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New Scout Hut for Totley!

Totley Scouts are to have a brand new Scout Hut.

After over 4 years of discussions there is finally agreement to renew the lease on the land on which the Scout Hut stands. The current building has been used by Totley Scout Group for over 30 years - and it was second hand!

So the organisation is now in a position to plan for a desperately needed new building. To get a new building requires a lot of expertise and help. The Scouts need people who can deal with planning permission, and all the other matters relating to demolishing the old building and creating a new one.

It's great news, but as Richard Frost, Chairman of Totley Scouts, explains, "we need help with fundraising, not just with funds we can raise ourselves, but also to apply for grants. At the moment the Leaders carry out fundraising as well as running the five sections

each week. The fundraising needed for a new Scout Hut requires a lot more effort and needs a dedicated fundraising committee."

Totley has a thriving Scout Group, with over 100 boys and girls taking part every week. There are five sections meeting from Tuesday to Friday. "We are very lucky that we have many wonderful volunteers who run the sections and help out each week," says Richard. "The volunteers' age range is from 14 to nearly 70. Some help in more than one section. And of course at this time of year they are organising and running camps, which vary from a weekend for Beavers and Cubs to a whole week for Scouts and Explorers.

"At the moment we have a particularly large Scout Troop and the current Leaders are struggling to safely run the meetings every Friday. So we could do with a couple of extra adults to help. Or even a

few people who each help just for a few Fridays a year. It would be a real shame if for the sake of a little extra help we have to close the Scout Troop."

So please let Richard know if you want to help in some way. You do not need to have children in Scouting. You may have friends, relatives or work colleagues who would love a rewarding hobby volunteering to help 1st Totley Scout Group. Perhaps you know someone who was a Scout (or Guide) and would love to give something back.

But please don't assume that others will volunteer so that you will not be needed. There is a need for lots of different volunteers: "and our greatest need now is for volunteers to enable us to end up with a new Scout Hut and for helping at Scouts.

Scouting nationally is being very successful at recruit- (cont'd p.3)

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New Scout Hut for Totley! (from p.1)

ing more volunteers. Let's make Totley part of that national success."

Cub Scouts were formed in 1916 so this is their Centenary Year. Over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend, over 2500 Cub Scouts from Yorkshire enjoyed a camp at Hesley Wood Scout Centre near Chapeltown. Three days of activities included climbing, archery, canoeing, zip wire, face painting, high ropes, laser quest, bucking bronco, fairground, plus over 100 more. Sunday night was carnival night when everyone was pelted



Spray paint, garlands and cool shades

with coloured paint, wearing garlands, sunglasses and sounding kazoos. Everyone had a special birthday cake with a candle, which had to be blown out all at the same time. They will get an entry into the Guinness Book of Records for the highest number of simultaneous blowing out of birthday candles.

Weekly meetings close down for the school holidays but 25 Scouts and Explorers will be off for a week's camp near Corbridge in Northumberland at the end of July.

The Scouts have just placed their order with Sainsburys, spending the Active Kid vouchers which were collected over the last few months. Richard says



Cub Camp 2016

"thank you to everyone who passed vouchers onto us. This time we have ordered Ingredients Cards and Kitchen equipment. It would be fantastic if we could have a shiny new Scout Hut by this time next year. And for the people involved to take pride in their achievement.

Let me know if you want to be one of those people!"

You can contact Richard by email at TotleyChair@aol.com or by phone on 07834 494 603.



Totley History Group

Programme 2016

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. Totley Library, 7.30 pm

26th Oct. The Sheffield Flood. A talk by Malcolm Nunn. Totley Library, 7.30 pm.

23rd Nov. This is an open meeting when we are asking people to share their school memories of the Totley schools. Totley County, Totley All Saints and, further in the past, the Dore and Totley High School. All welcome. Totley Library, 7.30 pm.

14th Dec. The Christmas meeting will be at Ecclesall Parish Church when the Sheffield Folk Chorale will be giving a concert with guest musician John Kirkpatrick.

Last year's concert was excellent and we look forward to an enjoyable evening.

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After the Inquiry, what next?

The Hope Valley Capacity Scheme inquiry went into a third week, largely dominated by one man from the Hope Valley, but with some serious concerns about a footbridge to be built west of Hathersage. As outlined in the previous issue of the Independent, the needs of Dore and Totley were well presented by our team which included representatives from Dore Village Society and Bradway Action Group. At the time of writing we don't know what the Department for Transport may decide after considering the Inspector's findings.

In the meantime we've been actively engaging with the new Northern franchise team. They took over on 1st April and have given themselves 44 months to make some major improvements. So far so good. However, they're making some major changes to the management structures and personnel to be involved. In the short term this has meant a large number of interim managers to see through the transition. We've been assured that by September all should be in place. We're hoping the people we have been getting to know will continue in broadly similar positions.

