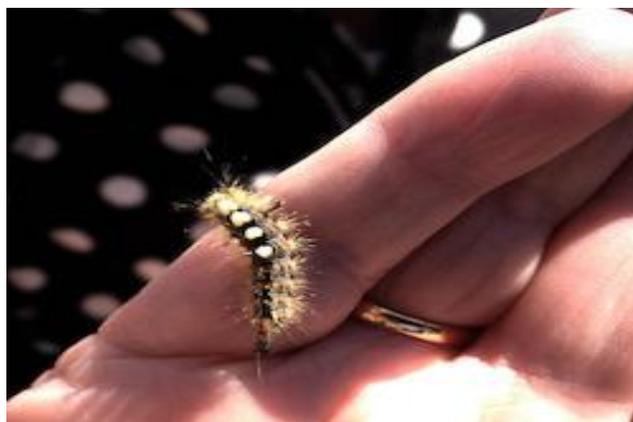
It was sunny, so walking into Green Oak Park and standing next to a bed of wildflowers produced an explosion of bright colours to meet the eye. Bees and hoverflies were in abundance. The soft leaves of Lamb's Ear were there to be gently touched and lavender was at its best to be smelt.

At this point a caterpillar appeared in someone's hand - it had hitched a ride on their collar. Its tufts, hairs and colours amazed the children, It was a caterpillar of the moth the Vapourer. It proved an ideal time for the children also to be shown an empty chrysalis. This had been brought along for their close inspection and it was pointed out to them where a Peacock Butterfly had recently emerged from the hole in the end. Amazement all around!

The leaves on some trees in the park were then compared, from rowan to sycamore, from ash to beech. Then the supply of food, in the trees and on the ground, in the form of berries and beech mast for birds and mammals, was pointed out and discussed. By now the children were really 'into it' and one girl heard a bird singing - it was a goldfinch on a television aerial - so the importance of listening was emphasised, whilst a young boy pointed out a butterfly as we passed by a buddleia. One of the adults remarked that the children were noticeably growing in confidence.

Near the Scout Hut a number of butterflies were on the wing, seeking out their food plants, and those that settled gave some of the group the opportunity to compare the different colours and patterns on the wings. Sometimes they landed too far away or too high up for the young ones to get good views, but one obliging Comma butterfly did at least land with open wings low down for all to admire its rich markings and the remarkable scalloped edges to its wings. And then a Small Skipper butterfly put in a brief appearance to show off its tiny size.

A male sparrowhawk was then spotted gliding quietly over the tops of nearby trees, and shortly afterwards a Great Spotted Woodpecker flew overhead demonstrating its undulating flight. So much to hear and see in the area - it was difficult to know whether to look up or down, but one sharp eyed girl pointed out a tiny 2 Spot Ladybird which was an excellent find for all to admire.



On the main path all the children could see and appreciate a Southern Hawker Dragonfly in flight, hunting, twisting and turning. Then it was observed at rest, hanging from the outer edges of a bush, with its wings outstretched. Its dynamic shape and colours were there for all to see.

The children then had the chance to 'hug a tree', their small hands tentatively touching the rugged bark. Their eyes stared upwards through the branches of the huge oak tree standing by the brook, as they tried to get their heads around the fact that the tree could be at least 300 years old. They were asked to compare this with the small, perhaps three-year-old oak sapling that they had been shown in the library car park earlier.

As we stood by the old oak tree, interesting aspects of natural history relating to and found in the brook were explained by Paul Hancock, of Friends of Gillfield Wood, whilst he pointed out different features and specimens on the undersides of rocks picked out of the brook. A few metres further on an umbrella was suddenly produced, but no, it had not started to rain. With the umbrella open and inverted and held in place, the lower branches of another oak tree were given a good shake by some of the children and a variety of insects dropped into it. This produced another highlight, for all the children to see up close, two harvestmen that were seen to stride purposefully with bodies raised on their long legs.

Before we knew it, it was time to return to the library after a very rewarding two hours. But on the way back we



stopped outside a very interesting front garden where, much to everyone's amusement, an extra bird was added to the list, a (stone) penguin. and there just above it was a smiling frog!! Yes, a stone one, but all agreed on 'Mission Accomplished'..... children enjoying nature in all its forms and having fun together and outside. What could be better!

Chris Measures

The Bee Cause

Why bees?

They may be tiny but bees are essential to a healthy environment and healthy economy. We rely on them and other insects to pollinate most of our fruit and vegetables.

Bees pollinate 75% of our main food crops – including many favourites like strawberries, apples and tomatoes. In fact scientists estimate that it would cost £1.8 billion each year to pollinate plants without bees.

Bees are vital to wildlife, plants and crops - they help keep the balance of the environment as a whole. Without bees the entire food chain as we know it is under threat.

The plight of the humble bee

But bees are vanishing from Britain and they need our help. They are hungry and homeless. The wildflower meadows where they gather nectar and pollen are disappearing, and so are the places where they nest. In fact we've lost 98% of our vital wildflower meadows in the past 60 years.

The facts are frightening. 20 bee species in Britain have already become extinct. And a quarter of the remaining UK bee species are on the Red List of threatened species.

It's not just bees that are in danger – humans depend on bees too, perhaps more than we've realised.

Thankfully it's not too late. The bees can be saved but we must act NOW.

The Bee Cause

Friends of the Earth has already persuaded the Government to launch a National Pollinator Strategy, thanks to the support of thousands of bee-lovers. It's a great start to tackling the decline of pollinating insects. But we need to do more to save British bees from extinction.



We're asking people to make their gardens, streets and communities bee-friendly. We also need your help to persuade the Government to demonstrate their commitment to bees with bold and urgent action. Here's some of the really easy ways you can help:

Get involved locally

Did you know there's a Sheffield Friends of the Earth group? Find out more about what they're doing to help bees, including creating a wild flower bee meadow at Burngreave Cemetery. Visit www.sheffieldfoe.co.uk or contact coordinator John on 0796 336 9169 or john.wilson@foe.co.uk

Create a Bee & Bee

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Find further details, plus more bee-friendly actions and resources at www.foe.co.uk/bees

Right now, people all over the country are working together to save our bees – and you can too. **Will you join the generation that saves our British bees?**

Rita Marcangelo

Silver Line

For those with limited mobility or who are housebound, contact with the outside world can be difficult. Silver Line is the only confidential telephone helpline providing free information, friendship and advice to older people, open 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Established in August 2011 by Dame Esther Rantzen DBE their leaflets explain that for people in later life there is no need to be alone, you can tell them how you feel and express feelings about your life with complete honesty knowing that your call is treated in the strictest confidence. Silver Line always trust and respect your privacy but if you feel vulnerable, neglected or abused, then with your permission, they will guide you to organisations that will help. Silver Line work with safeguarding organisations like Action on Elder Abuse and local safeguarding teams.



They stress no problem is too big or too small. If you are home alone or feel you have no-one to turn to, do not struggle with loneliness. Even if all you need is information or advice, pick up the phone. Silver Line will be there for you.

Landline calls are free on 0800 470 8090 and mobile phone calls are available at a local rate on 0300 470 8090.

