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The bridge on the left was to reach West View Cottage, pictured here. The parapet has been replaced, the bridge widened, West View Cottage was demolished and we now have West View Lane!

Library Lottery Launched!

The new community lottery in support of Totley Library will be launched with the first prize draw taking place at the Library in early July. The community lottery is registered with Sheffield City Council, as required by gaming legislation. By playing in it, you can help support the library and, if your luck's in, you can win cash prizes!

For each monthly draw, 25% of the ticket income will be given as prizes, and the remaining 75% will go to the library. Each month there will be two prizes. The first prize will be 20% of the ticket income and the second prize will be 5% of the ticket income.

So if the total ticket sales amount to £200, there'll be a first prize of £40 and a second prize of £10. If ticket sales amount to £500, the first prize will be £100 and the second prize £25.

Lottery numbers each cost £1 per month. If you pay just £1 per month you get one number, if you pay £3 per month you get three numbers, for £5

per month you get five, and so on. You keep the numbers you are given for as long as you wish to be in the lottery.

Lottery Manager Chris Cave explains "Monthly payment is by standing order. You need to complete an application form, available in the library and at Totley Rise Post Office. Forms have also been delivered to each house in the area. To buy more numbers, or cancel your numbers, you simply amend or cancel your standing order."

The monthly draw will take place on the first Friday of each month, at Totley Library. Winning tickets will be drawn by a library user, in full view of all other library users and volunteer staff!

Full details of the draw, including the winning number(s), will be published by means of notices in the Library, in the Totley Independent and Dore to Door, and on the library's website www.totleycric.org.uk.

The first draw will take place on Friday 8th July. To enter, you need to return

your completed application form to any of the following locations- Totley Library; Dore Village Store; James Convenience Store, Bradway; Totley Rise Post Office; or by post to Chris Cave, 96 Abbeydale Park Rise, Sheffield S17 3PF.

To be eligible for the first draw, completed forms must be with Chris Cave no later than June 8th 2016. Forms received for subsequent draws will be entered for the first time into the draw four weeks after receipt of the form.

Good luck!

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Lottery**

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Andy's Marathon Double!

Local physiotherapist Andy Okwera has just completed a double marathon challenge, running the Paris marathon on the 3rd of April and then the London marathon three weeks later on the 24th of April. "I decided to enter my first marathon this year and signed up for Paris and thought I'd also take a chance on London as I know how hard it is to get in" said Andy. "What I didn't plan on, was getting in to both, but I thought, I might as well! If Eddie Izzard can do 27 in 27 days, I can manage two in three weeks."



Andy with his two Finishers' Medals - one for Paris, one for London!

Andy completed them both - in 4 hours 16 minutes for Paris, and 4 hours 8 minutes for London. "They were both really enjoyable and very hard. I would say London is slightly harder because the roads are narrower and as it is a mass start, unlike Paris, you spend a lot of the first few miles dodging other runners".

On doing the two in succession, Andy was grateful for his team at Activ Physiotherapy. "All the training for 18 weeks and the two marathons took their toll on my body, but luckily I had physiotherapists working with me who could give me sports massages, back treatment and generally put me back together".

Andy has raised money for 'Link international' which is a charity working with young people in Uganda from refugee, slum, rural or orphan communities, and has projects aimed at helping equip them with skills to be self-sufficient and improve their quality of life. "It is a smaller charity and I always like to help the smaller ones. Plus, the people that get helped by this charity don't get much help from their government."

Andy has raised over £800 so far, smashing his target of £500. "I have been amazed at everyone's generosity and it makes all the pain I went through worth it."

If you would like to donate to Andy go to www.justgiving.com/andrew-okwera

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AT TOTLEY LIBRARY 2016!

- *Art Competition*** preschool and school age children
"Commotion in the Ocean" - four different age categories
 - *Superheroes*** preschool and school age children
-at STORY TIME on Wednesday July 20th 10.30-11.30
 - *Fun Filled French Activity Session*** 6-11 yrs
- with Dominique on Friday July 22nd 10.00-12.00noon
 - *Making Music*** school age children
- part of The Children's University Festival of Fun 2016,
on Tuesday July 26th 10.30-11.30am
 - *Under the Sea*** preschool and school age children
- at STORY TIME on Wednesday July 27th 10.30-11.30am
 - *Creative Art Session*** 6-11 yrs
- Commotion in the Ocean on Friday July 29th 10.00-12noon
 - *Family Nature Walk*** families and accompanied children
- through the park and into Gillfield Wood, led by Chris
Measures on Saturday July 30th 10.15-12.30pm
- Call in at the library for more information
or telephone 2363971
- HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!**

Holmesfield Church Walking Group

Dovedale Walk

On Wednesday 8th June at 10.a.m. Robin Greetham will lead a walk from Bank Top Farm near Hartington. We will go to Pilsbury Castle and then to Harris Close, returning via the village of Hartington. Lunch (optional) will be at the farmhouse. The cost of the lunch is £17.50 and will be roast lamb or beef, plus choice of sweet, plus tea or coffee.

The cost of the walk is £3 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield Church maintenance fund. If you would like to come on the walk, just turn up but if you would like to stay for lunch please phone Robin on 01246 412767.

The walk is 5 miles long, but short cuts are available.

Councillor Surgeries

Liberal Democrats:

2nd Monday in the month 6.00-7.00 pm, Totley Library, Baslow Road.

2nd Saturday in the month, 10.30 am to 12.00 noon, Dore Old School Hall, Savage Lane, Dore.

Contact details:

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June

Sun 5th	All Ages All Together: Theme - A New Life
Sun 12th	Holy Communion: Theme – A Just Society
Sun 19th	Morning Praise: Theme – Passing on the Good News
Sun 26th	Holy Communion

July

Sun 3rd	All Ages All Together
Sun 10th	Holy Communion: Theme – Ethics on our Frontline - Preacher Ally Creasey
Sun 17th	Morning Praise: Theme – Jacob and Esau
Sun 24th	Holy Communion
Sun 31st	Morning Praise: Theme - Joseph

Christian Aid in Sheffield

Christian Aid Week took place from 15th – 21st May. We do not have figures for 2016 yet, but in 2015, £52,349 was raised through house-to-house collections and a further £21,881 by events in the city. Sheffield is one of the most successful areas for fund raising. Christian Aid helps countries in need by working with their local communities and helping them with the skills, the tools and the knowledge needed to improve their lives. Christian Aid also works with and lobbies governments on Climate Change and Tax Justice Campaigns.

Love Amazing

Love so amazing so divine
Too deep for this frail heart of mine
So great that it's so immense
To my poor mind does not make sense
This endless love poured out for me
So vast and wide, I drift in its sea
It flows through me and all around
Though no worth in me is found
Such love beyond all comprehension
Such love for me – that's Your intention.

Naught have I done to warrant this
My life's a mess with all amiss
My deeds Lord God are not attractive
Yet Your great love is always active
Carries me onward patiently
With mercy tenderly wraps around
Deep love so in Your arms I'm found
Such love divine that's intensely so
I submit to You never let me go.

(Written by a Totley resident)

St. Columba

June is the month in which some areas commemorate St. Columba. He was an Irish abbot and missionary. He travelled from Ireland to Scotland with 12 companions and landed in Kintyre. Later he settled on Iona and founded the important abbey there.

The abbey has a very active Christian influence today, as a place of pilgrimage and relaxation. St. Columba contributed to the conversion of Pictland, Northumbria and Mercia. He died on 9th June 597.

Ask Your Pharmacist

Summer Health

Hopefully by the time you are reading this we will finally have seen more than just a few hours of sun. There is no doubt the sun in a clear sky and rising temperatures brighten up a day. However, summer can be a mixed blessing for hay fever sufferers. As a sufferer myself I know how inconvenient an affliction it can be. All that sneezing, a runny itchy nose and red watery itchy eyes can certainly ruin your enjoyment of summer. Typically, people are affected by tree pollen in spring and grass pollen in summer.

Some tips to minimise the effects include -

- Staying indoors If the pollen count is high
- Keeping doors and windows shut when possible
- Avoiding grassy areas such as parks and fields, especially early in the morning and in the evening when the pollen count is highest.
- Showering and changing your clothes after being outside

Of course such measures can affect your enjoyment, and will not guarantee full relief anyway.

Treatment is well understood and we can help ease the symptoms pretty well. Treatments include antihistamines and also specific nose sprays and eye drops. We also offer barrier methods to provide protection.

Another health problem in summer involves the risk of sunburn and the need to protect yourself from the risk of skin cancer. While we like to soak up the sun, 13,000 people are diagnosed with skin cancer in the UK every year so it's important to heed the warnings and take care.

There is no safe way to tan but if you do want to you should apply a sun screen of at least factor 15 about 30 minutes before you go out and again just before you actually go out. This should be repeated each time you go into the pool or sea. You should avoid the hottest time of the day from 11am to 3pm and build your tan up in small doses – about an hour a day. Ideally you should wear sunglasses and a hat to protect your eyes, forehead, scalp and nose.

Many people do not apply enough sun screen to give the correct protection. It is recommended to apply 2mg/sq cm of exposed skin (about 35ml) of lotion each time. If you are heading away on holiday ensure you take enough lotion. The sunscreen you apply should have a SPF rating of at least 15 and should protect against UVA and UVB.

If you or your child get sunburn you should get out of the sun as quickly as possible. Then cool the skin by sponging it with cold water. Drink plenty of fluids to cool you down and prevent dehydration. Take painkillers to relieve the pain and do not go out in the sun until the skin is healed. The more often you get sunburnt, especially when you are young, the more likely you could get skin cancer.

Please pop in and see your pharmacist for advice and hopefully we can help you enjoy a lovely long summer this year (we can hope!)

Taj Singh
Totley Pharmacy



**Join us on Sunday 12th June for a
Picnic in the Park
to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday!**



Bring your picnic to Green Oak Park from 12-4pm to join in a Totley party!

This is the day that the Queen will hold her street party on the Mall to celebrate becoming the first reigning monarch to reach 90 years of age.

We're working with Totley Residents Association and community groups including the Library, Transport 17 and Brownies who will be raising funds by selling cakes, books and DVDs, holding competitions and putting on craft activities. No doubt there will be a chance for a game of cricket or rounders too!

It would be great to have some music in the Park that day so we'd be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to busk in the Park or provide some music during the afternoon.

We're going to need help in preparing for the event, during the afternoon and with tidying up. If you want to get involved, please email jenny.nuttall@talktalk.net or phone 07855 171474.



We look forward to seeing you there!

Jenny Nuttall



Roof gutter repairs

Some time ago our roof gutter developed a leak which was repaired by a local tradesman. Towards the end of last year another leak occurred and it was decided that replacement rather than repair was the order of the day.

By coincidence, I received a cold call from a firm in Bradford offering gutter repairs. It was the usual story – 'we are working in your area and wondered if you might be interested....'. Sucker that I am, I agreed that they should give a quotation. On the appointed day, a smartly dressed young man arrived with a large suitcase. From this suitcase he pulled out several bits and pieces and proceeded to erect a model on the kitchen table, designed to demonstrate how neatly the fascia boards, soffits and gutter fitted together beneath the edge of the roof tiles. Having suitably impressed us, he nipped out



to take some quick measurements. I should say at this stage that because of some more recent extensions, only about 12 metres of the original 1957 gutters remained, and required replacement. After a few taps on a pocket calculator, he

he came up with a total figure of £6000. Asked for my reaction, I didn't swear, but said that a cost of approximately £500 per metre length seemed rather excessive. After some discussion he said that he was empowered by his managing director to offer a half-price service, provided we allowed our address to be quoted. This was a limited offer and required a quick decision. I informed him that I had no intention of signing up without further consideration.

By a second coincidence, I knew someone who had recently had gutter work done, and asked that builder for a quotation. Two days after a very quick survey, I received a phone call quoting a price of £2700.

Then occurred the third coincidence. I noticed in an advertisement a firm who had done work for us before, and that they also did gutter repairs. After a phone call, a young man came round the following day to survey the work required. I pointed out that the gutters dated from the 1950s and may include some asbestos. He said this was not usually a problem, but they would have them chemically tested to make sure that removal by them would be within the law.

Within two days I received a detailed typed quotation including possible extra costs, and the price quoted was £1134, inclusive of VAT. The one snag was that due to pressure of work it would be at least 12 weeks before the job could be done. This took as over Christmas, but when the time came I was told that scaffolding would be erected on Friday, the work carried out on Saturday, and the scaffolding removed on Monday. Despite heavy rain on each of these days, this schedule was kept. On the following day again in heavy rain a bunch of flowers arrived for Mrs Ashford from the team at the Sheffield Window Centre.

I regret having to report that two 90-year-olds could easily have been swindled out of nearly £5000!

Don Ashford



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The Poetry Slot

Sally Goldsmith

Here's the new idea I promised: in each issue I'll be choosing and commenting on a poem from a published writer living in Sheffield or North Derbyshire.

Missing the Turn

by Jenny King

Told with careful exactness on the phone
how the road wound up from the village between fields,
but failing to see the sign as I drove by,
ten minutes later I came to the other end:
back among houses, a stillness of afternoon –
two women with pushchairs, a dog trailing a chain.

I turned and drove back over the motorway
among damp ploughland, found the sign, which pointed
up what had seemed a cart-track, to the big house.
So many residents in a mulch of silence.
Led upstairs I sat with the one I knew.

Talk led up and down the lanes of her situation.
Now, when I think of her, why don't I see Kathleen
in her small room, speaking of doubt and grief,
but only the far end, nameless and unforeseen,
with an escaped dog nosing a playground slide?

This is a seemingly simple poem, narrating an afternoon visiting someone in a home for older people, written with great clarity and attention to detail. A closer reading, a more contemplative focus however, catches something more. This can be the power of poetry – to be specific, descriptive and particular but in the careful choice of words to infer something deeper. Look at the rightness of that phrase 'a mulch of silence.' 'Mulch' is appropriate in its rural setting but also implies a silence where real feelings, real communications are dampened down and suppressed. The residents are lonely in their collective silence or, like Kathleen in a small room, physically apart. They are isolated from each other, lost in their worlds and so, physically and emotionally is the narrator – she is lost when trying to find the place, lost in the impersonality and unfamiliarity of the 'big house' difficult to find down its cart-track, can't find her friend without a guide. Her friend is lost and apart, not only in her 'small room' but also 'down the lanes of her situation' despite trying to communicate, to explore her feelings. In a short poem, we are able to perceive so much. The relief of finding her friend – 'Led upstairs, I sat with the one I knew' – and the real humanity and attempt to connect here is poignant.

In the last stanza, the narrator shows us a situation many of us will recognise – the odd link of a seemingly unrelated image with another memory. However, looking again, I see that the image is one of 'an escaped dog nosing a playground slide' which, from earlier in the poem, we know has been 'trailing a chain.' Jenny openly leaves us to draw our own conclusions about this – no underlining or explaining. But I know from having worked in many homes such as this how often I have wanted to spring the residents out. That dog with its chain chills me.

Jenny King is originally from London, studied English at Cambridge, then taught in schools. She has lived in Sheffield for many years. This poem is taken from her pamphlet, *The Tenants*, and published by Smith/Doorstop in 2014. It is available from www.poetrybusiness.co.uk

Sally Goldsmith is a prize-winning poet, script and songwriter. You can order her collection of poetry, 'Are We There Yet?' through www.poetrybusiness.co.uk

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Totley Music Festival 2016

Here is the final programme for the eighth year of the Totley Music Festival. Once again, admission to many events will be by ticket (bought in advance or on the door) and some of the events will be fund-raising events for the Library.

Wednesday June 29th: Library Story Time session for toddlers on MUSIC MAKING. We hope to make some musical instruments from junk materials like shakers, beaters/drums and twangers! There'll be some live music for the children and story-telling. This event is free - children and parents/carers welcome! 10.30 - 11.30, Totley Library.

Wednesday June 29th: Summer Concert by pupils of Totley Primary School, to be held on the playing field (if dry). Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Refreshments available to purchase. This event is free - all welcome! 6-8 pm, Totley Primary School, Sunnyvale Rd, Totley.

Friday July 8th: In collaboration with the Community Cinema at the Library: an ABBA-themed sing-a-long Film night, complete with delicious Greek buffet. Remember that you must be a member of the library - but you can join on the night - it's free and it's easy! Bring your own drinks/wine and join us to escape to a Greek island paradise for one night in Totley! This is a fund-raising event in support of Totley Library. Tickets £10 (£8 concessions for Friends of Totley CRIC) to include film and buffet. Totley Library, 7.30.

Wednesday July 13th: The ever-popular evening of Jazz music from Totley's own Walker Family. Howard Walker - Vocals, Kevin Walker - Double Bass, Chris Walker - Guitar. Featuring Myrtle George - Vocals, John Trier - Keys, Phil Johnson - Drums. Bring your own drinks/wine. Tickets £5 (£3 concessions). Totley Library, 7.30.



Pictured at 2015's Jazz Evening: l-r John Trier, Kevin Walker, Myrtle George, Chris Walker

Friday 15th July: Concert by the excellent Sheffield Folk Chorale. The choir performs unaccompanied four part songs, drawn from and inspired by traditional folk music. Proceeds from concerts are mainly distributed to local charities and the total to date exceeds £22,000. The ticket price includes concert and refreshments to be served afterwards in the Church Hall. This is a fund-raising event in support of Totley Library. Tickets £10. All Saints Church, Totley Hall Lane, 7.30.

Friday 22nd July: the return of the ever-popular Folk Concert event of the Festival, to be held again in the Library,

with the performance commencing at 7.30 pm. We have many of the splendid acts returning from previous years, plus a couple of new artists, and this promises to be one of



The popular Spoil The Dance will be performing once again at the Festival's Folk Concert

the best line-ups ever. The quality of performers at these concerts is on a par with top clubs, and you are advised to get your tickets soon! Bring your own drinks/wine. Tickets £5 (£3 concessions), Totley Library, 7.30.

Sunday July 24th: the Seven Hills Quartet will be playing sophisticated jazz at the Cross Scythes. 8.30 pm, Cross Scythes, Baslow Road. This event is free - all welcome!

Watch out for late changes and additions to the programme - see www.totleymusicfestival.co.uk

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 6th June at Totley Library and Totley Rise Post Office, or you can pay at the door.

Phil Harris and Sue Hare

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You can also come and tick off some of your 50 things to do before you're 11 3/4; if you're feeling active you can be hunting for bugs and creating wild art on our school holiday play trails, or why not go on a really long bike ride? You can try rock climbing (and abseiling), or you can just sit and enjoy the fabulous view with a drink and a piece of cake from our tea room.

All the activities taking place during the school holidays can be found on our website, <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/longshaw-burbage-and-the-eastern-moors/whats-on>.



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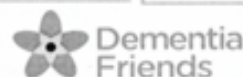
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Lost in Gillfield Wood!

After moving to Totley and having heard a good deal about Gillfield Wood, I decided to have a little walk to see what it was like. I wasn't quite sure where to start but found a rough entry path at the end of Green Oak Avenue just behind some houses on Aldam Way.

Upon entering the Wood I eventually came to a large stream in which I saw what I thought was a large catfish, but continued on through a succession of narrow paths until I arrived at what seemed a gravel embedded dirt road on which was posted a sign clearly stating that it was closed to the public. I therefore turned left onto a smaller path, which eventually led to an even smaller one and soon discovered I was surrounded by deep foliage. Foolishly ignoring this natural barrier, I pushed on.

But before long I began to worry when the path (or was it simply an animal track?) became so restricted that the plants on both sides brushed against me and I could hardly see the ground on where I was walking. Starting to feel totally lost and imagining that, if I suddenly became ill or unconscious, would I be able to summon help, even assuming my obsolete mobile would transmit an SOS? At this point my imagination ran loose, probably from seeing too many films where there were hidden bear traps poised to painfully immobilise the noble but unsuspecting hero.



And to make matters worse, I felt my right leg being nudged by a fairly large dog who suddenly came up behind me, which did nothing for my already runaway imagination. But all he did was give me an obviously disdainful sniff, and ran off in the direction of what looked like a mini-stately home (later I was told it was 'Woodthorpe Hall') which made me curious as to what it was doing in the middle of where I didn't know where I actually was.

Fortunately, I was soon reassured by noticing a nearby stream and knew, or so I told myself, that it would lead me back to civilised safety. But after unnecessarily doubling back over the same trails, and anxiety over hunger and thirst beginning to emerge, I stumbled upon another gravel-embedded road, similar to the one I was ordered not to use, and was most relieved to come across a man walking with his son and a small terrier, who were all heading towards a main road not very far ahead.

As this gentleman knew the area well, he recommended that I turn left there and keep walking until coming to the top of Mickley Lane, especially since I definitely didn't want to trek back through the woods again. Interestingly enough, we discovered that we had both worked at the same hospital some years ago even though our professional paths had never crossed. What a small world it was indeed, and within the unspoilt wilds of Gillfield Wood!

After what seemed an interminably long hike, I managed to locate Mickley Lane, a more than welcome sight even though my aching legs didn't appreciate its ultra-steep descent. When I finally arrived at the pub at the bottom of the hill, I gratefully ingested a much needed pint of strong lager before accurately heading straight home on blatantly anti-green but very easy to follow tarmac paths.

But then, one lives and should learn from such an experience. It served me right and deservedly so for not taking the precaution of contacting Friends of Gillfield Wood in the first place. Next time I hope I'll know better.

Arthur Kaufman

On the Beat...

Summer is here! Or is it? You may have seen me recently sheltering from hailstorms under trees or sweltering in a heavy coat on hot days - uniform choice is very difficult at present! I am continuing to get to know people across the area, I've recently enjoyed meeting the St Johns Rainbows troupe to talk about stranger danger and road safety, and the Cavendish Ladies Probud where we discussed how to keep yourself safe whilst inside and out. If you run a group and feel I might be of help please contact me, usual contact details shown below. I've also attended the Dore, Totley and Bradway Neighbourhood Watch coordinators meeting, it's great to have this level of support and enthusiasm from local members. As I mentioned last month, if you are interested in joining your local group drop me your contact details and I'll pass them on. Also on my to-do list this month is to make contact with all the schools across the area to see if I can be of use to them.

Looking at crime across the area recently the message is very much the same as in last month's article. We continue to have sheds broken into and a small number of burglaries. I would urge you to check your locks, particularly on patio doors and make sure you have the latest Anti Snap locks (like the one pictured) fitted. If you are working in the garden, or even upstairs in your house please ensure your front doors are locked. Whilst not yet a problem in this particular area there is still a worrying number of what we call "sneak in" burglaries nearby where opportunists have basically found an open door, walked in and helped themselves to goods and possessions. I've also recently received reports of more break ins at the allotments on Mickley Lane, so please ensure that sheds are well secured and that items of value are not left inside.



As usual if you have any issues, concerns or just want a general chat please contact me either via email at adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk or my work mobile 07787 881945 which has a messaging facility. Can you make sure you leave me your name and contact number, as I've not been able to return some messages lately because no number was left! Thank you!

*PCSO 8136 Adrian Tolson
Dore, Totley and Bradway Area Contact, Sheffield SW LPT
Woodseats Police Station*

Totley Rise Methodist Church

Spring/Summer 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

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 11th June, at 9.30 am. Paul Oakley, Vicar of Totley All Saints, will attempt to answer some of Life's Big Questions. Begin your Saturday with a complimentary English breakfast and great conversation. For more information contact Richard Grosberg on 0114 2363157 (evenings).

Messy Church: We hold a Messy Church on a Saturday afternoon most months. Every Messy Church has a particular theme. All are welcome - contact Rachel Wilson on 07912 352543 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.

Pushchair Club: Every Thursday afternoon, 1.30–3.00. Babies and toddlers 0-5 years come together with their carers to play and chat in a Christian atmosphere in the TRM Centre.

For more information contact Rachel, our Family and Children's Worker, on 07912 352543.

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 35243 for more details.

Meeting Place: Every other Wednesday 2pm – 3.30pm. 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.

Coffee morning: Every Tuesday, 10 am–12 noon, TRMC Lounge. Come and meet new and old friends from the community and chat over coffee and biscuits.

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 group's work: Butterfly Wings (still-born babies), Sheffield premature baby unit and the Christmas shoebox appeal. Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind have adopted knitted Ellie the elephant as their mascot and have given a certificate of grateful thanks. Members can knit/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 for up to three hours. We offer tea, coffee, biscuits and, most importantly, friendship.

The Quiet Garden at Totley Rise Methodist Church

Stillness and Hospitality: you are invited to come and sit here and wonder about our creative God. It is a place to find peace in the stillness of the garden and an opportunity in the 'busy

ness' of modern life to lay down your concerns. You can do this any time during daylight hours. Or you may want to share an experience with others by taking part in a Quiet Garden day or evening event. Visit www.totleyrise.co.uk for details. 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest' (Mark 6:31)

Sheffield Citizens Advice Bureau



Every Tuesday, 10 am - 12 noon. No appointment needed. A drop-in free and confidential Advice Service at the TRM Centre. Advice on legal, financial, employment, benefits and any other matters.

Hear our sermons

If you are unable to come to Totley Rise Methodist Church on a Sunday morning, you can still hear the service as a podcast online. Just visit our website www.totleyrise.co.uk and find a selection of recent services at Podomatic Podcast Page.

For more ongoing events see this issue's Diary, p.34



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Totley Show 2016

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**Saturday 17th September
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Admission to the show will be 50p for adults and 20p for children

***We would be delighted to see you at the show and to receive
your entries using the entry form overleaf***

The Programme

- 8.45 Registration opens
- 10.45 Registration closes
- 11.00 Judging of classes
- 1.30 Doors open to the public**
- 1.45 Official opening of the Show
- 2.00 Prize money may be collected
- 3.00 Raffle draw
- 3.15 Prize giving
- 3.30 Auction of donated items

Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon together with live music, craft stalls and various children's activities.

The Show will end with a charity auction of donated items conducted by Totley's very own Rony Robinson.

How to Enter the Show

Please feel free to enter as many classes as you like! The entry fee is 50p per entry. You can enter as many entries as you like to each class, but no entry can have been in a previous Totley Show. If your entry doesn't fit one of our classes please still bring it along for display. All entries are left at the show at owner's risk.

First (£3), second (£2) and third (£1) prizes will be awarded in each class, unless there are fewer than three entrants in an adult class in which case only a first prize will be awarded. All children's entries are recognised with a certificate and all children's class winners receive a medal. Cups or trophies are awarded to all section winners. A special trophy is awarded for the 'best in show'.

You may donate your item to be auctioned at the end of the show, but this is not compulsory. Any prize money not collected by 4pm will be put towards next year's show. Thank you for entering!