Totley Scouts

In the last week of July the annual Scout camp was held at Three Cliffs Bay in the Gower, South Wales. On the first full day at camp it rained, but most of the Scouts still braved a dip in the sea. Fortunately for the rest of the week the weather was kind. They spent a day at the Gower Heritage Centre where some Scouts were put in the stocks and met Captain Jack Sparrow. On other days they were canoeing and paddle-boarding on the sea, walking some of the local countryside and geocaching. The Scouts walked to nearby



Rossili and popped over to Worms Head, getting back before the tide covered the causeway. The last day was spent on the beach playing cricket and having a final swim in the sea. Spare time was filled with rounders, cricket, football, wide games and camp fires. I would like to thank the Leaders for giving up a week of their time so that the Scouts and Explorers could enjoy a fun packed week.

All the leaders, together with assistants and other helpers, are now rested after the summer and into another programme of events for the children. We have a wide variety of events planned including shooting, archery, camp fires, hiking, orienteering, cooking, survival skills, climbing and good old fashioned games, as well as many others.

Before the holidays, Cubs were earning funds for a donation to the new ensuite wards being built at Sheffield Children's Hospital. At the last count they had raised £311.70, with more still to come in. So, well done to all the Cubs!

Our next Antique Fair is on Saturday 17th October at St Johns Abbeydale Church Hall. Doors open 10 am to 4.30 pm. Refreshments and lunches will be served all day to keep visitors going while browsing the stalls. Please come along to support our fund raising.

The whole group will be on parade at All Saints Church for Remembrance Sunday on the 8th November. With our ever growing number of children, we are expecting another record turnout.

All our sections are full at the moment. We are being asked to take many more boys and girls into the Group, but are unable to do so and we are having to turn them away. Although the valuable army of adult helpers that comes along regularly is important, it is essential that we have more Warranted Leaders. If we can get more adults to commit to taking on a Warrant, then activities like the ones above, plus weekly meetings can continue, as well as being able give places to all the boys and girls that want to enjoy Scouting.

Please take a look at our job advert if you are 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.

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

215th (1st Totley) Scout Group

Due to a recent change in leadership we are URGENTLY seeking to recruit some new leaders to our thriving Scout Group. In particular we need:

Cub Scout Leader
Scout Leader
Group Scout Leader

All of these roles are very rewarding and we have a great group of enthusiastic boys and girls who love coming along every week to enjoy all the activities that Scouting has to offer.

Do you think you could help us?

All of the above roles could be done as a 'job share'. Maybe your expertise lies in the paperwork side of things, maybe you are more hands on and enjoy the practical activities that Scouting has to offer. We can offer lots of help and support if Scouting is new to you. All you need is enthusiasm and a willingness to learn and have fun.

If you feel you could help us out with any of the above, or indeed know of someone who might be interested please get in touch.

If you would like to find out more about what the different roles entail we would be very happy to talk to you.

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What's on at the Library



Community Cinema to launch at Totley Library

On 4th October it will be one year since the new community charity Totley CRIC, re-opened the doors of Totley Library with our volunteers. It has taken a lot of hard work and dedication by our amazing volunteers to get us to this significant milestone and on behalf of the trustees our thanks go out to every one of you. This would not have been possible without the help of many other local people, businesses and organisations and we are very thankful to you all for the support you have given to our new charity. On page X you can see photos of some of our highlights from the previous year and a list of our supporters that have made this possible. It just shows what we can achieve by working together.

We are very excited to announce that Totley CRIC has been awarded nearly £6,000 by Postcode Community Trust, a grant-giving charity, funded entirely by players of People's Postcode Lottery to set up a Community Cinema at Totley Library. The funding has been used to purchase equipment needed including a high definition projector, blackout blinds and giant eleven foot screen.

The Community Cinema aims to offer two films per month, one for adults and one for children, with a range of films including latest DVD releases, classics, and seasonal titles. Refreshments will be on sale. Tickets cost £3 adults and £2 children, available in advance from the library.

The first showings will be on Sunday 18th October at 2pm (children's film), Friday 30th October at 7.30pm (adult Halloween themed film), Sunday 15th November at 2pm (children's film), Friday 27th November at 7.30pm (adults' film) and Sunday 13th December at 2pm (children's film). Due to the restrictions of our licence we cannot publicise which films we are showing, however you can find out which films will be on by checking posters in the library or by joining our Facebook group "Totley Library Cinema".

Our programme of community fundraising events kicks off this autumn on Friday 9th October at 7pm with "The Best Medicine", an evening of laughter with comedian Jan Flamanck. Tickets cost £8 (£5 Friends of Totley CRIC) and are available in advance or on the door. Then as part of the Off the Shelf Festival we will be showing a film and talk of the very popular Boots, Fresh Air and Ginger Beer walking theatre performance on Thursday 29th October at 7.30pm at Totley Library. Tickets cost £5 (£3 Friends of Totley CRIC) on the door. More information about upcoming events at Totley library can be found on our website www.totleycric.org.uk/events

We have some new language classes that have started at Totley Library. On Mondays Dominique is offering French classes to pre-school and primary aged children. Classes cost £4.50 per class and times are 10am toddlers and babies, 3.40pm reception and year 1, 4.10pm years 2 to 4 and 4.40pm years 5 to 6. Contact Dominique on 07952 171 461 to find out more and to book (your first session is free). You can also visit www.speaque.co.uk for more information.

On Monday evenings from 7.00-8.30pm Katy is running a six-week beginners Spanish course where you will learn

enough vocabulary to be able to hold a discussion around the most common subjects. You will also learn everything you need to get yourself through your next holiday abroad! Price: £97.00, class material included, and £10 discount for signing up on taster class. Book via www.espanolonthego.com or by calling 07835 287602. Running subject to sufficient demand

On page 19 you can see some photos of some of the great events supporting the Library over the last twelve months.

Last but not least for now: we would particularly like to express our thanks to the following people and organisations for their fantastic support for the Library and all its activities:

Totley Residents Association
Totley Open Gardens
Totley Music Festival
Friends of Gillfield Woods
Totley History Group
Door to Dore
Totley Independent
Bradway Bugle
Dore and Totley Neighbourhood Watch
Local Authority Partnership
Totley All Saints Church
Dore and Totley United Reform Church
Totley Methodist Church
Cross Scythes Pub
Rendezvous Café
Nick Clegg MP
Ruskin in Sheffield
Off the Shelf Festival
Voluntary Action Sheffield
People's Postcode Lottery
Social Investment Business
Dore Male Voice Choir
Sally Goldsmith
Rony Robinson
Alan Biggs
Jan Flamanck
Ukeshire Relish

Natasha Watkinson

Regular events and meetings at the Library:

Monday:

French for children – see article above.
Spanish for beginners, 7.00 – 8.00 (see article above)
Readers Book Group, every first Monday, 1.30 – 2.45 pm
Councillor Surgery, every two weeks, 7.00 – 9.00 pm

Tuesday:

Basic ITC Sessions, 10am – 12 noon. To book, phone Heeley Development Trust on 0114 250 0613.
Craft Group, 2.00 – 4.00pm
Poetry Group, last Tuesday in month, 7.00 – 9.00 pm

Wednesday:

Coffee Morning, 10.30 – 12 noon
Toddler Story Time, 10.30 – 11.30 Craft activities, singing and stories.
Health Walk, 10-30 – 12 noon. One short and one longer ranger-led walk. Tea, coffee and biscuits in library afterwards.
Totley History Group, occasional Wednesdays 7.30 onwards.
Talks on matters of historical interest. Check posters in library, the *Independent Diary*, or www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

Thursday:

Friends of Gillfield Wood, occasional Thursdays, 7.30 pm onwards. Talks on local nature and conservation. See posters, the *Independent Diary*, or www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com

Totley Library one year on: here are some highlights of the first year of our running the library for everyone in Totley!