Notes:

Recipe to be used for Dundee cake class (use a deep 7" tin): 75g/6oz plain flour; 125g/4oz butter/margarine; 125g/4oz soft brown sugar; 2¼tsp baking powder; 1 rounded tsp mixed ground spice; 3 eggs, 125g/4oz raisins; 125g/4oz sultanas; 125g/4oz currants; 85g/3oz chopped mixed peel and chopped cherries; 40g/1½oz blanched almonds to decorate

Recipe to be used for Victoria Sandwich class (use two 7" tins): 125g/4oz Margarine; 125g/4oz self raising flour; 125g/4oz caster sugar; 2 eggs

Children's handwriting classes (on an A5 page): 6-8s a nursery rhyme, 9-11s a poem, 12-14s: a Shakespeare quote

Totley Show 2016

Entry Form

Please complete prior to bringing your entries for registration between 8.45 and 10.45am.

Name	
Home phone	
Mobile	
Address	

Please enter the number of items you would like to enter against each class at 50p per entry:

HANDICRAFT SECTION

1	Knitted or crochet garment	
2	Decorative Cushion	
3	Soft toy	
4	Tapestry	
5	Cross stitch	
6	Quilting / patchwork	
7	Greetings card	
8	Open handicraft any medium	

DOMESTIC SECTION

9	Victoria Sandwich (see recipe)	
10	Dundee cake (see recipe)	
11	Carrot cake	
12	5 Biscuits	
13	3 Fruit scones	
14	Loaf of bread	
15	Jam	
16	Lemon curd	
17	Marmalade	
18	Chutney	

FLORAL SECTION

19	Arrangement 18"x10"x10"	
20	3 Cut home grown flowers	
21	Flowering pot plant	

FRESH PRODUCE SECTION

22	4 Eating apples	
23	4 Cooking apples	
24	8 Blackberries	
25	4 matching Potatoes	
26	3 matching Leeks	
27	3 matching Onions	
28	5 matching Runner beans	
29	5 Tomatoes	
30	1 Cucumber	
31	Heaviest marrow	
32	Longest runner bean	
33	3 Eggs from own hens	

ART & SCULPTURE SECTION

34	Oil or acrylic painting	
35	Water colour	
36	Sketch in ink or pencil	
37	Upcycled art or sculpture	
38	Open art any medium	
39	Open sculpture any medium	

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION

40	Black and white	
41	Creative	
42	Wildlife	
43	Landscape	

WOODWORK SECTION

44	Wood turning	
45	Wood sculpture	

CHILDREN'S SECTION

46	Vegetable animal (up to 8)	
47	Vegetable animal (9-14)	
48	3 Decorative buns (up to 8)	
49	3 Decorative buns (9 to 14)	
50	3 biscuits (up to 8)	
51	3 biscuits (9 to 14)	
52	Egg cup flower arrangement	
53	Painting or drawing (up to 5)	
54	Painting or drawing (6-8)	
55	Painting or drawing (9-11)	
56	Painting or drawing (12-14)	
57	Lego model < 25cm sq (5-8)	
58	Lego model < 25cm sq (9-14)	
59	Colour photo (up to 14)	
60	Open any medium (up to 14)	
61	Handwriting (6-8)	
62	Handwriting (9-11)	
63	Handwriting (12-14)	

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Entrant number	
Total number of entries	

Total entry fee due	
Entry fee paid	

What's on at the Library



Volunteers at Totley Library contribute to £1 million worth of volunteering time

Since late 2014, fifteen of Sheffield's public libraries, including Totley Library, have been operated by around 800 volunteers. This army of volunteers have been busy shelving books and helping library users, but also cleaning the libraries, maintain the buildings and gardens, organising community events and fundraising etc. This has generated a huge amount of value for the city – over £1 million worth of volunteering time has so far been given and around £30,000 in new and donated books.

Despite this commitment from volunteers, the future of the volunteer libraries is still uncertain. Sheffield City Council is currently reviewing whether or not to extend its initial 3-year financial support package, granted in 2014, to fund basic running costs for volunteer run libraries. These running costs include utilities and rates, plus continued use of the council's Library Management System along with professional librarian and IT support.

The trustees at Totley Library are working with representatives of the other volunteer libraries across the city, to lobby the council for continued financial support. We are also compiling a report which will be presented to the council in the summer to show what we have achieved since taking over the management of the library in September 2014. To support us, we ask that you continue to use the library as much as possible, as book borrowing figures and library visitor numbers are very important.

We were very pleased in April to launch our new Thursday afternoon film club. Aimed at the over 65's, we are now showing films on the last Thursday of each month at 3.45pm. Transport is provided by Transport 17 for those with walking difficulties. If you would like to join the Thursday afternoon film club, or have an elderly neighbour or relative who would be interested, then please visit Totley Library or phone 0114 236 3971 to put their name on the list.

This summer we are pleased to be involved with a number of community events in Dore and Totley. On 12th June we will be selling refreshments and second hand books at the Picnic in the Park, to mark the Queen's 90th birthday. Please join us from 12-4pm in Green Oak Park for some fun and games.

In July we will be hosting some special nights as part of the Totley Music Festival. On Friday 8th July there will be a special ABBA-themed sing-a-long Film night, complete with delicious Greek buffet. Tickets available in advance from Totley Library and cost £10 (£8 concessions for Friends of Totley CRIC) including film and buffet. Bring your own drinks/wine and join us to escape to a Greek island paradise for one night in Totley!

A special library fund-raiser is scheduled for Friday 15th July. This will be a concert by the excellent Sheffield Folk Chorale, and this will take place in All Saints Church, with refreshments served afterwards in the Church Hall. The choir, which is led and directed by Graham Pratt, is dedicated to performing unaccompanied four-part songs, drawn from and inspired by traditional folk music. The full chorale has around eighty members, though as few venues can accommodate the full Chorale, the number of singers is tailored to suit the venue - around forty is the optimum. To

date the choir has raised over £22,000 for local charities, so please come along, enjoy a great concert, and support the library!

On Saturday 9th July we will have a stall for the first time at Dore Scouts and Guides Gala. Our volunteers will be reading stories to children, completely free of charge.

This summer our volunteers are putting on a wide range of activities in July for pre-school and school aged children – see the display ad on page 3 for full details. Please note in particular that the Wednesday morning 'Storytime' sessions will not run in August, but will return in September.



Regular events and meetings at the Library

Monday:

French for children – 10 am toddlers and babies; 3.40 reception and Yr 1; 4.10 years 2-4; 4.40 years 5 to 6. Readers Book Group, every first Monday, 1.30–2.45 pm Friends of Gillfield Wood, occasional Mondays, 7.30 pm onwards. Talks on local nature and conservation. See posters, the Independent Diary, or www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com 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

And if anyone is interested in beginners' yoga sessions on Wednesday evenings (except the last Wednesday in the month) from 7-8.30, please contact Ann Zielonka on 07929 736966

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Eastern Moors Partnership



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Help protect rare breeding bird on the Sheffield Moors

Visitors to the Sheffield Moors are being asked to help protect one of the area's most threatened birds, the ring ouzel.

More commonly known as mountain blackbirds, ring ouzels travel thousands of miles every summer from North Africa to breed on the gritstone edges of the Peak District. Currently, the males are setting up breeding territories in preparation of the imminent arrival of the females.

Sadly, ring ouzels are in serious trouble in the UK; over the past two decades they have declined by 70% and are a species of serious conservation concern. Urgent action is needed to reverse their declines before it's too late.

In recent years, the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) has worked closely with the British Mountaineering Council (BMC) on Stanage, to raise awareness of the importance of ring ouzel conservation. With the imminent lease of Burbage from Sheffield City Council, the Eastern Moors Partnership is keen to continue this pioneering work to ensure a future where wildlife and people can co-exist.



Ring Ouzel

As a result, The Eastern Moors Partnership is asking visitors to help ring ouzels this breeding season by doing the following:

- Look out for and respect signs about current nest -ing sites
- Keep dogs on a lead during bird nesting season (until 31 July)

- Keep their distance whilst bird watching or taking photographs

John Mead, Eastern Moors Partnership Warden said: "With shared land comes a shared responsibility and an opportunity to work together to ensure that we have a landscape that can support both people and wildlife for the next generation to enjoy."

Henry Folkard of the BMC said, "It's great that the good partnership established between the National Park and climbers in protecting these severely endangered birds is now being extended right across the Eastern edges."

This year the Eastern Moors Partnership is joining forces with PDNPA, the BMC and Sheffield Bird Study Group to monitor ring ouzel numbers across the Sheffield Moors. The aim is to establish baseline numbers of ring ouzels in the area, and study factors affecting ring ouzel populations locally.

John Mead continued: "If you see a ring ouzel on the Sheffield Moors, please report it to us. The more eyes we have on the ground looking for these birds the more we can find out about them and the better we'll be able to better protect them."

Ring ouzel sightings should be reported to john.mead@easternmoors.org.uk or call 0114 2891543.

As their nickname suggest, ring ouzels resemble blackbirds but can be distinguished by a white band across their breast. The Eastern Moors Partnership and PDNPA are hosting a "Birds in the Burbage Valley" discovery walk on Wednesday 15 June. For more information on the walk or about ring ouzels, please visit www.visit-eastern-moors.org.uk.

For further information, please contact -

Katherine Clarke, Visitor Experience Manager on 07738 738844, enquiries@easternmoors.org.uk or
Chris Collett, Communications Manager, 0191 233 4317 / 07885 834889

Puzzle corner

Solve each clue with a pair of words in which moving the first letter from the first answer to the end produces the second answer. For example: rotates: soaring aids = spin/pins

1. native hunting weapon : cider ingredient
2. frightens : an endearing touch
3. go sneakingly on the golfer's territory
4. exert pressure to prepare for athletic events
5. a chemise : derides
6. sleek and smooth : passes the tongue over
7. turn on a thread : several ship's members
8. saturate with water : old English trees
9. Rascal spends time in a tent
10. make runs : apple centres
11. to keep short : presses into folds
12. fence ladder on the house roof
13. used to feed the fire in poor houses
14. gave of bad smells : water holders
15. kitchen item : used for writing
16. games activity : harbours
17. having a cutting edge : Welsh musical instruments
18. a glowing particle : puts a car in place
19. an incline : runs with long strides
20. discharge the gun at the owl's calls

Solution page 29

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**Friends of
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Diary for June and July

June

Note that there is no Friends of Gillfield Wood Conservation Work Day set for June. We are taking a summer break!

Wednesday 1st: Hoverflies of Gillfield Wood with Derek Whiteley (SORBY). Here is an opportunity to learn more about the hoverflies of Gillfield Wood. We will start with a brief introduction from Derek in the Scout Hut (Aldam Road) at 10am. Derek will cover the 'jizz' features which help us make quick identifications and a very brief consideration of the bee/wasp mimics. We will then be out and about in Gill



Wasp mimic chrysotoxum festivum

field Wood to broaden our knowledge of the species to be found. Derek will on be on hand to identify a few more on the wing, but we may have to capture a few for later identification.

You may need good footwear and, of course, a camera with macro facility would be useful for naturalist photographers. Bring a packed lunch if staying into the afternoon but feel free to leave when you wish.

Booking on 07818651797 (Paul) is helpful in order to organise the use of the Scout Hut.

July

Sunday 24th: 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.

Saturday 30th: Totley Library is putting on a Family Nature Walk organised by Jill Hnat and led by Chris Measures (Friends of Gillfield Wood). We will start at the Library at 10:15 and walk through the Park into the Wood as we did last year. All ages welcome. Booking is preferred but not essential. You can contact the library on 2363971 for more information. DO WEAR appropriate clothing and footwear especially if it is wet overnight.

Advance Notice!

Saturday 6th August: Bird Walk with Chris Measures (Friends of Gillfield Wood). Chris's third walk of the year will provide a chance to see a few summer visitors and perhaps a few butterflies. Once again Chris will help us make our own identification of birds by their songs. Meet at the Totley Hall Entrance at 8am. No experience necessary. Bring binoculars and cameras. Strong shoes are essential. The walk will last about 2-3 hours.



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We had a good coffee morning on Saturday 23rd April (St George's Day) and raised approximately £580. It was quieter than usual but those that were able to come had a lovely gossip morning and caught up with all their friends. It has been a long time since we actually had some cakes left on the coffee stall and also the cake table. Needless to say they were snapped up very quickly so no wastage!!

We give our grateful thanks to the Cross Scythes: they are brilliant at what they do for us and we are more than grateful for their efforts.

Our next Coffee Morning is scheduled for 25th June. It is Armed Forces Day but we will restrain ourselves and not start raffling tanks and guns!! Instead we will be having a hobbies theme, which has been successful in the past and we hope will be again.

I have an apology to make to the Cricket Inn Games Club, now defunct, who kindly donated their final monies to us way back in October, approximately £280. Unfortunately I wasn't told and as a consequence you haven't been thanked. Thank you all for your kindness and support. Everything we receive is always gratefully received.

As you all know we are focusing on refurbishing the office facilities and it is well under way. We need to give special thanks to Jimmy McWilliams, a retired decorator, who has completely transformed the kitchen and toilet area. It was no mean feat as the walls are anything but straight and level, as we all know in elderly buildings, but he worked tirelessly to achieve a splendid end result. As you will see from the front of the office we have new signage and the outside looks really fresh. The inside of the office still looks like a war zone, of sorts, but the boys are soldiering on regardless. Michael Finn, our Manager wants to say a huge thank you to all the people who have volunteered their services, especially Colin Price and Denis Dacy. All of the donations we have received are being put to good use and it is a long road ahead of us but we will get there!! We would also like to thank St Thomas Catholic Church and Cheshire Homes for continuing to allow us to park in their respective car parks which is also invaluable. We would also like to thank Gail Wyman for the lovely posters she has been designing for us each time we have an event. What with her wonderful work and the office being refurbished, who knows we will be up-to-date in the 21st century.

A NEW VEHICLE! You remember the promise of one via a Government initiative? Well, it has been seen by Michael Finn but will have to be kitted out and won't be here until July/August at the earliest. We will have a special event when it arrives to welcome it into the fold so watch this space.

Sainsbury's at Bradway (opposite Golf Club) are putting us forward as a local charity for them to support. During June all the submitted charities will need to have their customers vote for them. Please go and vote for us, please please please!

The sun is shining but it is very cold today as I write this piece so I hope we return to the very lovely warm weather we had before the torrential rain.

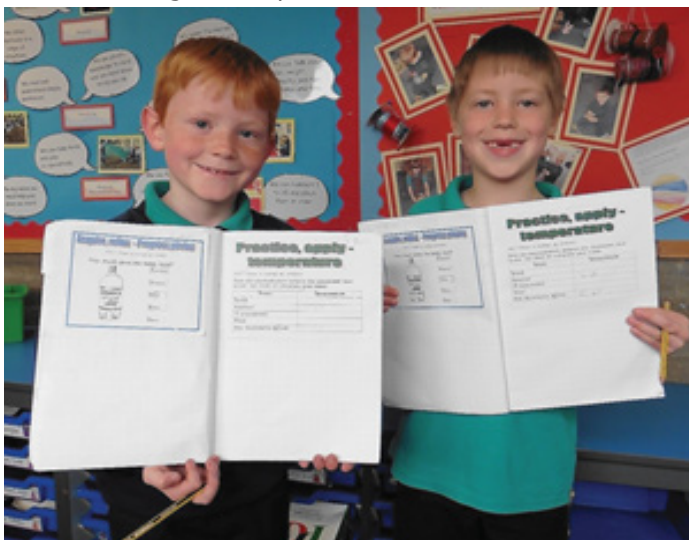
Stay well and take good care of yourselves.

Felicity Revill



Maths Week at Totley Primary

This year we have made significant changes (and improvements!) to the way in which maths is taught. Leading these changes has been our maths co-ordinator, Mr Atkinson, who has developed a new approach which has enabled us to deliver the new National Curriculum effectively. Key features of maths teaching at Totley now include:



- No fixed ability groupings – children are assessed by teachers continuously and grouped differently each lesson
- Flexible teaching which allows us to spot mistakes and intervene quickly
- A strong emphasis on teamwork, discussion and collaborative games when learning new skills
- The use of concrete materials to scaffold learning
- Giving all children opportunities to deepen their learning and apply their skills by linking maths to other areas of the curriculum
- A high level of challenge for all children, with pupil voice being highly valued
- Creative use of technology to capture evidence of children's learning

Feedback from both staff and children has been very positive indeed, with children feeling more empowered as learners and teachers being better placed to address children's misconceptions and know exactly what their next steps in learning may be.

We have had a great time this week as the children and teachers have shared their learning with parents, who have

been invited into see the new system in action and get stuck in with maths lessons in school. Many parents commented that maths teaching has changed an awful lot since they were at school and that they would have enjoyed the subject much more if they had experienced our new approach!



Activities have included garden centre problem solving in Y1, linking to their science topic on growing plants; measuring temperatures and liquids in Y2, inspired by their class story book "Superworm"; measuring perimeters on a grand scale in Y3, including parts of the school grounds; using co-ordinates in Y4 to plot the journey of slaves when the slave trade was rife, and in Y5, using iPads to solve ratio problems via QR code clues.

Here are some pictures from our week!

Ben Paxman, Assistant Head Teacher

Holmesfield Flower Club

Wednesday 15th June – 7.30 pm: Demonstration of Flower Arranging by the acclaimed NAFAS National Floral Designer Andrew Grisewood entitled "Summer Sensation" at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield, S18 7WZ – ample parking.

Tickets available at the door: visitors £10; members £5. The magnificent arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. All are welcome and early arrival is recommended.

Wednesday 20th July – 7.30 pm: Demonstration of Flower Arranging entitled "The Music of Flowers" by Gill Mills (NAFAS Area demonstrator). at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield, S18 7WZ – ample parking.

Tickets available at the door: visitors £8; members £4. The beautiful arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. All are welcome.

Wednesday 17th August – 7.30 pm – Social Evening and annual competition for club members. Create an arrangement in the container/s decorated at the May workshop. Followed by a bring and share summer supper.

Contact Diana: 0114 2377601 for information. All are welcome, not just members. Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield, S18 7WZ – ample parking. Visitors £4.00, members £2.

*Diana Holland
Holmesfield Flower Club*

Walking the Dog....

Q & A

I've got a little Totley quiz for you Jack, instead of a walk? See if you've been listening?

Wuff.

Right. Why are people wrong when they say that the river in Totley at the end of Totley Brook Road where I used to live before I went bankrupt, is the Totley Brook?

Because it's not in Totley, it's in Dore. And even if it wasn't, it's not Totley Brook because Totley Brook is the one that slides full of sticklebacks behind where the prefabs were in Totley.

What were the prefabs when they were?

The prefabs were the single storey hutty houses built after the war with asbestos and flat roofs and fires in glass cupboards, and they didn't blow down in Totley like they did in 1962 on Skye Edge, but the people in them who got on the 45 bus opposite the Co-op smelt of cardboard when it rained.

If I went in the Co-op -

You'd be slipping in a bottle of red wine, but pretending you'd dropped off for some some cat food for Tempuss.

I might be, but that's not the question. This is. If I went in the Co-op and remembered my mum's number, what was it?

Three five double four eight

What wasn't my mum's S & E Co-op number?

Seven four three six five.

What number was that then?

That was your phone number when you shared a party line with Mrs Turton at 12 Laverdene and used to to listen in to her calls to their Lesley, and to Podge Turton, when his mum was out, talking to a girl from the Methodists on Totley Rise. But your Dave told the Co-op that that seven four three six five was our Co-op number so somebody else in Totley pinched our divi.

What do these numbers mean - 45, 5144, 6, and 132 ?

45 was the Totley Bus, you just told me.

And?

5144 was your Dad's masonic lodge but it's secret and if you tell anyone at school you can still get cut in pieces and buried a cable length from high tide at Thornwick Bay. But 5144 -

But 5144?

$5+1-4+4 = 6$

And you lived on Laverdene Drive as a kid at number 6 = 6.

And then you lived at 132 Totley Brook as a grown up and

$1+3+2 = 6$.

You were in red 6 at cubs and there were 6 of you in it.

Your mum had 6 sisters and brothers, and so did your dad and he was called Gethin (6 letters) and if you ever threw 6 at the Beetle (6 letters) Drive at the Centre (6) at Abbeydale Hall you got a body.

Good. And I know we all now live happily ever after in S17 (and if you take the 1 off the 7 that makes 6 as well), but what was the postal number when I was growing up?

It wasn't. There wasn't a postal number. It was Totley Nr Sheffield then, and sometimes still Totley, Derbyshire, even if it wasn't supposed to be after 1936. ($1 \times 9 + 3 - 6 = 6$)

You are a dog Jack. What dogs did I grow up with?

None.

Why not?

Because your Geth had asthma and your Mum had quite enough smells with four men in the house, thank you. But you used to take Mrs White of Laverdene Drive's Chummy(6) for walks. But a white Alsatian from the Grove bit you where the Catholic Church is now, and gave you distemper, but you never got any compensation. And Mrs Hammond's dog at the Centre at Abbeydale Hall left teeth marks in your thigh, or Mrs Hammond did, but it's all forgotten now.

Where were the Totley Cowsheds?

They weren't cowsheds. But the kids at the County did smell. And their buildings were single storey with wide corridors so that they could be a hospital and a fall-out shelter instead of a school whenever there was an atomic war with Russia.

What has Dr Dolittle got to do with the hairdresser's next to where Jimmy(6) Martin(6) was?

Dr Dolittle was the first book you borrowed from the library that was there then when then was then, when they had the magic stamper that always knew when it was a fortnight from when it was, when it was.

Which book would you most have liked to have borrowed, Jackie?(6)

A dog eared one. So can we now all go for our walk. In Totley?(6)

Rony Robinson

Totley Open Gardens 2016



1pm - 5pm

£4 per person for admission to all gardens

Children under 14 free - but must be accompanied by an adult

All proceeds to local organisations

Programmes from the Ironing Parlour, 170 Baslow Road, S17 4DR;
Mand Made, 193 Baslow Rd, and Totley Library from 2 weeks before the event. On the Open Weekend programmes sold outside The Ironing Parlour and from Cross Scythes pub, Baslow Road.

Enquiries to: Jennie Street on 236 2302 or email jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk

Totley Residents Association

The Association's Annual General Meeting took place on Monday 25th April 2016 at the Library. The chair gave her report for the year which was as follows.

'Thank you to our Councillors, Colin, Joe and Martin for supporting us at the monthly meetings.

We had two Markets, in May and November with a number of new stalls including one from the well-supported Totley CRIC. At the May Market I was pleased to run a stall for the first time on behalf of Avril Critchley, selling plants raised by her for CRIC. Sadly, it was the last time I saw Avril who died in late August. TRA members attended her funeral in September.

In May, Master Stonemason Steve Roche erected a memorial in the Pinfold to Stan Bingham and Jerry Roberts funded by money bequeathed to the TRA.

This year we applied for two Grants from the Ward Pot and although we did not receive the full amount for which we asked, both awards helped a great deal towards work at the War Memorial and the Christmas Lunch.

In July and September we were pleased to be involved with Macmillan fundraisers at the Shepley Spitfire. Over three days, in excess of £700 was raised through raffles, selling of homemade cakes and a Silent Auction.

In June there were two Meetings which we attended: the Network Rail presentation and a meeting regarding Roads, Lighting and Trees. In October we also visited the Street Lighting Roadshow.

We were happy to support Totley Music Festival, brilliantly organised by Phil Harris and Sue Hare, and also the Totley Show in September. Les Firth, after many years' stalwart service as Chairman, has now stepped down and I have agreed to act as Chairman for an interim period.

The Committee had three members step down this year and therefore we are keen for enthusiastic people to give an hour of their time at approximately ten meetings a year.

On a personal level I would like to thank the Committee for their dedication and never failing sense of humour - Julie Mitchell without whom the Christmas Lunch would not have taken place; Phil Harris for continuing to provide us with an excellent TI; and all the businesses and individuals in Totley who have supported the TRA in the last twelve months.'

Hetty Moran, Chairman

Totley Scouts

The Scout Association is well on the way to achieving the Vision 2018 goal of having 500,000 young people in the Movement, supported by 150,000 adult volunteers. We now have 573,000 adult and youth members of Scouting - reflecting significant growth within the Movement for the 11th consecutive year. On average, across the UK, 21 new young people join Scouting every single day.

25% in 25 years

This year, 25 years after Scouting became a co-educational youth Movement, membership is now 25% female.

Adult volunteers

As a volunteer-led organisation, we could not provide our high-quality programme to so many hundreds of thousands of young people each week



without dedicated adults. The 2016 census shows incredible growth, not just of young people, but also of volunteers. We now support over 115,000 adult volunteers, a figure which has increased in real terms by more than 14,700 individuals since 2015.

The 1st Totley Group has more members than ever and regularly receives applications from youngsters never involved in Scouting before. We had no girls five years ago, but now they also represent 25% of the group.

Sadly, our good record does not include adult volunteers, as we are not recruiting enough new adults to help. This means our existing volunteers have to give up more than one night per week and sometimes the sections are unable to carry out planned programmes due to shortage of Leaders when sickness, work or holidays intervene.

We have started discussing how to restructure our sections to maximise how many young people we can accommodate, with the numbers of volunteers that we have. No decisions have been made yet but we may have to reduce the number of pack nights.

I have mentioned before that our Treasurer has resigned. So we really need a new Treasurer as soon as possible. The role of Treasurer is extremely important to the smooth running of the group.

So if you have accounting experience and would like to help Totley Scouts as Treasurer, please do contact me.

It will be a bitter blow to those who have invested so much time if eventually the 1st Totley Scout Group has to close down through the lack of a few more volunteers. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering.

Good News

There is some good news though. On deadline day for this article we organised a spring clean of the Scout Hut. About half a dozen parents came and helped some of the Leaders. We were very impressed with how hard they worked. But what was especially impressive was that one of the parents is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints - the Mormon Church. He brought along a team of about ten people from the Church all of whom worked extremely hard. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of time by people who were not involved with Scouting. The Scout Hut looks so much better now.

Many of you will already realise that St George is not only the patron saint of England but he is also the patron saint of Scouting. Our whole scout group paraded on 24th April (the nearest Sunday to St Georges Day) and marched down Abbeydale Road to Saint John's Church to celebrate. The Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, and past members of the Scout Association were given the opportunity to renew their Promise in Church.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers are all currently training for camps planned for this summer. Beavers have a special 30-year Anniversary camp and Cubs, formed 100 years ago, have an exciting camp to celebrate as well. Scouts and Explorers will be off to Northumberland for an exciting week, which will include an expedition towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award for the Explorers.