Clockwise from top left: some of the team of trustees and volunteers at the re-opening of the Library; Avril Critchley at work at the plant sale in May 2015; a library event just wouldn't be right without home-made cakes!; and no Totley event would be complete without a Library book stall – a regular money-spinner!; our favourite bear; and the fantastic sessions for children are one of the many things that make the Library team so proud!





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There will be cake and coffee.

Proceeds to Cavendish Cancer Care Centre



World War II in Totley

Do you have any memories, family stories or photographs of Totley in WWII?

Totley History Group invites you to share these at their meeting on Wednesday October 28th at 7.30 in the Library

Transport can be arranged by ringing Pauline Burnett - telephone 2352344

Leonard Cheshire Disability

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For further details from our friendly team contact Dave Tagg volunteer co-ordinator Mickley Hall, on 0114 2369952 or dave.tagg@leonardcheshire.org


Tristan Swain

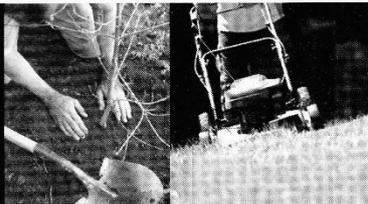
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There have been a few young hedgehogs seen around White Lane and Mickley Lane allotments recently. This means hedgehogs are breeding there which is good news, especially as the hedgehog population has declined by a third in the last ten years. On the other hand, several have been ailing or dead and I'm keen that we gardeners can help these lovely mammals survive, so please don't use slug pellets. Hedgehogs are great at eating your slugs but this means they eat the poisonous pellets too. Instead look at www.slugoff.co.uk for ideas!

It's good to have an untidy area – piles of leaves, branches



- to encourage them to hibernate or sleep in your garden but remember to check piles of wood, bonfire or compost heaps, and long grass before strimming, for sleeping hedgehogs. Leave gaps in your fences for hedgehogs to wander from garden to garden. Store netting off the ground or make sure they can crawl underneath so they don't get tangled in it – this was definitely the cause of one hedgehog death. Provide a shallow ramp in your pond so that hedgehogs can get out. Don't feed bread and milk – dry cat food is good. Also, please leave out drinking water in hot weather. If you do all this and get healthy hedgehogs you won't have a big slug problem!

Visit <http://www.hedgehogstreet.org> for more information.

Sally Goldsmith

Letter to the Editor

From Nigel Watson

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my customers over the past 12 years for their loyal support and business. Unfortunately due to shoulder problems I have had to stop working as a Joiner/Carpenter.

However, on the plus side, I have a new career having qualified as an Approved Driving Instructor. I have been driving for 35 years, 20 of which have been as an Advanced Driver with the Institute Of Advanced Motorists. I am passionate about road safety and am eager to pass this information onto young drivers who are starting out, or any driver who wants a refresher course. I can help with particular difficulties that you may want to improve on.

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Once again, thanks to all my ex-customers, and I look forward to hearing from new customers regarding driving lessons. I can be contacted on 0114 2364778 or 07506 537681. Look out for my new ad in this issue! My email address is nigelmwatson@googlemail.com

THE 30th TOTLEY SHOW RESULTS September 2015

Overall Best in Show: Richard Howe for his Wood Sculpture

HANDICRAFTS: Best of Class: Mary Andrews

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
1. Hand Knitted Garment	Mary Andrews	Susan Ashmore	Mary E Robinson
2. Decorative Cushion	Susan Ashmore	Pauline Perkinton	Pamela Challis
3. Soft Toys	Pamela Challis	Hannah Corbey	Hannah Corbey
4. Tapestry	Hannah Corbey		
5. Cross Stitch	Claire Rose	Mary Andrews	Pamela Challis
6. Collage, any medium	Mary Andrews		
7. Greeting Cards	Mary Andrews	Catherine Wrigglesworth	Mary Andrews
8. Quilting/Patchwork	Susan Ashmore	Pamela Challis	Alison Harris

DOMESTIC SECTION: Best of Class: Chris Scott

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
9. Victoria Sandwich	Claire Rose	Daniel Whiteley	Dorothy Firth
10. Dundee Cake	Liz Hayden	Claire Rose	Tom Steel
11. Carrot Cake	Sandra Doyle	Daniel Whiteley	Barbara O'Connor
12. 5 Biscuits.	Chris Scott	Barbara O'Connor	Sandra Doyle
13. 3 Scones	Lynda Liddle	Daniel Whiteley	Barbara O'Connor
14. Apple Pie	Barbara O'Connor		
15. Jam	Duncan Froggatt	Duncan Froggatt	Claire Rose
16. Lemon Curd	Chris Scott	Mary Robinson	Christine Steel
17. Marmalade	Rebekah Newman	Christine Steel	Chris Caroe
18. Chutney	Pauline Burnet	Pauline Burnet	Liz Hayden

FLORAL SECTION: Best of Class: Pamela Challis

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
19. Floral arrangement- Jubilee 18"high, 10"*10"	Pamela Challis	Alison Harris	Pamela Challis
20. 3 cut Flowers	Pauline Perkinton	Pauline Perkinton	Bryan Andrews
22. Flowering in a pot	Pamela Challis		

FRESH PRODUCE: Best of Class: Chris Caroe

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
23. 4 Eating Apples	Martin Challis	Mr. J B Hammond	Tom Steel
24. 4 Cooking Apples	D O'Conner	C. Caroe	Tom Steel
25. 8 Blackberries	C. Caroe	J. Camerteras	D. Firth
26. 4 Matching Potatoes	C. Caroe		
27. 3 Matching Leeks	C. Caroe		
28. 3 Matching Onions	R. Newman		
29. 5 Matching Runner Beans	N. Hayden	R. Farnsworth	C. Wrigglesworth
30. 5 Tomatoes	Tom Steel	J. Perkinton	R. Farnsworth
31. 1 Cucumber	B. Andrews		
32. 3 Courgettes	C. Caroe		
33. Largest Onion			
34. Heaviest Marrow	Tom Steel		
35. Longest Runner Bean	Tom Steel	R. Farnsworth	R. Wrigglesworth B. Andrews
36. 3 Eggs	M. Griffiths	C. Caroe	R. Farnsworth

ART: Best of Class: Tina Warwick

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
37. Oil Acrylic Painting	Valeria Wrigglesworth	Lionel Boniface	David Corbett
38 Water Colour	Tina Warwick	Tina Warwick	Valeria Wrigglesworth
39. Pen & Ink Sketch	Mr. J. B. Hammond		
40. Pencil Sketch	Andy Meaker	Emma Caroe	David Caroe
41. Open Multi Media	Hannah Corbey		
42. Upcycled Art,/ Sculpture	Barry Mettam	Mel Camerteras	Barry Mettam
43 Sculpture any medium	Pamela Challis		

PHOTOGRAPHY: Best of Class: Robert Edwards

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
44. Black and White	Robert Edwards	John Elliot	Chris Doyle
45. Creative	Robert Edwards	Frank Donnelly	Tom Steel
46. Wildlife	Terry Nash	Chris Caroe	Robert Edwards
47. Landscape	Chris Caroe	Dorothy Firth	Les Firth

WOODWORK Best of Class: Andrew Rose

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
48. Wood Turning	Andrew Rose		
50. Wood Sculpture	Richard Howe	Martin Challis	John Perrett

CHILDRENS SECTION. Best in Class: Up to 8 Jessica Camerteras; 9 to 14 Chloe Challis

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
51. Animal Veg. Up to 8yrs.	Jessica Camerteras	William Challis	James Caroe
52. Miniature Garden 9 to 14	Chloe Challis	David Caroe	Emma Caroe
53. Decorative Buns up to 8yrs.	Oliver Scott	William Challis	
54. 3 Decorative Buns 9 to 14	Chloe Challis	David Whiteley	Keira Scott
55. Wibbly Wobbly Jelly up to 14	Jessica Camerteras		
56. Flowers in an Egg Cup to 14	Chloe Challis	Emma Caroe	William Challis
57. Painting under 5	William Challis	Jonathon Caroe	
58. Painting under 6 - 8.	James Caroe	Peter Caroe	
59. Painting 9 to 11	David Caroe	Elizabeth Wrigglesworth	Chloe Caroe
60. Painting 12 to 14	Emma Caroe	Emma Caroe	
61. Lego Model 5 to 8 yrs	Oliver Scott	Rafi Langford-Day	
62. Lego Model 9 to 14 yrs.	David Caroe	David Caroe	Emma Caroe
63. Colour Photo up to 14	Becca Langford- Day		
64. Open any Medium up to 14	Emma Caroe	David Caroe	Chloe Challis

All the children who came first in their class received a Medal and a certificate thanking them for taking part in the Show.

We thank the 64 exhibitors who entered 284 entries for all to see.

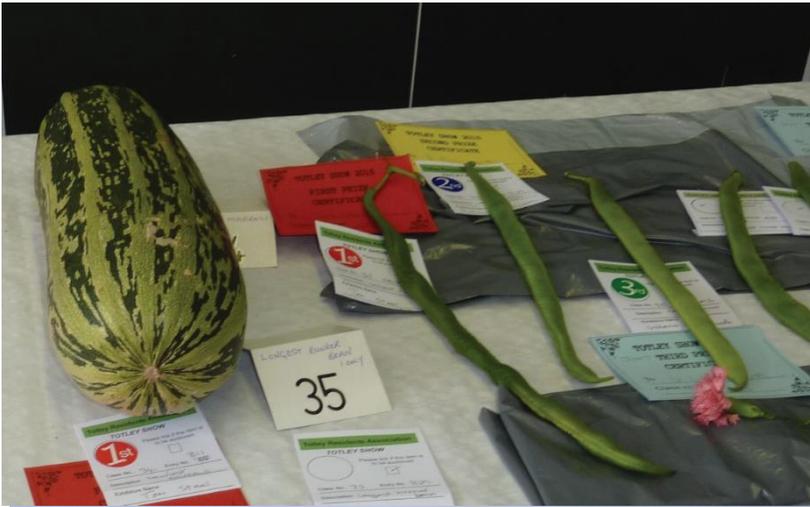
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Thanks also to our local shops for their generous raffle prizes: Ironing Parlour, Looby Loo, Totley Co-op, Mr.Singh of Totley Pharmacy, Baslow Road, Totley Rise Newsagents, Totley Tails and Whiskers, Totley Flowers and Gifts, King Fisheries, Luxury Gap, Totley Deli, Martin Scriven and Totley Rise Post Office.

A very big thank you to all our helpers, the 1st Totley Scouts who make the Show possible, and all who came along to support the show. Here's some photos of this year's event (taken by Tom Steel and Dom Harris)

See you all next year in a different role, as we announced our retirement from organising the Show along with Tom and Christine Steel. The date of next year's show will be Saturday 17th September – hopefully once again at Totley Primary School!

Les and Dorothy Firth



Walking the Dog....

'Why've we stopped at Dore & Totley station?'

'I'm sniffing around, like you dogs do, Jack. Trying to find the first and last shops in Totley.'

'There's no shop here?'

'There is, if it's 1959. There's WH Smith. Like a greenhouse .With its sloping windows full of Picture Posts and Illustrateds. And Reveille, Health & Efficiency, Lilliput and Men Only, and Argosy. And- '

'And?'

'John Bull, my favourite magazine ever.'

'Why?'

'Because if it's 1959, John Bull's got this serial called Sea Wyf and Biscuit, about this man and this woman who don't know each other until they are shipwrecked on this desert island. And they've lost all their clothes but -'

'And that's why you remember it?'

'- yes, but it's important in the story too. Only you don't know that till right at the end. Anyway, they fall in love, and they give each other nicknames, and Sea Wyf makes him promise that as soon as they're rescued they'll never meet again. So then they are happy. But then they are rescued and then they are sad. And Biscuit makes Sea Wyf promise they'll see each other one more last time in London on a certain day at a certain time.'

'Go on!'

'It'll spoil it...Biscuit waits in Trafalgar Square. Sea Wyf doesn't come. He goes home. But.'

'Go on! I know it'll spoil it?'

'She had come. But he hadn't seen her. Because ... you never look at nuns' faces! And she's a nun! The End.'

'You've spoiled it... And, where've we supposed to have got to now?'

'Totley Rise shops. But it's still 1959.'

'Why is it 1959?'

'Because 1959 is the year I left Totley, Jack. ...Bonner. Vernon Hudson at 162. Mr Purd- '

'Are these the lost shops you're looking for?'

'-no, these aren't lost. They're just not in the right order. Mr Purdy. Pammastic. Lyn Dubarry, large fittings. The Baby Bar. Eric's Restawhile Cafe, glassware for hire. G Willars, wellingtons always in stock. I & R Whitehead, with locknit underwear and -'

'Here we go again.'

'- N B Shipley, nylon stockings .Pashley. SH Wesley, every popular make of stationery. Needhams, only they're not butchers even if they sound like it, and Laurence Tym who is, in two shops, locally fed and dressed.'

'Wuff.'

'Then there are two barbers. One is Harper, possessing the Skill, Training & Patience. And the other is Monty, established 28 years, offering toilet requisites. Don't ask, Jack. Hargreaves, Mr Damms - and Mrs Gratton offering personal service at all times, giving the satisfaction you require from your grocer.'

'Wuff! Wuff!'

'...And yes! At last! The last shop in Totley. Out beyond Perks and The Flu. It's like a beach hut and the lady behind the counter is a witch, of course and Old Smellor canes us, of course, for buying her Victory V lozenges and Horlicks tablets. But he canes us whatever we do.'

'...It's boring this month, Rony. Just old shops that aren't there any more .And you remembering them wrong. And slagging off your teachers just because they're dead...But I liked your story of the nun with no clothes on? And anyway, I reckon I know what happens in that after The End.'

'What's that then Jack?'

'Biscuit goes back to his desert island to be sad, only he gets a dog, and then he isn't sad.'