Sainsburys have just finished giving out Active Kid vouchers when you shop with them. If you have collected any, please pass them onto the Scout group. We use them to swap for valuable equipment for Scouts. Last year we concentrated on equipment for soft play activities and ingredients cards for cooking. Either hand them to someone you know who is involved with scouts or simply post them through our letterbox. This year you can also post them through the letterbox of 181 Baslow Road. It is very easy to find as it is next door to the Co-op. Thank you to those who have already passed vouchers onto us. I am now busy counting the vouchers!

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Friends of Dore and Totley Station

There's been an Inquiry!

Although the Hope Valley Capacity Scheme inquiry will have been completed by the time you read this it's unclear how soon the inspector will complete his report, or we know what the Department for Transport decides to do with its findings. Hopefully, if all is agreed, we should have two platforms by December 2018 and an hourly stopping service through the Hope Valley. Objections from Hope Valley dominated the proceedings because an extra loop is also planned at Bamford.

FoDaTS made joint submissions to the inquiry along with Dore Village Society (DVS) and Bradway Action Group (BAG). DVS is particularly concerned about the design and details of the facilities being provided at the station. BAG shares the concerns of DVS that we should have at least an hourly service, but also has severe concerns about the work site on the railway triangle, and by the flats on West View Lane. FoDaTS members come from a much wider area, reflecting the views of users of the station, so our focus is on all three areas of concern, plus the environment in and around the station.

All three groups welcomed the railway improvements designed to allow space to provide more services, but were less happy about frequency of those services. There may be some good news on that. Northern have suggested that we could get an hourly service from December 2017. It clearly takes a long time to calculate paths for so many trains, but we rather feel this could be achieved even sooner by stopping more of the Manchester Airport fast service.

In the meantime we have an hourly service during the day on Saturdays and Sundays until the autumn.

Whilst waiting for a train at the station passengers no longer get put through to India if they have a problem. We are to get a TVM including a video help link through to one of their team in the Customer Contact centre which is staffed 24hrs a day in Sheffield. Who knows, at least they'll know where you live, and may know where Dore is, or maybe not! When I last called the lady wanted to know which platform I was on and was clearly in a different time zone. It's the one and only Platform 1 for all destinations from Dore!

The copy date for this magazine has come just too early for more specific railway developments. We are monitoring the plans for completion by December 2018. We're looking to speak to any and all bodies who may be able to assist in the redevelopment of our little station. We may know the results of the inquiry by the next issue.

In the meantime have a look at what the station was supposed to look like after the work is complete. In the two pictures you may notice wire cages beneath the new bridge.



Maybe they'd feature Dore lions and tigers to keep passengers amused while waiting for a train? The thought of the build-up of debris beneath the steps when there's already nowhere near enough space for us to shelter from the rain appalled us.

We know we won on that issue. There will be no wire cages.

Unfortunately at present there won't be much else. We hope to get them to provide a significantly better package of cover for passengers. You may be wondering who 'them' and 'they' are.



Network Rail for the tracks and station platforms. The Train Operating Company, the TOC, looks after buildings once built. At present Northern haven't got engaged as they only took over the franchise on 1st April. Key staff have only just started and haven't settled in to their new roles. We know Northern have a £38 million building fund and would like to think a small amount from that could be diverted our way. SYPTe have ultimate responsibility for the car park, but it all gets very complicated.

Accountability in the rail industry is all but incomprehensible to us, and sometimes our view is reflected from the contacts we've made with them.

We're going to keep battling away. We have had a suggestion from Northern that we should have an hourly service from December 2017. That's a year before the line redoubling is due to be ready. It could be achieved by stopping more of the fast services. Our current view is that if it can be done in 2017 why not in 2016? The answer appears to be that time-tabling issues take a long time to resolve.

Watch this space. Please join us if you have an interest in our station and the services offered. The more members we have the more clout we may be able to muster. We aren't a political group. We may want to do active things around the station to improve the appearance. At present that is on hold while the new Northern franchise team gets that side of their own arrangements in place.

You can join us on Facebook - just search for FoDaTS. Look in there from time to time to see the latest news and make comment, constructive if possible!

You can also join us by sending an email with your contact details to our Secretary; nj-barnes@outlook.com. Hopefully we'll have a website up and running by the time this edition hits the streets.

Chris Morgan, Chairman



A piece of rail history: Green Arrow passing through Dore station, about 1980, hauling the North Eastern special.

Gardening Tips for June and July

Mid-May and great weather at last! We can get cracking with the business of planting out the plants which have been waiting to go into the plots which have been prepared.

Christine is busy with the hanging baskets and tubs. It's lovely to be working outside in the sunshine, although working in the greenhouse is not much fun - it's 100 degrees F!

I am trying to work out priorities in planting order. Runner beans are starting to curl, which means they should be in the ground so that the curly bit can get a grip on the canes.

Tomatoes are growing well and need to be in position in the greenhouse. I use two methods, both using growbags. I put a large 10" bottomless pot set into the growbag and filled with compost, and for the other method I use a custom-made double pot which has a central pot which the tomato goes into. This is surrounded by a larger pot which has watering holes in the base, the tomato in the compost section is given feed, the outer section is for watering only. I have had good results from both methods and I hope this continues for this season.

I am making a posh bird bath to keep the birds happy in the hot weather. I'm recycling an old table centre post which has acathas leaves carved on it - it's quite a substantial piece of work. I am hoping it will look like stone when I have finished it. I will photograph it for the next TI if I get it finished in time - we might catch some birds having a bath, and that would be fun.

I have had quite a few comments about my exercise routine. I hope you found it useful and that it was not too creaky! It does work! Loosening those old tight muscles before you get digging will pay off in the long run, but as I said before don't overdo it! If you notice any pains you did not have before, don't blame me - go to your doctor!

Christine has booked for us to go to a garden bonanza for four days and three nights, visiting Hampton Court Palace gardens, Chelsea Flower Show, RHS Garden Wisley, and Kew Gardens. I think after all that, I should be well versed in agricultural knowledge, and will probably need a short spell in a quiet nursing home. I will let you know if it's worthwhile, or whether it was too much concentrated gardening to take in!

It's raining now and the temperature has dropped. The plants seem to be unsure as to whether to grow or go back. I must tell them that they have to get used to our fickle weather. But let's hope it brightens up for them.

The slugs will be having a birthday. They love the warm and the wet I am hoping to put a stop to all their partying in my garden. I am going to try nematodes - these little things like eating slugs and snails (like the French, I suppose, but minus the garlic). I hope they will eradicate some of them - and they do not harm other wildlife.

When the rain stops I am going to do a health and safety exercise on the garden, sorting out hosepipes, untidy corners, bits of wood etc, etc so that we can all walk about with impunity (do you like that big word?) It is important to make sure that all the trip hazards are dealt with. I don't want to find myself or anyone else tripping up and being out of action!

June

Flowers: The weather will hopefully be a bit drier so careful watering will be necessary, especially for newly planted bedding plants etc. Tie up the taller plants or they could be damaged by wind. Hardy primula can be lifted and divided. The crowns can be divided into several clumps and transplanted into a moist, shady position. Aphids and greenfly can be troublesome, so regular spraying will be necessary to keep them under control.

Don't forget to give your plants a good feed now and again - it will pay dividends in helping plants. As alpine and rockery plants finish flowering, trim back the growth to keep plants neat and compact. Sow seeds of winter-flowering pansies in seed boxes and put them in a frame, then when they are large enough they can be planted out in the garden. Dead-head peonies after flowering and cut back oriental poppies.

Lift and clean spring bulbs, store in a light, airy shed. Pinks can be propagated now by means of cuttings. Select healthy-looking non-flowering shoots, 10-13 cms long (4 to 5 inches)

Pull them out at a joint (this is termed "piping") and insert these pipings firmly 5cms (2 inches) deep and about 10 cms apart in sandy soil, preferably in a frame but a shady border



will do. Keep well-watered, shaded from direct sunlight. Sow biennials such as Canterbury bells, foxgloves, pansies, violas and Sweet Williams in frames or cloches.

Vegetables: Make successional sowings of vegetables such as lettuce, carrots, turnips, radishes, mustard and cress; all salad vegetables and turnips will be better in a shady spot.

Plant out winter greens, including brussels sprouts, broccoli, kale and savoy. Stake up peas and beans. Plant outdoor tomatoes when they have been hardened off. Choose a sunny spot - a border at the foot of a wall or fence with a southerly aspect will be best. Soil should be in good condition but not too richly manured. Let them set a few fruit, then feed with tomato fertiliser.

Plant out runner beans 20cms (8 ins) apart, and provide a stout stake or cane for each plant. Plant celery, set plants that are 8cm (3 ins) high or more - I find the self-blanching type less time-consuming.

Plant out marrow plants - they will be ready in good time for the Show. I plant mine in well-rotted compost between two bales of straw. This keeps them off the ground and holds the moisture, which they love. Pinch out broad beans when they have set 3 clusters. This may prevent an attack of black fly.

You may be able to lift a root or two of early potatoes for an early taster - keep earthing up. Sow a further crop of parsley and stump rooted carrots.

Make a sowing of french beans in a sheltered place. These will crop in September (just right for the Show) and continue until the first sharp frost. Don't forget to water and feed - don't just spray the tops, give them a full soaking. This should last and prevent surface rooting which make the plants susceptible to drought conditions. Keep hoeing to prevent weeds taking hold. Plant out leeks for winter/spring. Sow chervil and dill in a sunny spot to be ready in late summer.

Trees Shrubs and Fruit: keep well-watered and weed-free. Remove dead tips of cotoneaster and cherry.

Pick the poisonous seeds of laburnum, especially if there are children around. Give azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias and hydrangeas a feed of sequestrine, especially if they are yellowing. Keep an eye out for pests and diseases and deal with them as soon as they are seen.

Planting of new shrubs and trees is best left until late summer. Increase your stock by taking semi-ripe cuttings from a wide range of trees and shrubs. Root in a frame or on a window sill. Layer clematis and flowering quince.

Prune deciduous shrubs like cleutzia, broom and mock orange after flowering. Keep raspberries moist at ground level by mulching with straw or strawy manure between the rows. Keep the young shoots of blackberries and loganberries tied up. Peg strawberry runners which have been earmarked for propagation into posts.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: keeping an eye on temperatures is the order of the day, damping down if the weather is hot and giving plenty of ventilation. Early June nights can be very treacherous, so watch the weather forecast. Keep plants well-watered and fed, take out side shoots on tomatoes and feed with fertiliser when the first truss has set.

Pollinate flowers using a fine brush - or a cottonball on a stick will do nicely. Watch out for white fly. I use yellow sticky cards placed strategically around. They are very effective. If they get really bad, use a whitefly smoke cone. You will need to repeat this every 5-6 days to give effective control.

Sow greenhouse calceolarias now. Sow seed in well-drained trays, and give the lightest covering of sand. Cover and place in a frame to germinate. They do not like excessive heat. Continue to feed flowering and fruity pot plants, and stand on damp pebbles to maintain humidity.

Pot up rooted cuttings taken in May. Watch out for aphids etc and treat when seen. I find plant pins very effective. Take stem cuttings from geraniums, busy lizzie, fuschia, heliotrope, kalanchoe, plumbago and peperomia. Take leaf cuttings from African violets (pictured below), rex begonias, echeveria and gloxinia.



Lawns: Cut, water, keep clean regularly. Trim edges - it really makes the garden look smart. New lawns should be gently rolled and lightly cut over. Apply lawn feed if you haven't already done so. Apply selective weedkiller when weeds appear. Prepare ground for new lawn areas to be laid in autumn. That should keep you busy for a while.

July

Flowers: Remove any blooms or flower spikes that are faded and no longer decorative - the object of the exercise is to prevent seed formation which weakens the plants. Watch out for the nasties: caterpillars, aphids, etc which will all be munching and sucking at your plants. Deal with them before they get a strangle-hold.

Tulips, hyacinths and other bulbs will now have completed their growth and may be lifted and cleaned. Lay the bulbs in shallow trays in a cool dry place.

July is a good month to plant Madonna lilies. Plant them about 8" apart and 2" deep. Lilies prefer a sunny positioning

in good but not freshly manured soil.

At the end of July start feeding chrysanthemums, take geranium cuttings, propagate pansies and violas by cutting off the present flowering shoots to within 1" of the roots, and cover with a little fine soil. They will produce shoots which will provide cuttings next month.



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Vegetables: Thin out vegetable seedlings sown last month before they become overcrowded, and cut globe artichokes as they become available - do not leave them on the plant too long.

Continue to plant winter greens. Keep them well watered. Leeks need to be blanched by drawing earth around the stems or wrapping them with roofing felt or similar. They should be just right for the Totley Show in September! Have you tried letting a few radishes run to seed? The pods they produce are quite delicious if picked young. Gather herbs for winter use, mulch and spray runner beans.

Trees Shrubs and Fruit: Thin out apples, pears and plums if the crop is heavy - the fruit will develop better. Blackcurrants will benefit from a feed of high nitrogen fertiliser such as nitro chalk.

Cordon trained apples should be summer pruned to keep them in shape and check their vigour.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: Keep the greenhouse well ventilated. Most plants prefer a moist atmosphere which also reduces the chance of spider-mite invasion.

Do not allow coleus plants to flower. They are grown for their foliage - the flowers are insignificant and do not smell very nice. Tomatoes should be fed and watered to a fairly strict routine to prevent blossom end rot (where the tomatoes develop a nasty black base), but do not allow them to be stood in water and make sure the pots or grow-bags have sufficient drainage.

Greenhouse primulas, caceolarias, and cinerarias sown in June will need pricking out into trays or boxes; earlier ones can be put into pots. Keep a wary eye open for greenfly etc and deal with them before they get out of control.