'Yes, only where would Biscuit get dog biscuits for his dog on a desert island?''Yes, only where would you get dog biscuits for me in Totley in 1959?'

(If anyone from 1959 can help Jack, please contact the Editor, Totley Independent)

Rony Robinson

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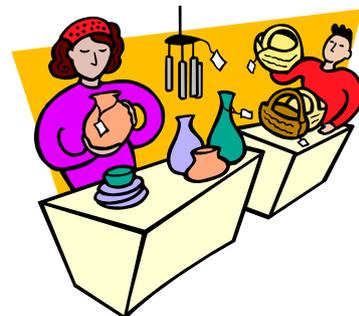
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ADVANCE NOTICE!

Due to popular demand, Totley All Saints will be celebrating Bonfire Night with fireworks and food on Saturday 7th November. Straight after the fireworks we'll be hosting the ever popular quiz! Look out for more details soon...



Soloist Hannah Thomson

doubt for 2016, but right now we're due for some time off!
Sue Hare

Totley Residents Association

Totley Market

Our next market event is Saturday 7th November, 11am until 3pm, at Totley Rise Methodist Church. There will be hot food, crafts, charity stalls and entertainment. Get your Christmas presents and support local artisans!

Christmas Luncheon

We will be hosting our Christmas event once again at the Shepley Spitfire on Monday 7th December. It is always very popular - a two course meal, glass of wine, coffee and mince pie, plus a raffle with super prizes. If you know an older person in Totley who would enjoy and benefit from this great social event please email details with contact information to me at totleychair@gmail.com. Transport can be arranged and as usual, the day is free of charge.

Pinfold Memorial stone

As you will see elsewhere in this issue, the Totley Independent has received a letter from the Treasurer of the TRA at the time of Jerry Roberts' bequest. It's clear that the money was bequeathed to the TRA freely to spend as it wished and we are of the opinion that a Memorial to Jerry and Stan Bingham was an appropriate use of the bequest.

Totley Show

Many of you will know that Les Firth has decided to retire as Chairman of the Totley Show. Thank you to both Les and Dorothy for all their hard work over many years. Happily they have agreed to remain on the Show Committee.

Tom and Christine Steel are also stepping down this year although Tom has agreed to continue with the prize-giving on the day.

At a meeting held after this year's show it was decided that the Totley Show 2016 will be held on Saturday 17th September. Keep reading your TI for future information and updates about this great fun community day.

For the sake of continuity and as an interim measure I will act as Show Chairman. We have an excellent group of organisers with many diverse skills and are so pleased that new and younger volunteers have decided to join us.

Hetty Moran, Chairman TRA

Tmf Totley Music Festival 2015

In the last issue we promised we'd tell you about the last event in this year's Festival - the concert by Dore Male Voice



Choir on Saturday 25th July. This was a highly memorable event, not only because of the superb harmonies of the choir itself, but also because of the truly fabulous voice of the evening's soloist, Hannah Thomson. Hannah gave a stunning and confident performance - this award-winning young lady is certainly going places, so look out for her!!

The Male Voice Choir concert was a fund-raising event for Totley Library, and it is pleasing to report that this event raised just over £315. This meant that - taking into account the fund-raising Ukulele Evening - the Music Festival raised total of £470.

We think that spreading the TMF events through the course of a whole month, and selling tickets for each performance, have been successful innovations - more people came to the Festival overall than when events ran through a single week and were free. We'll make some more changes no

Totley Rise Methodist Church

Autumn at Totley Rise Methodist Church

9.00 am Early Services (1st and 3rd Sundays). A quieter, more traditional service.

9.30am (2nd and 4th Sundays) Toddler Praise aimed at the under 5's and their parents/carers

10.30 am Mid-morning Service every Sunday - An informal and contemporary service with a monthly Communion

6.30 pm Reflective Worship: every Sunday. A quieter space for worship and listening to God

9.30 - 10 am Tuesday Prayer, every Tuesday. Prayer for the world, community and for healing and wholeness in the Church

Sunday 11th October at 10.30 am: Harvest Festival Service

Everyday Heroes

At the morning services this Autumn we are rediscovering some individuals we come across in the Bible who are used by God in an amazing way. Through looking at their lives and faith, we hope and pray that we may see how God is also at work in people like us, wherever we live or work.

If you are not sure about that... we will see how God uses the most unlikely people, and in all sorts of everyday ways to live their lives for God.

Oct 11 - Rahab 'Faith'
Oct 18 - Hannah 'Persis-tent Prayer'
Nov 1 - Tabitha 'Sewing to Glorify God'
Nov 22 - Barnabus 'Build-ing Bridges of Understanding'
Nov 29 - Mark 'Not a Failure'

Big Questions???

October 8 at Totley Rise Methodist Church 8.00pm-9.30pm

? Is there a God
? Jesus Who
? Life

If you have big questions or know someone who does, come along to an evening looking at the foundation of the Christian Faith.

Please see website
www.totleyrise.co.uk for further details
PS: there will be puddings!

Messy Church

We hold a Messy Church at Totley Rise Methodist Church on a Saturday afternoon most months. Every Messy Church has a particular theme. All are welcome - contact Rachel Wilson on 07912352543 for more details on

themes etc or just turn up. Tea and snacks are included.

Messy Church is not just a club for Kids to come and do activities - not just a bridge into "normal" church - not just a social activity for Saturday afternoons. If Messy Church isn't any of these things then what is it?

Messy Church is an all age way to help people discover Jesus, not just church families but the whole community. A relatively new concept, it has now spread internationally (Denmark have to call it something else as they don't have a word for messy in their language!). 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. Churches that have been providing Messy Church are finding that it is creating a new worshipping congregation in its own right. Messy Church is here at Totley Rise.

Come along and give us a try, you won't be disappointed.

Ongoing Events (see Diary, p.34)

Knit, Natter, Craft and Chatter
Every Tuesday 12.00noon -3.00pm
Totley Rise Methodist Church Centre.
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 provide wool, needles and a chat for those who cannot travel to the church. Young people are welcome too. There are skilful, lovely ladies ready and willing to help those new to knitting and sewing.

Many charities benefit from the groups' 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.

Little Lights Wednesdays 1.30pm - 2.30pm during term time. A chance for Mums/carers, babies and pre-school children to meet for songs, fun, snacks and crafts all based on a bible story. Contact Rachel on 07912 352 543 for more details.

Meeting Place Every other Wednesday afternoon 2pm - 3.30pm. A Meeting Place at Totley Rise Methodist Church. All parents and carers are welcome with their babies

and toddlers. There will be a bible story, singing, prayer and a chat with each other to discuss the challenges of parenting. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please contact Rachel on 07912 352543 for further information.

Tuesday Ladies 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8.00pm, Totley Rise Methodist Church Lounge. About 35 ladies consisting of both church and non-church members meet to enjoy speakers or a quiz or beetle drive.

Sometimes the evening includes food such as salmon and strawberries or cheese and biscuits. If you would like more information please call Janet Savage on 01142369002.



Transport 17

Where has the summer gone? It is chilly now and the nights are drawing in. It was good to see so many of you at the Totley Show, where we raised £70. It was the end of an era with so many of the committee retiring but we wish them good health and a happy retirement.

Our next event will be our Christmas Fayre at the Cross Scythes on Saturday 14th November, from 10.00 to 12 noon. Yes, we have changed our venue in the hope that the extra space and the very great welcome that we have all experienced in the past from the staff at the Cross Scythes, will just put the icing on the cake!!

You may remember that I mentioned the cake stall at our last coffee morning. If all those lovely people who baked for us then would do the same for the Fayre it would be greatly appreciated! If any of you have any unwanted pressies that would be suitable for us to sell to raise funds we will be very grateful. We had a new try at the Totley Show with some lovely scarves. They were very popular so we are going to try and get some more along with shawls. We are also trying to put a children's section together so any unwanted toys would be useful. Donations can be left at our office on Baslow Road.

We still need more volunteers for escorting on the buses. Like so many of us the team are not as young as they used to be. If any of you have a few hours to free each week Mike and John would be happy to hear from you on [0114-2362962](tel:0114-2362962), 9.00 to 12 noon. Monday to Friday.

We are all looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre and thank you for your continued support. Stay warm and well.

Felicity Revill

Is This Soldier One Of Your Ancestors?

In a previous issue, we reported that Mr Roy Ward, a former Totley resident, had donated several photographs of WW1 soldiers to Totley History Group. All were friends of his parents, Jack and Norah Ward, but Roy hasn't been able to identify all of them. We would love to be able to put names to the photographs and wondered whether any TI readers might recognize an ancestor among them. Here we print the last two photographs – can anyone help? Here's a possible clue – the lower picture (of the larger group) carries the note 'Royal Hippodrome's victory picnic, July 11th 1920'.

Please contact the Editor (*see back page*) or email me at: Apple-garth@supanet.com

Dorothy Prosser



Information on the photos in the April/May issue

Firstly, thank you for printing my response to an earlier plea for help on what appear to be a series of photos of WW1 personalities about whom, it seems, little is known. In the same issue, there are a couple more photos which again, whilst the individuals are in no way connected to myself, are interesting and the following observations may assist somebody to piece together a factual jig-saw. The soldier in the upper photo (full-length study) was, undoubtedly, a member of the British Infantry - the Leicestershire Regiment. The large 'Royal' tiger which formed the centre of that Regiment's badge is quite plain to see for those of us familiar with such adornments.

He carries a 'swagger' stick under his right arm - 'a bit of show' which, prior to WW2, soldiers carried when 'walking out,' (maybe to impress the ladies - although they'd maybe need to try a bit harder than that nowadays!) The sticks, (of cane, or similar pliable material,) usually also bore the regimental badge embossed on a white metal, or sometimes even silver, top - just visible in this photo forward of the young man's fingers of his right hand. They also had metal tips - often brass. It may be of interest to note that in British cavalry regiments, the soldiers carried whips instead. 'Swagger Sticks' should not be confused with officer's canes which were generally thicker, leather covered, devoid of metal fittings and barely pliable - as carried by *Dads Army's* 'Capt Mainwaring'!

Although the more modern 'webbing' (material) equipment had been in existence since 1908, the chap in the Leicesters wears what is referred to as a '1914 Pattern Leather Equipment' belt with what those of us of older generations will recognize as a 'snake' hook fitting. Accoutrements in both materials existed, side by side, for some time until leather eventually phased out.

The 'half body' image of the other young soldier below, certainly depicts a member of a British Light Infantry Regiment and having had a magnifying glass to the photo, I'm fairly confident that it is the Durham Light Infantry, the initials 'DLI' I believe, just discernible between the 'stringed horn device typical of most Light Infantry Units.

Curiously he appears to be wearing only one part of a (right) shoulder badge - the title - which I'd expect to say 'DURHAM' although these were generally accompanied (surmounted) by another, slightly smaller version of the stringed horn badge but without the initials. He wears a braided string unit lanyard around his left shoulder. He also appears

to be wearing a similar Leather Equipment belt of 1914 Pattern - which is just visible.

Neither of these Regiments were local to this area but it's possible that Totley men joined or were posted to their



ranks. However, that Regional recruiting areas 100 years ago were more important, and more jealously guarded than today so that there is, an equally strong possibility that these were, Leicestershire and County Durham men - with no connection to this area whatsoever!

Stephen Acaster

Art for the People at St Matthew's Art House!

Get your creative streak back! Following a grand transformation, St Matthew's House, Carver Street, is now home to the Art House: a new charity that will accommodate practicing and aspiring creatives from all over Sheffield. Each week, some of Sheffield's best local artists and ceramicists will provide high quality tuition for everyone who walks through the Art House's doors. From



portraiture to pottery, the new purpose-built workshop spaces are flexible for every creative endeavour. Their vision is to create artists, to find hidden talents, and to enable people from all backgrounds to develop their abilities, perhaps for the first time.

Feel your paintbrush lacks flourish? Don't worry! The Art House workshops are open to everyone willing to give it a go, regardless of whether you're a complete beginner, or



you want to boost your skills to a professional level. The charity is also based on the belief that creative practice can benefit mental wellbeing, so you're guaranteed to leave with your brain in great shape. Combined with the knowledge that your support can help local artists find paid work, the Art House makes it easy to feel good. The availability of open studio time, exhibition spaces and a vibrant café will undoubtedly bring a new community hub at the heart of Sheffield city centre; providing spaces to meet, greet, even retreat, the Art House aims to inspire brilliant ideas, innovative partnerships, even new social enterprises. Creativity is the immune system of the mind, but often we are unable to access it, or feel less than confident in our creative ability. The Art House is determined to change all of this, and bring people together doing so.

We're spoilt for choice with the range of courses on offer. Ali Kitley-Jones' introduction to expressive art will set us on our way, exploring multiple mediums for those of us who wouldn't have known where to start. For lovers of the classical methods, the Art House offers an introduction to drawing techniques with Kay Aitch, which will help you



discover your own personal style. You may also want to try Colette Cameron's watercolour classes; both these relaxing, timeless mediums are tutored at beginner and intermediate levels. Life Drawing is also a favourite amongst many, and with hands-on advice and assistance, there's nowhere better than the Art House's friendly and supportive environment to give it a go.

If you're looking for a medium that's a little more unique, don't worry! The introduction to felting classes, ran by Xenia Lee, will provide exclusive insight into the creation of such beautiful objects. Perfect for those looking to learn something completely new, the group will have the opportunity to try a variety of techniques, including needle felting, 3D felting and wet felting. Jacqui Hilson's textile classes also bring excitement to the Art House; the beginner course allows to incorporate your visual skills and take them to another level, whilst the expressive textiles course invites you to produce embossed and embellished pieces whilst exploring ideas of life and wellbeing.

Or why not try pottery? Our brand new studios are fully equipped with everything from electric wheels and slab rollers, to top quality kilns, making the Art House the perfect environment for all levels of ability. Classes throughout the week include Krishna Alageswaran's Hand Building workshop for those eager to get stuck in, and Michael Randle's wheel throwing techniques for those who want to try something technical. Both are perfect for inspired beginners who want to learn in a professional, but friendly atmosphere. Open in September, the Open Studio will also give intermediates and experts alike a place to work flexibly on their own projects. Studio time is accompanied by all the equipment you would need, and on hand for advice is Logan Obermeyer, and Sarah Vanic, the previous owner of the successful Chupinka Pottery. The only dilemma is how many hours in the month you join for; available for use both daytime and evening, you may never want to leave.