Lawns: Set the mower high in dry weather and remove the grass box so that the cuttings act as a mulch to keep in the moisture.

Let's hope we have the weather to sit out on the lawn, perhaps have a barbie or a picnic...or just lay back with a glass of something! Lovely.....

Tom

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Bird Walk - 23rd April

After a week of sunshine with temperatures in the teens, the predicted cold air from the arctic descended over much of the country for the weekend of our bird walk. Gritter lorries were out locally the night before the event, and then frost and a chilly four degrees greeted us the morning of the walk. So one could not help but wonder just how any birds arriving here for our summer would be faring, bearing in mind the heat they would have been experiencing over previous months in their winter quarters.

We need not have worried, there it was - a brilliant Swallow, showing red throat and long tail streamers as it flashed, high above our heads, across white cumulous clouds in a bright blue sky. It was our first Swallow of the year, our first migrant! You could not help but feel that it was a special fly-past, just for us, as this long distance traveller must have recently arrived all the way from Africa. An excellent start to the walk, causing much excitement as we gathered by the Scout Hut at 0800 hours.

And as we listened to a Song Thrush emitting its distinctive repetitious song, a female Bullfinch arrived at the top of a large conifer tree, with twig in her beak, clearly in the process of building her nest somewhere nearby. A true sign of spring. As the songs of Wren, Robin, Wood Pigeon and Great Tit were pointed out to help those attending acquaint themselves with different bird songs, a Grey Wagtail flew just above our heads, in typical undulating flight and in passing it gave out its "zi-zi" call. This bird was almost certainly following the course of the brook in an attempt to find a quiet stretch of water; its preferred habitat for feeding, and hopefully breeding in this case. Now that would be good.

Moving along, the group soon arrived in the open area edged by a backdrop of Blackthorn. These bushes were in full flower; a beautiful mass of white on a crisp sunny morning. Here



A backdrop of blackthorn (photo: Chris Measures)

our second summer visitor was heard singing from deep cover: it was a male Blackcap. This small warbler is approximately 14 cm in size and has a strong chattering song, but this species proved elusive to see on this day, even though we heard at least five others on the walk. This scrubby area is also good for singing Chiffchaff at this time of year, but they remained silent as we painstakingly searched the tops of the trees and bushes surrounding us. Perhaps they were taking the opportunity to feed up on this cold morning. Anyway, a number of Blue Tits moved through the branches, calling and feeding; and a Hedge Sparrow (otherwise known as a Dunnock) put in a brief appearance to sing. Nuthatches made their presence known as they called and actively worked the mature trees nearby, and a charm of Goldfinches did their tinkling call as they passed overhead. It was noticeable that things went a little quiet when the sun disappeared behind the clouds, but fortunately that was not for long.

The group continued to work together as usual, everyone chipping in with observations or questions thus creating a great friendly atmosphere. But by now, standing still in such cold conditions was proving a little too much, so we quietly walked a little further along the footpath in the hope we would get views of the now singing Chiffchaff. To our delight

two of these warblers were seen flitting through low branches next to us. At first they were making their soft "huitt" seeping call, a contact call to remain in touch with each other, and then one moved up through the branches to ring out



Chiff-Chaff (photo: Andy Brewster)

its "chiff-chaff" "chiff-chaff" song. It was making a clear statement of holding territory; this small brownish-green warbler from wintering grounds in distant Senegal perhaps, was a delight to see with its pale super-cilium stripe above the eye. We also noted the occasional flicking of the tail, a characteristic of the species. Perfect. In the same location, another elusive Blackcap sang from deep cover and a Great Spotted Woodpecker called from behind us. We inspected holes drilled in Alders and waited patiently, very patiently, but apart from the Woodpecker's strong "kick" call from high up in the branches this bird too, proved difficult to see.

At least those attending were having the opportunity to get to grips with calls and songs even if the odd bird was not "playing ball" by putting in a full appearance. There were certainly more species to follow, and so it proved to be as we immediately found House Sparrows and Tree Sparrows chattering away from within and on of top their usual stand of bushes at the back of the Rowan Tree houses. The telescopes were out, so all could get good views, but on this occasion they were not really needed as the birds were very obliging, moving closer to us so that good views were had for all to enjoy and one could take time to study the distinctive head patterns of the two species. Pleasingly another Nuthatch was active in this area as it flew back and forth across the field and then perched out on the end of a long bare branch near to us and sang its heart out for all to see and hear.

As we descended this field a male Mandarin Duck was seen to fly along the brook below us and then it appeared again immediately afterwards, this time flying at the same level but in the opposite direction, as if it had forgotten something. Female Mandarin Ducks with young, just out of the nest, have been seen along the brook in our wood in the last few years so there is certainly a good chance the female, in

this instance, was sitting on a clutch of eggs inside the hole of a nearby tree. She alone incubates the eggs and raises the young, so no idea what the male had forgotten!

Into the wood we walked, spending a few moments to admire the white flush of Wood Anemones and to inspect a little closer the greens and yellows of the bed of Opposite-leaved Golden Saxifrage that was growing at the side of the path.



Wood Anemones (photo: Chris Measures)

It was still "people quiet" in the wood, so it was no surprise for us to disturb a Grey Heron from its fishing; it was seen to lazily and silently rise from the brook on those huge down-curved wings and disappear through the trees.

Staying inside the wood we totted up another four singing Chiffchaff which was very pleasing, and of course more Blackcaps were heard. Blue Tits, Great Tits, Coal Tits and Long-tailed Tits were also seen and on most occasions their songs and calls first attracted our attention to their presence in the branches above us. And although a Chaffinch was heard to call we could not help notice the lack of singing Chaffinches in our wood this particular morning. But at least we did hear a Goldcrest singing from an ivy covered tree. Its charming song is too high pitched for all to hear, and it ends in a delicate trill befitting of such a tiny leaf warbler; we are so lucky to have Goldcrests residing and breeding in our wood. This particular bird eventually fell silent, no doubt to concentrate on feeding amongst the ivy, but as we turned for



Robin (photo: Andy Brewster)

home we heard the evocative bubbling call of a Curlew from the south side of the wood. As we wandered back, with beds of opening Bluebells on either side of us, a cock Pheasant called out loudly on the north side of the wood. Was he a distant relative of the Pheasants that were once fed and reared in this wood many years ago? Now that's a nice thought!

On exiting the wood we were rewarded with a male Sparrowhawk gliding quickly away from a chasing flock of small birds, before it circled above the fields on the other side of the wood. The agitated calls of these small birds drew our attention to this magnificent bird of prey otherwise we could quite easily have missed him. So that made a solid thirty-two bird species for the morning. And as the sun had by now created some warmth in sheltered spots, butterflies disturbed from resting positions on the ground were to be seen to take to the wing and then come to rest again. We were thus able to study up close the bright markings on the delicate wings of Small Tortoiseshells and Commas. An excellent finale.

As we went our separate ways, after another successful walk, one could not help wonder what other special encounters with nature await us in our wood in the weeks ahead. Spring, without doubt, has now arrived - despite the cold!

Chris Measures

Remember that you will be made very welcome on any of the events run by Friends of Gillfield Wood, and you do not have to be a member to attend. If you happen to be interested in one of our outdoor events, no experience is necessary to take part, so come along and join us. Just check out the diary of FOGW events in this publication or go to and explore our website www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com. You will find that we have indoor meetings in the library when we invite guest speakers who usually present illustrated talks. In addition we have conservation work mornings on a regular basis in the wood for anyone wishing to get involved.

The next of our quarterly bird walks is planned for Saturday August 6th. We will meet again at 0800 hours, but this time at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane by the metal gate that leads into the first field. It is "come and go" as you please and don't worry if you don't have a pair of binoculars as they are certainly not essential! We hope to see you there.

Totley History Group

Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet

Most of us will have paid a visit to the historic scythe-grinding hamlet sometime in the past, either with school, friends, or when taking our own children and grandchildren.



In 2013 Sheffield Industrial Museums Trust gained a Heritage Lottery grant to build the new visitor and information centre, enabling them to present the fascinating story of the Industrial Hamlet in a more accessible way.

Totley History Group has arranged a private visit when the site will be closed to the general public. The Group offers an open invitation to anyone wishing to join us.

The visit will be on Wednesday 22nd June, from 4.30 to 6.30 pm. Meet in the Hamlet Cafe at 4 pm. Price £3.

Following a video presentation you will be free to wander the domestic houses and see the industrial buildings of the hamlet, with staff on hand to answer your questions.

Memories of Family Life in Totley

In our last issue, we featured Part 1 of a two-part story by Anne White about life in Totley in the first half of the 20th century. Here, in Part 2, are more of Anne's recollections which will certainly evoke memories.

Every week, my dad dedicated a great deal of his precious time to filling in his football coupon. Sitting in his favourite armchair with a child's blackboard on his knee, he would study previous coupons and results to try to calculate which team would win, which team would lose and which matches would be a draw. It was a very serious business! On Saturdays, at teatime, he would switch on the radio and we would have to sit completely still and silent while he listened to the football results. The announcer would use a sing-song voice to announce the results and I was always fascinated by the strange names - Accrington Stanley, Cowdenbeath and Leyton Orient!

The Yorkshire range was the focal point of our home. Arriving home from school, I would sometimes smell something wonderful cooking in its oven, only to find that it was a metal bucket full of old vegetables, stale bread and other foodstuffs gently stewing and destined for the pigs to eat!

On the hearth there would be an assortment of small animals wrapped in soft fluffy yellow dusters. This was our 'intensive care' unit. Any baby chick or duckling which was struggling to survive would be gently cared for and kept nice and warm in the glow of the coal fire. In any litter of pigs there is always the 'runt' of the litter, a small weak piglet which is brutally pushed away by the other piglets at feeding time. The mother pig herself would of-



ten stop the runt from feeding so that her more robust piglets would stand a better chance of survival. It was one of my favourite tasks to look after the rejected piglet and hand feed it with milk from a baby's bottle. My mum loved

the pigs, she would take the metal bucket filled with pig food outside, tap its side with a stick and the pigs would rush towards her grunting happily their ears flapping up and down as they ran. As they slurped the food from the bucket she would scratch behind their ears which they loved in much the same way that a dog enjoys being stroked.

Inevitably, the day came when a pig would need to be slaughtered. My mum would shut herself in her bedroom and sob inconsolably, as to her they were pets. Colin Thompson would come to help dad to 'persuade' the pig to walk to the open shed on back lane behind his butcher's shop where it would be killed. Instinctively, the pig seemed to know what was in store and it would squeal and try to run away. All able-bodied men who were around would give a helping hand and eventually, they would succeed in reaching the shed.

Every part of the pig was used, nothing was wasted. The blood was used for making black pudding and we children would use the inflated bladder as a football.

Colin Thompson would be paid in kind for his services and for sacrificing a Sunday to do the work - it was the only day when his shop was closed. A percentage of the meat had to be given to the government (presumably in return for us being allowed to breed pigs, I'm not sure) and I remember that the butcher was responsible for deducting this percentage. Our neighbours were not forgotten either: anyone who had given us stale bread and vegetable peelings would receive some of the meat. Before all this happened however, came a job which I did not like at all. Large metal barrels would be filled with a saline solution, in which the sides of pork would stand for several weeks before being hoisted up to hang on large hooks to dry out and 'cure'. The salt for the solution arrived in a solid block and we had to grind it down into fine grains using both hands and a blunt ended knife. It was such a long, tedious and thankless task and the salt would sting and find its way into any tiny little cut on our fingers.

A few days after the pig's slaughter, I would go with my dad to fetch our share of the meat. We trundled it along the back lane in a squeaky old wheel barrow, and sometimes the pig's head would be on top of the pieces of pork - a gruesome trophy to behold! At some time in the future my mum would cook the pork or bacon for us but I don't think she ever ate any of it herself.

On a fine summer's day, Audrey and I and her friend Avril Swallow, who lived on Laverdene Avenue, would sometimes take a picnic and walk along Strawberry Lee Lane at Totley and onto the moors. We would spend the day collecting bilberries which mum

would use to make fruit pies.

I recall one day when we took our picnic to the moors just behind the brickyard. This time we were there to collect large juicy blackberries. Some of the blackberry bushes had a thick layer of dust on them from the brickyard. We walked into the yard and entered a large corrugated iron building. The door led us onto an iron platform with iron railings and steps leading down to the area where my dad was standing with a work colleague. There was a huge cylindrical shaped iron drum which was rotating slowly and gradually crushing its contents. Layers and layers of choking dust glogged the atmosphere and the noise was totally deafening. No wonder my dad had trouble with his hearing. He couldn't speak to us above the noise so he quickly ushered us outside. In those days there were no masks to help a worker to breathe or ear muffs to deaden the sound. Thinking about it now, I can't imagine what it must have been like to work in such conditions day after day.

I don't think dad ever had a holiday, not in my lifetime anyway. My mum took Audrey and myself to Robin Hood's Bay, Chapel-St-Leonard's, Scarborough and Blackpool. While we enjoyed a week playing on the sands and soaking up the sunshine, dad would be back home taking care of all the animals. The only time he went to the seaside was the annual works day



trip. He wore his best suit for this occasion, minus tie, his one concession to the holiday outing! I know that he really looked forward to the trip and we would clamber into the old slow charabang with great excitement. Everyone knew each other of course, and it was an outing not to be missed.