Family fun workshops in pottery and art are also on offer, especially during half terms and holidays. For every type of person, for each day of the week, there's something vibrant and creative happening in St Matthew's Art House. Why not get inspired?

The grand opening of St Matthew's Art House is on October 20th ! For more information say hello via email at info@arthousesheffield.co.uk, or visit <http://www.arthousesheffield.co.uk/>

All Saints Church Totley Hall Lane

October

4th 10.00 am Harvest Festival
11th 10.00 am Holy Communion
18th 10.00 am Morning Praise
25th 10.00 am Holy Communion
Holy Communion every Wednesday
at 10.00 am.

Harvest Festival reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them. In schools and in churches, people bring food from home to a Harvest Festival service. After the service, the food that has been given and fruit and vegetables that have been used to decorate the church are given to people in need.

Gifts from All Saints are donated to the Archer Centre for the homeless at the Cathedral and to the Grace Food Bank.

November

1st 10.00 am Morning Service
15th, 22nd and 29th all Services
10.00am.

8th Remembrance Sunday

There will be a short service at 10.00am in church followed by a service of Remembrance at 11am at the War Memorial on Baslow Road.



Everyone is welcome to join us at either or both of the services. Hopefully we won't be in the snow shown in the picture!!

Council grants lease for Sheffield moors

Sheffield Council has approved a proposal to hand over the management of some of the city's best-loved moorland to the Eastern Moors Partnership.

At a cabinet meeting on 16 September, the Council agreed to grant a 25-year lease of Burbage, Houndkirk and Hathersage Moors to the Partnership, a National Trust/RSPB joint initiative.

Comprising around four square miles, this dramatic moorland landscape boasts eight scheduled monuments, an abundance of wildlife and is a popular site for outdoor recreation in the Peak District.

Situated on the edge of Sheffield, the moors are a welcome addition to the Eastern Moors Partnership's landholding; it currently already manages ten square miles of stunning upland on the doorstep of the city, covering Totley Moss, Big Moor, Ramsley Moor, Clod Hall Moor and Leash Fen, which each year are visited by around 250,000 people.



Danny Udall of the Eastern Moors Partnership said: "We are delighted and honoured that Sheffield City Council has agreed to entrust this beautiful moorland to us. These moors are hugely important to many people so we will soon be launching a public consultation, which will have a significant influence on how we manage the land over the next five years and beyond. Together, I am confident we will be able to achieve the very best for Burbage, Houndkirk and Hathersage Moors, delivering great things for both people and wildlife."

Councillor Isobel Bowler, Sheffield Council's cabinet member for neighbourhoods, said: "We are fortunate to have this superb natural landscape on our doorstep. It is entrusted to our care for future generations and it is our responsibility to ensure that it is managed sustainably as well as ensuring it remains a great recreational asset.

"This new lease agreement with the National Trust and RSPB allows these groups to plan the management and bring investment into this sensitive area over a longer time-scale, using their extensive expertise and resources.

"As The Outdoor City, we in Sheffield have a particular love for, and pride in, the stunning landscapes on our doorstep. We therefore take our responsibility as

a landowner extremely seriously and want to ensure that these cherished moorlands are run by the very best people for the job."

For further information, please contact Katherine Clarke, Visitor Services Manager, 07738 738844 or email katherine.clarke@easternmoors.org.uk or Chris Collett, RSPB Regional Communications Manager, on 0191 233 4317 or email chris.collett@rspb.org.uk

Alternative source of gardening supplies!

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From a large hut and yard, the DHS sells good quality King's veg and flower seeds at only £1 per packet, garlic and onion sets, flower pots,



trays and modules, all sorts of fertilisers and additives, grit, sand, compost, canes, tools, watering cans, trugs, greenhouse accessories, nets, and much more besides. Things like blood fish and bone can be bought in bulk if needed, or in smaller quantities.

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Jennie Street

The Best Ever Totley Open Gardens!

On 18th and 19th July, 14 Totley gardens were open to the public to raise money for local organisations. We had beautiful weather that weekend, which always makes a big difference to numbers of visitors, and about 250 people came to visit from all over Sheffield, from Derbyshire and some from much further afield.

And we raised the highest amount we have ever raised since we began 13 years ago in 2002.

Net income for the year was £3,257 (after paying for insurance cover and other small items). This came from sales of programmes, adverts in the programme (£395), sales of teas (about £900), plants, and the Yard Sale in April (£322).

The TOG group agreed to donate all takings as follows:

Totley Library	40%
Transport 17	30%
Cherry Tree Accommodation Services	10%
Totley History Group	10%
Totley Music Festival	10%

Thus, with all monies raised and some top-up from reserves, Totley Open Gardens will be able to donate the following amounts:-

Library	£1,300
Transport 17	£ 985
Cherry Tree	£ 325
History Group	£ 325
Music Festival	£ 325
Total	£3,260

Thus our total monies raised over the 14 years that we have been running Totley Open Gardens to more than £25,000.

This year's Totley Open Gardeners were:

Linda and David Prosser, Mary and Robert Jackson, Gwen and Ian Bellamy, Hugh and Pam Voice, Jean and Alan Byron, Jennie Street and John Beazer, Ray Sables and Ernest Adlington, Chris and Ron Bowman, Brian and Mary Hodges, Gillian and Mike Woolley, Sue and Reg McNaughton, Robert Oldfield, Sue Hare and Phil Harris, and Gordon and Sisa Bartley.

It is not only people who open their gardens who make Totley Open Gardens a successful annual event in our community. The following people also need to be recog-

-nised for their contribution to the success:

Tom and Christine Steel, who sold programmes from 170 Baslow Road on both days, and Louisa Bates, who sold programmes at the Cross Scythes on both days; Martin Campion, who mobilised all the adverts for the programme, put up the advertising banners and boards (and this year had to struggle with someone who kept destroying and removing them) and distributed the programmes; Totley Library and the Ironing Parlour for selling programmes prior to the event; and Stuart Hitchman at the Cross Scythes for financing the printing of the programme.

In 2016, we will be having two lovely new gardens in the Queen Victoria Road area. If you or someone you know would also like to open their garden or allotment, please contact me:

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

Totley History Group

Dore and Totley High School

Hands up! How many readers remember Miss Trott's school in Grove Rd? It's now almost fifty years since it closed, having been part of the community since 1924 when the school opened with a very modest seven pupils.

Initially Miss Trott rented rooms in St John's church and it's there that the photograph below captures the children in 1933, the last term before the school moved to the converted buildings of Brook House, Grove Rd.

Gordon Grayson was a pupil at that time, seen here sitting next to a tiny girl near the centre of the front row. He is now aged 93yrs and whilst sorting through memorabilia came across the photograph, kindly giving it to Totley History Group. Unfortunately Gordon can't remember the names of the other children, but then it was over eighty years ago!

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who recognises either him/herself or a relative.

Miss Trott, at the age of eighty, wrote her memoirs and we have copies of her book for sale.

See our website totleyhistorygroup.org.uk or tel. Pauline Burnett 0114 235 2344



DORE & TOTLEY HIGH SCHOOL, N.L. SHEFFIELD
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65 not out!