After what seemed to be a very long journey we reached the seaside and had a fish and chip lunch. The men would then make a beeline to the nearest pub while the women and children headed for the beach. Dad wasn't a drinker but he enjoyed a pint of beer and at the end of the day he would be slightly tipsy. He had most definitely earned the right to relax and enjoy himself for just one day of the year!

One of his close friends was Charlie Truswell who was a bin man. As a child I used to think that this was a very important job and one to be envious of because Charlie always seemed to have items which he had rescued

from people's bins. I became the proud owner of one of his 'finds', a small brown briefcase made of real leather. I used it to carry my books to school instead of a satchel. The fact that the front of the briefcase was beautifully engraved with the previous owner's initials in fancy gold lettering didn't faze me at all!

One of my treasured memories of my dad and one which made me realise what a kind and thoughtful person he was, was when a young girl from France came to visit us. She had come to stay with a family on Laverdene Avenue as a type of educational exchange plan, I think.

The family who were providing accommodation for her were shocked at her appearance on arrival. They had known that she was from a fairly remote and impoverished rural area of Northern France but they weren't prepared for the dirty and torn clothes she wore or her underweight, bony body. They were horrified to find that her hair was matted, dirty and heavily infested with head lice. They soon rectified most of these problems and found that she was a happy pleasant little girl.

They brought her to our house and both my parents made her very welcome. There was a language problem of course because she didn't speak any English. Dad produced a ball of fine



string and, wrapping the string around his fingers he began creating 'cat's cradle' shapes. She quickly grasped the concept of helping him as he indicated which lengths of string to move and she was absolutely fascinated. He transferred the string to her fingers and recreated the shapes. She looked at him as if he was a hero and I felt so proud that he was my dad.

Overall, I look back upon my childhood with a sense of thankfulness for the happy times. My parents both did their best to be good parents and to teach their children the true values in life. However, they had no control over fate and the cruel circumstances it creates.

For most of my life my mum suffered ill health. She had lost 3 babies before my brother was born safely and her poor body never fully recovered from the damage caused. She was a strong and determined woman and she fought with all her strength to cope with the various illnesses which ailed her. When I was about 8 years old I recall seeing her laid out on a stretcher and being carried from our house to a waiting ambulance. She was suffering from pneumonia and our doctor was convinced that she would never be a well woman as long as we lived so close to the river. She had been born in the Chemical Yard and had lived there all her life, and both she and my dad enjoyed the lifestyle that they had, so they would never have considered moving.

Mum died in 1955 when I was 13 years old. Both my brother and my sister had married in March of that year so I tried to take on the household chores. I found it very difficult and my schoolwork suffered as a result. Only a few weeks after my mum's death, dad told us that he had been suffering health problems for some time but hadn't told

anyone. He went to see our doctor but still didn't tell us what was wrong with him so my sister arranged to see the doctor in private and we were devastated to discover that dad had lung cancer and had only a few months left to live.

He was given easier work to do at Pickford's and managed to work there for a short while longer. The pigs and hens had to go because we couldn't look after them. He worried about the garden so I dug it over ready for him to put seedlings in but he had neither the energy nor enthusiasm to carry out the task.

After he finished working our income plummeted, and it was decided that I should leave High Storrs Grammar School for girls. I started working in the stationery office at Laycock Engineering on Archer Road, Millhouses just one week after my 15th birthday.



Dad (on the right), my brother Ken, and our neighbour Mr Stanway on a day-trip to the seaside.

Dad's health deteriorated rapidly and, eventually, he was admitted to Firvale Hospital. He died there in 1957 aged just 55.

Anne White

Knit for Victory!



Pauline Burnett was recently invited to talk to Rony Robinson on his BBC Radio Sheffield programme following the publication of Totley History Group's latest book. Entitled "Knit for

Victory', it tells of the discovery of more than 200 items of correspondence received by 'Dore and Totley Minesweeping Trawlers Comforts Fund' between 1941 and 1946.

Mrs Kathleen Grayson of Brook Hall, Mickley Lane, was group Secretary and her meticulous recordings capture the fund raising events, publicity, supplies, appreciative letters from sailors etc that were part and parcel of running the group.

The bureaucracy and difficulties they sometimes encountered and the friendship that developed between the group and the North Shields minesweeping base they supplied are also to be found here.

Seventy years after the ending of hostilities very few personal memories remain, but these letters follow the Comforts Fund as it grows from the initial small gathering of friends to the success of its well-managed band of knitters. Young and old, from all suburbs west of Sheffield, joined in the war effort to become the country's biggest supplier of Comforts to the Navy during WWII.

'Knit for Victory' is now available on Totley Rise from the Post Office, Newsagent and Scriven's Fruiterama, and at Dore Village Stores. Price £5.

Pauline Burnett



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Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

I cannot believe how quickly time goes by. It seems no time at all since we began rehearsals for Orpheus but now the show is over and we move on to the concert season. The show was great fun thanks to Alan Wade our Producer and Nigel Martin, our Musical Director, and over all too soon. Everything about show week turned out better than any of us expected with the comedy so strong we were even laughing on stage (not done – oops!), the music, singing and orchestra excellent and the Can-Can danced wonderfully by the girls from Dore School of Performance Arts so cleverly choreographed by Kate Riley. The audience played their part too: they were wonderful and we thank them for their support. I can't write a review of the show – obviously, because I was in it - but I can pass on an e-mail comment I have just received from a lady called Kathryn Davies when someone said to her that we thought the audience was great: *"I agree, we were a lovely appreciative audience! You were all fantastic! My cheeks hurt from laughing so much. Such an excellent show, the best I've seen. The energy on stage was super and the quality of the voices, orchestra, set, everything was outstanding. I didn't recognise some of you with your wigs! Well done and hope the rest of the week continues to be just as successful."*

If you missed this musical French farce because you thought opera was too high-brow, think again and don't miss next

year's Mikado.

One of the audience was overheard to say that she had never been to see an operetta before and didn't know what to expect but thought that it was wonderful and would certainly not miss the next offering. So don't you miss out either, dear reader, be brave, operetta is definitely not grand opera; the music is light, tuneful and many pieces are well known and the plot is fanciful, if not ludicrous, but always funny. As an aside we also helped to raise considerable sums of money for four local charities during the week, these were CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young); Western Park Hospital; The Archer Project which helps support the homeless in Sheffield and Sheffield Hospitals Charity supporting those with blood related disorders in particular.

Now we look forward to our concerts in Dore, Nether Edge, North Anston and Worksop (we'll be going international next!). The Dore Summer Concert is part of Dore Festival and will be on Saturday 2nd July at 7.30pm in Dore Church Hall, Townhead Road when the programme will, as usual, consist of a royal mix of comic, light, popular and, no doubt, an odd opera piece.

These concerts are always popular and tickets are limited so don't wait too long before contacting me for them. They will be £7.50 each and will be available from me on 0114 2362299 from May onwards. We would love to see you there.

Derek Habberjam



A scene from Dore G&S Society's production Orpheus, with Emma Gage (front) and Harriet Ward, from Dore School of Performance Arts, as two of the Can-Can dancers.

Letter to the Editor

If you are the kind person who put a red cushion under my head whilst I was lying on the pavement on Green Oak Road on 14th December, awaiting the arrival of an ambulance, please contact me on 236 1376.

I shall be pleased to return the cushion with grateful thanks.

Sheila Parkin

Puzzle Corner Solution

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Don Ashford

Back Lane, Totley Rise

Following recent revelations associated with Orgreave, Hillsborough and Rotherham, are we again witnessing another 'institutional coverup,' albeit on a much smaller scale?

In several issues of the Independent over the last few years, I have written about the numerous problems and irregularities associated with Back Lane, behind Totley Rise shopping precinct, arising from the various activities of the directors of Metropolitan Homes Ltd – Mr Martin Flowers and Mrs Wendy Flowers. One matter related to the attempt to change the use of a garage building at the upper end of Back Lane (see issues 361, 363, 366, and 372). This matter was eventually resolved in late 2014/early 2015 when a public inquiry decided against the applicant Mrs Flowers, with costs being awarded against her (see issue no. 372).

The other issue, which has been of long-standing concern by businesses and residents of Totley Rise, relates to the alleged irregularities associated with the narrowing of the lower end of Back Lane. JARP Ltd, a company formed by local businessmen with the object of bringing transparency and accountability to bear on these problems, has long argued that there was an illegal registration of land following the demolition and rebuilding of the four properties numbered 15-21 Baslow Road. This followed an alleged encroachment into a public highway, where Back Lane had been narrowed by 1.15 metres at the point where the rebuilt property adjoins the entrance to the lane.

In particular, JARP Ltd points out, with evidence obtained through Freedom of Information requests and other sources, that as long ago as March 2002, when the narrowing of the road took place, the matter was brought to the Council's attention by Onyx refuse collection services (who were then responsible for refuse collection), when they indicated that their vehicles could no longer access Back Lane and were therefore unable to provide a service to residents and shopkeepers whose bins needed emptying on Back Lane.

This encroachment has subsequently resulted in the loss of amenity/access for emergency and refuse vehicles for nearly fifteen years. Apart from the fact that the cluster of waste bins at the bottom of Totley Rise constitutes an eyesore which cannot endear the area to visitors, local residents and businesses are regularly inconvenienced by having to move



their refuse containers from their own premises down to Baslow Road to await collection of refuse – in some cases, a distance of 100 metres. Furthermore, it seems no-one at the Council has ever confronted this issue, or even considered a potentially more serious problem regarding the inability of emergency vehicles, especially Fire Service vehicles, to easily access properties situated on Back Lane.

In September 2014, several local businessmen met Sheffield Council's Chief Executive, Mr John Mothersole, to discuss how access onto Back Lane could be improved, based on the assumption that any costs associated with widening the entrance should be borne fully by the developer, Mr Flowers (Metropolitan Homes Ltd) who was initially responsible for

narrowing the entrance into the lane. Mr Mothersole was asked to ensure that under no circumstances should Sheffield taxpayers be penalised for the illegal encroachment.

Nineteen months have elapsed since that meeting, during which the widening issue has remained unresolved. In addition, the Council has yet to answer some fundamental questions, all supported by documentary evidence, put by JARP Ltd. For example, why did the Council not act when it was notified of the access problem by Onyx? Why did the Council not act when the issue of the narrowing of Back Lane was brought to their attention by Conservative Councillor Anne Smith, and reported in the Sheffield Star in July 2003? Why was the narrowing of the entrance to the lane, not picked up in 2001 by the Planning Department, bearing in mind that documents associated with the initial planning application, were seriously flawed?

It is astonishing that the matter has remained unresolved for so many years. But at long last it appears that there may be some progress towards a resolution of sorts. After further representations made by the directors of JARP Ltd, Sheffield City Council's Chief Executive, John Mothersole, wrote to various parties on 20th April 2016. This is what he said:

"Base[d] on your representations, I have visited the site with my highway engineer. We spent some time there taking a detailed look at what would be possible. I know that there will remain different views as to how much the width of the lane may have been reduced by the development, but our opinion is that the unmade element to the left of the lane as you approach is easily capable of being converted into a finished surface with some modest excavation for a sub-base plus an upper course. The details of this are being finalised and I can at that point confirm the width that this will add to the current surface. At that point I will also explore with the relevant parties how this should be paid for. In highways terms though the cost will be very modest. I hope this assists."

Throughout the saga, JARP Ltd have emphasised that the cost of any remedial work should not be borne by local taxpayers. It remains to be seen who will foot the bill and whether any action taken by the Council will eventually enable Veolia's refuse vehicles, which are larger than the ones originally used by Onyx, to access Back Lane. It seems that if vehicular access is still not possible, the bins may still have to be left at the end of the lane, albeit out of sight of the general public using the main footpath/road, at the lower end of the precinct. If that turns out to be the case, it won't be much of a solution for local residents and businesses using Back Lane!

Jim Webb



Elephants descend on Sheffield!

This summer a herd of elephants will descend on Sheffield for the biggest public art event the city has ever seen!

This exciting sculpture trail is a Wild in Art event brought to you by The Children's Hospital Charity and will unite businesses, communities, artists and schools leaving a lasting legacy for the city.

The elephant sculptures will be uniquely created and decorated showcasing the creativity of artists. The sculptures have been generously sponsored by local businesses and will go on display for 12 weeks during the summer of 2016.

They will be joined by smaller elephant calves which are designed by local school children and teachers, which will appear in herds across the city.

To find out more visit www.herdofsheffield.com



Last term seemed to be the busiest yet at Totley All Saints, with a fantastic spring term and run up to Easter. As we go into summer, things are still pretty hectic with loads happening!

TASS Sports

It's been a great time for Team TASS with our Cross Country runners coming a fantastic fourth in the South Yorkshire Cross Country Championships in April! The team was made up of boys from Y5 and Y6 and included: Toby Moorwood, Louis Farrow, Tom Storey, Eddie Mezza, Billy Fryer, Sam Shiple, Sam Walkden and Eddie Banks. Toby Moorwood (Y6) came FIRST overall!

Massive congratulations also go to the Brunsmeor Reds, U9 Girls team who won the cup-final of the Sheffield and Hamshire Girls County League, 6-2 a few weeks ago. The team was made up of girls from our school and included: Lily Naylor, Lexy-Bee Reid, Lily Flint, Jessica Butterley, Daisy Snowden, Alice Taylor, plus Mae Perrot.

In addition, our Y2s and Y4s visited the English Institute of Sport to take part in the Network Games and had a great time! The event was part of a city-wide initiative, with schools from all over the city meeting to compete in a range of athletics events. Finally, our Y5 and Y6 girls played in a Netball tournament recently and, although they didn't win, they did us proud! Most of the other schools have been playing since September and we have only had a few sessions since February half term. In that time, the girls have made a spectacular improvement from total novices to competent players. Well done, Team TASS!

PTA Fun-d Raisers

The PTA Fun-d Raisers have been busy again. They held a summer family breakfast in April and are planning lots of events for this term. A Barn Dance was arranged for 14th May in the hall of All Saints Church, Totley. Also in the offing will be a tea party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on June 10th with a memento of the day for children to have as a keepsake to remember the event. A Summer Fair is also planned for the 25th June. This term, the PTA Fun-d Raisers have bought new playtime equipment, a scooter shed and new books for the infant children. We're very grateful to the PTA Fun-d Raisers and for all that they do. The team is made up of Kelly Lawton and Sally McCann (joint Chairs), Janine Scott and Louise Horsman (Joint Treasurers) and Katie Casson (Secretary).

TASS School Council

Once again, our School Council has been busy and one of their highlights this term was interviewing Donna Lazenby (school Cook) and Bev Coulton (Area Manager for Taylor Shaw) to feed back their views on school meals and the new menu. As a follow up, they were also invited to take part in a taster session in order to try out some of the dishes on offer as part of the new summer term menu. They tried out such dishes as Salmon Fish Cakes, Beef Chilli and Nachos, Tarq Dahl, and Chocolate and Pear Sponge! Needless to say, this was very much enjoyed – particularly when it came to the pudding!

Visitors and Extra-Curricular Activities:

We like to provide our children with a wide variety of experience and as a result have various visitors and extra aspects to really get them engaged. Visitors this last term included: Mike Warren, a Christian storyteller, and Saints Alive Puppets who performed in assemblies. Our after-school and lunch-time clubs included Catch Coaching Dodge Ball, Football, Street Dance and Cricket, plus Film, Maths and Art Clubs and, finally, Choir. The Y5s have also had their residential to The Oaks Activity Centre and the Y4s stayed in Castleton for two days enjoying their outdoor pursuits. Mrs Winsor took 30 children from Y3 to Y6 to see and hear the Halle Orchestra play in April at the Sheffield City Hall. The Halle Orchestra ranks among the UK's top symphonic ensembles and held the concert as part of the BBC's Ten Pieces Project which includes the 'Star Wars' theme by John Williams and Richard Strauss' 'Also Sprach Zarathustra'. The children had a fantastic time and were much inspired in their musical pursuits!

So what now? Well, we're getting ready for our TASS production: 'Shakespeare Rocks!' We're also holding a Shakespeare Week, Global Week and Green Day. That's aside from all of our usual lessons, activities, visits and visitors! As ever - it's all happening at TASS!



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

Karole Sargent, Head teacher



Totley History Group

Programme 2016

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held at Totley Library at 7.30 pm.

22nd June: A special, private visit to Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. For details see display item on page 25.

20th July: 'Curiosities of Derbyshire and South Yorkshire' - a talk by John Taylor.

Please note that there will be no meeting in August

28th Sept: 'A- Z of Sheffield' - a talk by Mike Spick. This is a rearranged meeting from February.

Over and above our normal monthly meetings, Totley History Group members will be in Totley Library on Saturday 9th July. They will open the Brian Edwards Archive which is now held in the Library, and anybody who wishes will be able to study the contents. It will be available during normal library opening times. The contents cannot be borrowed but there will be photocopying facilities.

Throughout the month of July there will be a display of some of the other archives that the history group holds, and there will be Totley History Group publications for sale.

Sheffield Nightstop seeks volunteers

Homelessness charity Depaul UK is looking for volunteer hosts in Sheffield for Nightstop - an emergency accommodation service for young people that it is setting up in the city.

The Depaul Group began in 1989, in the UK, instigated by the late Cardinal Basil Hume in response to the growing number of homeless people on the streets of London.



Depaul quickly grew into a national charity in the UK and, in 2002, began expanding internationally, starting in Ireland. Two years later, Depaul International, then known as the Depaul Foundation, was formed to be the parent organisation to the growing global group with the aim of tackling homelessness at a worldwide level.

Providing a safety net to those forced to leave their home, Nightstop places young people in a safe and warm home for the night, provided by a vetted and approved volunteer.

It prevents young people from sleeping rough, "sofa surfing", or staying in unsuitable accommodation where they would be at risk of abuse. The use of spare rooms in a positive environment makes a huge difference to young people in crisis.

Nightstop Sheffield will provide overnight accommodation in the homes of trained and vetted volunteers in the area.

The new service, which is funded by a £200,000 grant from players of People's Postcode Lottery, is aiming to recruit 45 volunteer hosts to provide around 400 nights of accommodation in its first year.

Amy Smith, the new service's manager, said: "It is a shocking statistic that, on average, people who are homeless can expect to die at the age of just 47. The Nightstop service is designed to stop young people, aged from 16 to 25, entering the cycle of homelessness and unemployment that can lead to this devastating outcome.

"Homelessness is rising as a result of the current economic conditions and the new Nightstop Sheffield will contribute to local provision for young people who have nowhere to call home. We want to encourage people to come forward to help us make a lasting difference to young people in Sheffield this year."

Amy, whose Nightstop team will be based at Depaul's Sheffield office, Cumberland House in Eyre Street, said: "From our current work in the city, we know how serious the homelessness problem is in Sheffield. There could not be a time of greater need for a Nightstop service to be launched here. "And after we have established the service in Sheffield, we hope to expand it to cover South Yorkshire."

The Sheffield service will be the 34th member of Depaul UK's Nightstop network which covers much of the UK. At each service, volunteer hosts provide a room, an evening meal and a listening ear to a young homeless person for a night at a time in their own home.



Nightstop host with two clients

Nightstop teams work with homeless young people, in partnership with local agencies, to help them address the issues that caused them to become homeless, providing family mediation and securing long-term settled accommodation.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering for Nightstop Sheffield, please call 0114 278 7152 or email amy.smith@depaulcharity.org.uk

Amey road update

Hopefully, Amey will soon return to complete Road Improvements on Marstone Crescent and Stonecroft Road. They seemed to leave the area, but suddenly responded when I asked about these roads. They then got themselves into a muddle with dates, letters and signs, but I did get a phone call with apologies. Snagging on Baslow Road should be cleared off soon, and temporary repairs to Queen Victoria road are due soon. The tree injunction caused yet another delay, but that was lifted earlier in May. The council has said that the programme of tree replacement will now continue, as will the work of the Independent Tree Panel to consider which trees are affected.

This saga may not yet be over, as the campaigner who succeeded in obtaining the interim injunction has appealed.

Roger Hart



Beautiful in May. But despite it causing the footpath to erupt twice, this tree is NOT condemned!

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Repairing Longshaw's Dry Stone Walls

The dry stone wallers of the National Trust's Longshaw estate have to work quickly at this time of year to repair dry stone walls as animals return to pasture, and there are more gaps than usual this year: 36 to be repaired among the 15 miles of boundary walls at Longshaw.

"The holes in walls appear because of age, wind, tree and livestock damage," said ranger Mark Bull. "There are also an increasing number of red deer who knock stones out when they jump over walls on their runs."

A major problem this year has been the number of cars ploughing into roadside walls, "often late at night," said Mark. "We get a call in the morning and sometimes just find a gap where a car has gone through." 15 cars have been driven into walls around Longshaw over the winter, and the National Trust has only been able to gather driver's details in two cases in order to claim recompense from insurers. It can often take two wallers a day to mend a wall struck by a car, and Mark estimates the 13 walls where no driver was identified will cost nearly £5,000 to repair.



National Trust Ranger Mark Bull checking a wall hit by a car near the Longshaw wooden pole

"It would be nice if drivers reported it when they hit a wall," said Mark. "It's a criminal offence to walk away from the scene of a Road Traffic Accident where someone's property has been damaged."

"Many people don't think about walls as 'property', but people's car insurance will cover the cost to us to rebuild a wall, so we'd like to encourage people to do the right thing and get in touch with us after a crash so we can act quickly and cows don't end up on a road," said National Trust countryside manager Ted Talbot.

Ranger Mark and volunteer rangers Angela Pilcher and Keith Fisher recently repaired a wall near Yarncliffe Hay Meadow where the grit stones were crumbling after over 100 Peak District winters. The first job was to work out the section to repair, always difficult when a nineteenth century wall flows up and down to follow the contours of the field. The team strip out the existing stones, keeping the

topmost 'coping' stones to one side to crown the finished wall in several hours time.

The foundation is built using large flatter stones, then the wall itself starts in the 'one on top of two, every yard a through' pattern, tapering in an A shape from around two feet at the bottom to a foot wide at the top, where the coping stones stand. Half way up, every yard or so, a 'through' stone as wide as the wall is laid to tie the wall together.

Any internal gaps are filled with small 'middling' stones, and this is where some repairers find beer bottles left by the old wallers on a thirsty summer's day a century ago.

"I love this work," said volunteer ranger Angela Pilcher, pictured left checking the next steps on the wall near Yarncliffe Meadow. "It's so satisfying to see a gap in the morning and at the end of the day you've put a wall up." But every incident of car damage means the wallers have less time to spend on decaying walls, she added.

"When there are too many gaps eventually the wall will be lost or too costly to repair, and landowners will put a fence up," said Angela. "You lose part of the landscape if that happens, but you also lose a home for mice, voles, reptiles, weasels, bees and bird's nests."

And a fence will often need replacing in twenty years, Mark added. "So the old wallers knew what they were doing."

*David Bocking
National Trust*



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

TUESDAYS

SLIMMING WORLD, Abbeydale Sports Club, 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm, Jo Else: 262 0523 or 07590 545253

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

JAZZ IN THE AFTERNOON, 2-4 pm, Totley Rise Methodist Church Schoolroom. A weekly afternoon of all forms of recorded jazz, plus discussion. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.

WEDNESDAYS

PILATES CLASSES. Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 9.00-10.00 and 10.15-11.15. Contact Caroline - Tel: 0781 722 0324, email Carolinenorth1@me.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. Phone Tina, the Health Walk Ranger: 0114 203 9335

MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING. All Saints Church Hall, 8pm-10pm

CHILDREN'S FITNESS CLASSES for pre-school girls and boys aged 2-5. New class on Wednesday mornings 9.30 - 10.10, Abbeydale Sports Club. Free taster sessions. See www.minimovez.com or call Steph on 07838 818743.

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.

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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

JUNE

WED 1st FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: Hoverflies of Gillfield Wood, with Derek Whiteley (SORBY). For more details see page 17.

WED 8th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church Talk by Andrew Swift, "A History of Austin Cars". Visitors Welcome.

SUN 12th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES Abbeydale Road South. 1 pm-5 pm (weather permitting). Car park closes 5.15 pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffield-modelengineers.com/

TUES 21st TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD: "Art of Coins & Medallions" - talk by Clive Holliday. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.

WED 22nd TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP Visit to Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. Private guided visit, lasting about 2 hours. Admission £3 for groups of 30+, or £4 for groups below 30. Friends & non-members welcome. 4 pm at cafe for 4.30 start.

WED 22nd TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church Talk by Mr Pat McLaughlin. "Wonders of the Ancient World". Visitors welcome.

SAT 25th TRANSPORT 17 Coffee Morning - Armed Forces day theme! 10 am - 12 noon, Cross Scythes.

JULY

SAT 2nd DORE GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY Summer Concert. Dore Church Hall, Townhead Road, Dore, 7.30pm. Various music including, West Side Story, Joseph and ABBA! Tickets £7.50 each from Derek Habberjam 0114 2362299.

SUN 3rd MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES Abbeydale Road South. OPEN DAY & EXHIBITION 1 pm-5 pm (weather permitting). Car park closes 5.15 pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com/

WED 13th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Talk by Doug Bradbury, "Life and Times of a Master Farrier." Visitors welcome.

SUN 17th: MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES - see Sunday 3rd above.

TUES 19th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD: "Flower Arranging" by Sarah Whitaker. Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10 am.

WED 20th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP Totley Library, 7.30 pm. John Taylor, "Curiosities of Derbyshire and South Yorkshire".

WED 27th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church Talk: Prof. Charles Stirling, "Chemical Warfare Past and Present". Visitors welcome.

SUN 24th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: Practical Conservation morning run with the help of Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10 am, Baslow Road bus terminus. More details: see page 17.

SAT 30th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD/TOTLEY LIBRARY: Family Nature Walk, organised by Jill Hnat and led by Chris Measures (FOGW). Start at Library, 10.15 am. For more details see page 17.

SUN 31st MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES: Teddy Bears Picnic. All ticket proceeds to Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity. Abbeydale Road South. 1 pm-5 pm (weather permitting). Car park closes 5.15 pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffield-modelengineers.com/

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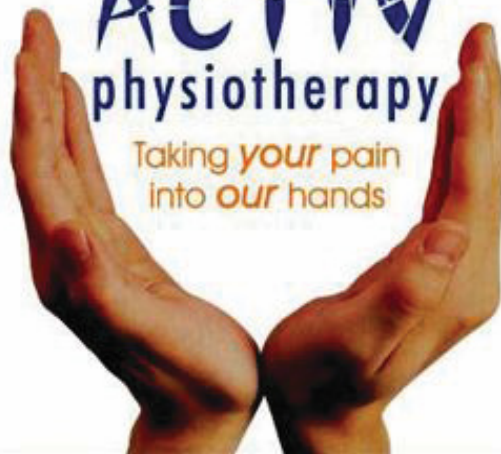
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