In August this year we were lucky enough to celebrate our 65th wedding anniversary. Inevitably this caused reflection and comment about how different life is now from that in 1950 when food rationing was still in operation.

Some changes of course are linked to personal circumstances. Nobody in either of our families had a car or a telephone. No one went away on foreign holidays and I think these circumstances would be the same for most of our friends and acquaintances.

All the major changes are, of course, the availability of "essentials" – central heating, double glazing, refrigerators, freezers, microwave ovens and so on. Ballpoint and fibre tip pens have replaced fountain pens, which are now sought by collectors of antiques.

Undoubtedly one of the most rapidly changing areas over my retirement years has been in the personal computer and mobile phone areas. I have to confess, because of my poor sight, I have never used either. My earliest memory of a mobile phone was in a tube train approaching Wimbledon station. A chap in an adjacent seat suddenly produced something from his pocket and informed his wife he would soon be home for his tea! I thought at the time that this was an improvement on what my neighbour did. His ploy was to phone home at a fixed time before his arrival but only let the phone ring twice before replacing the receiver. His wife then knew it was hubby and got the message since those far-off days mobile phones have decreased in size but increased in quality and capability. I am constantly amazed at how quickly our grandchildren can produce information after a few seconds consultation of the phone, or show us an excellent photo of some recent event. And now I return to the subject of our 65th celebration



We wanted to arrange a family lunch. Although the actual anniversary fell mid-week, the lunch had to be on a Saturday to accommodate the guests who were still working. Many venues reserve Saturday bookings for large events such as weddings so we resorted to a Derbyshire hostelry. We had a private room and ample choice of good food over three courses. However there was a snag – no printed menus to peruse. All choices were written on wall boards in the bar area. To the rescue, two of our grandchildren. Jack used his phone to photograph the starter menu, and Sophie photographed the main courses after apologising to the people sitting near the boards. They then read out the lists for us to make our choices for the waitress to collect. And later, the same procedure for the choice of sweets.

I have cursed mobile phones in the past on train journeys when constant chatter interrupted my private thoughts, but really aren't they wonderful?

My final action was again a big change from the 1950s. I handed over my bank card with its barcode to pay from my account. Old-fashioned banknotes came in however to say thank you to the staff!

Don Ashford

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was the Treasurer of the Residents Association at the time when they received the legacy of £500 from Jerry Roberts. The letter from the Solicitors enclosing the cheque was sent directly to me, and came as a surprise not only to the Committee but to his family. In his will it was given 'to the Tootley Residents Association absolutely free' – in other words, they could spend it how they wished. At the time it gave the Residents Association a bit of a dilemma in that funds had been allowed to build in the long-held forlorn hope of saving towards a larger project such as a community building, and although we wanted to acknowledge the gift this was not requested and the money was allocated to general funds.

Stan Bingham was the main instigator and driving force behind the Pinfold project. Before he and his team got involved it was a bit of waste land and the local community and neighbours owe a great debt to their efforts. Their main task was to dig a large hole to recover the stone troughs, and an article in the 'Independent' at the time included a photograph of them standing with the lifting tackle. Jerry and Vi Roberts were interested observers at that time and later became, like many others, appreciative of their efforts whilst resting from the long haul from their walks around the Bents and up from the Cricket Inn or the Crown. Jerry got involved later when the garden was being neglected and although not a gardener strove manfully to keep the weeds at bay for a number of years, until in turn it got to be too much.

What I am sure of is that both men did what they did in a sense of community and love of where they lived, and did not expect any memorial or chiselled stone. Jerry Roberts' widow certainly did not give the bequest for 'the sole stated purpose of paying for a memorial to be placed in the garden, as stated in the August/September edition, although in my view one is entirely appropriate for both of them.

Richard Wigglesworth

(Editor's note: Our apologies for the error. We are grateful to Richard for providing the correct story, and note his view that the stone is an appropriate commemoration of Stan and Jerry's contributions. See the comments by the present Chair of the Residents Association, page 27.)

Right: Stan, Jerry and the lifting gear hoist the troughs out to be re-instated in the Pinfold.



TOTLEY & DISTRICT DIARY

MONDAYS

COFFEE MORNING, All Saints' Church Hall, 10am-noon. Transport usually available on request. Tel 236 0872 before 9.45 am.

TAI-CHI, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 11.30am-12.30pm

RAINBOWS and GUIDES, All Saints' Church Hall, 5.45pm-9pm

SLIMMING WORLD, Abbeydale Sports Club, 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 Totley Rise Methodist Church, 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

STORY TIME in the Library 10.30-11.30am. Craft activities, songs and a story for pre-school children. Call in at the Library for more information.

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 tel 07816 850132.

NCT COFFEE GROUP FOR DORE TOTLEY & BRADWAY, 10am-noon, for mums & babies/toddlers, 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

PUSHCHAIR CLUB. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. 1.30pm-3pm. Tel. 07912 352543 for 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

OCTOBER

SUN 4th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: Mammal Trapping Survey led by Val Clinging (Sorby Society). Meet at the end of Totley Hall Lane, 8.30am. Bring strong footwear and appropriate clothing. Trapped animals will be identified then released. This will take about 2 hours.

SUN 4th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES Abbeydale Road South. 1 pm - 5 pm (weather permitting) Car Park closes 5.15pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk

MON 12th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: Member's Night Talk. An opportunity for members to ask questions about the forthcoming year and to offer their own suggestions as to what we might pursue. Prospective members are welcome. Totley Library, 7.30pm.

WED 14th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church. AGM followed by Talk: Mike Waters, 'On Crown Service'. Visitors welcome.

SUN 18th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES. Abbeydale Road South. 1 pm - 5 pm (weather permitting) Car Park closes 5.15pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffieldsmee.co.uk

SUN 18th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: practical conservation morning run with the help of the Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am at Baslow Road bus terminus. Refreshments, tools, etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. All levels of help required and guidance given. Check website at www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com for any late changes of venue etc.

TUES 20th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD: 'Autumn in the Rockies', talk by Malcolm Walpole. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.

WED 28th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Original Comic Verse and Monologues by Ray Lawrence. Visitors welcome.

WED 28th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP: Open Meeting around the subject of World War II - artefacts, photographs, memories etc. Totley Library, 7.30 pm.

NOVEMBER

WED 11th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Talk: Dr Rod Thomas, 'Polio, Roosevelt and the March of the Dimes'. Visitors welcome.

MON 16th: FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: Talk by the Woodland Trust. Totley Library, 7.30pm. Sarah Cooley (Campaigning Volunteer Coordinator of The Woodland Trust) will talk on the need to campaign to save precious ancient woodland.

TUES 17th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD: 'We're not really British, you know', talk by John Taylor. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.

SAT 21st: FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: Bird Walk by Chris Measures (Friends of Gillfield Wood). Meet by the Totley Hall entrance by 9:00am. Bring binoculars and cameras. If it rains overnight it is best to have strong shoes or boots.

SUN 20th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: Practical conservation morning. For details see entry for Sun 18th Oct above.

WED 25th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Talk: Cdr. Alan Yorke, 'The Battle of Midway - A Victory for Intelligence'. Visitors welcome.

WED 25th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP: The Mystery Box with Leo and Malcolm Leader. Unusual antique items that you are invited to identify or say what they were used for. Totley Library, 7.30 pm.

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