The easy bit to understand is that Pacer trains are certain to go by the end of 2019. There was some concern that they might be replaced by 1980s converted tube trains, the Class 230. Northern have categorically assured us they are not having any of them on their franchised routes. They're too slow. What we will probably get are refurbished units, maybe still 30 years old, but completely stripped down to basics and with interiors indistinguishable from brand new trains. They have two or three units already near completion, and once they've been evaluated they'll decide on internal layouts for the rest of the fleet. They'll have power points for mobile devices, free wi-fi and improved customer service information.

Ticketing improvements are to come, encouraging us to buy and print tickets at home to reduce queues at station machines and pressure on the conductors. Smartphone tickets will do away with paper tickets for those daring to rely on them. Many passengers don't buy season tickets because they travel on a limited number of days. There may be an answer in a new carnet ticket which will cover a fixed number of journeys, rather than a fixed period of weeks/months.

Unfortunately, the way the railway system seems to work is that Network Rail are now awaiting the Department for Transport's approval before proceeding further. Northern will have to maintain and manage whatever is built, but at the time of writing had not been consulted on what is to be provided. Their estates team is only aware of what's going on from what they've gleaned, including what FoDaTS has told them. They share our concern that the cover to be provided is totally inadequate. We're hopeful that they may be able to influence what gets built before the work commences. They've set aside £38 million for station improvements over the franchise period and we believe that Dore and Totley should get some spent here. No doubt many of the other 450 Northern stations will feel they should get a share, so we need support to press our case.

Since the inquiry we've written to a wide range of people involved in transport locally and replies are filtering through. The car park was only completed 3 years

ago and is full every weekday in school term time with up to 100 further cars parked on surrounding roads.

SYPTTE financed that, and it cost a lot of money, both for the land and the construction. It's now managed day-to-day by Northern. Responsibility for providing such facilities is now with the Sheffield City Region, one of the parties we're engaging with.

We're trying to establish what Northern's sub-contractors, Carillion, are supposed to do to maintain the surroundings and vegetation around the car park and station. It's a twice weekly litter collection and general check-up, with more thorough maintenance two or three times a year - we think. More detail has been requested.



Members and local residents aren't happy about the unkempt border with Abbeydale Road South. It's a large area, but if we could agree a plan there is a possibility that a FoDaTS gardening group could be allowed to maintain part of that area to a higher standard. If that happened we'd have to be very sure we were agreed on that plan, and had the capacity to put it into practice on an ongoing basis. Ideas and potential volunteers welcome.

An encouraging sign is that Northern's franchise agreement commits them to working with station groups like ours to provide more focussed facilities and services to the communities it serves. It's the first time such a commitment has been built into a franchise agreement and they're placing dedicated staff into supporting roles to help us. There should also be some cash available for smaller projects, maybe on a matched basis.

We'd like to see more trains stopping. In due course we will get them, but redoubling the tracks is needed first. In the meantime, we have an hourly service during the day on Saturdays and Sundays until the autumn. Watch this space.

We now have a website, kindly set up by committee member Derek Gillibrand. See: <http://www.fodats.net/>

If you use the trains, or just have an interest in developments at our station, please join us by sending an email with your contact details to our Secretary: nj-barnes@outlook.com

Alternatively, you can join us on Facebook - just search for FoDaTS. Look in there from time to time to see the latest news - and make constructive comments, please!

Chris Morgan, Chairman

On the Beat...

I am conscious of an increased number of reports recently of what we might call rogue traders in the S17 area. These are the people who may call at your door, maybe offering to do roofing, building work or driveway resurfacing. They will often say they are working on a neighbour's property and have noticed slates missing or damaged and offer to give you a quote for remedial work. Some of these may vastly overcharge for unnecessary, shoddy or non-existent work. They may also take the form of people claiming to be ex-offenders offering household goods for sale to help them get back on their feet. Often these goods are very low quality at inflated prices.

Whilst some of these cold callers may be legitimate businesses, I would recommend that you do not agree to any cold caller carrying out any work for you. If you think you do need to have any work done it is far better to seek out companies either online or through recommendations from friends or neighbours and obtain 2 or 3 quotes. Charities such as Age UK often have lists of trusted traders you can access and there are many pages online with similar schemes where you can read customer testimonials and see examples of work before contacting traders. If you are unsure about any company you can contact Trading Standards on 0114 2736289 or 08454 040506. These numbers initially connect you to a national consumer advice line where they will help you access local services.



The above can also apply to phone calls, emails or post you may receive offering various products or services. Again, if these messages are unsolicited please do not make any appointments or offer any personal information to the caller. Do not open emails if you are unsure who they are from as this may leave you open to computer viruses or other problems. If an offer comes through the door offering you untold riches for very little return, remember if it looks too good to be true it probably is! Always read any terms and conditions carefully and ensure you understand fully what it is you might be signing up for. In particular please do not provide any financial details to any unsolicited approach or until you are certain that the company you are dealing with is legitimate.

The best advice I can give is always deal with companies you know and trust!

As ever I am available to help if you have any concerns or queries or you can contact your local neighbourhood watch coordinator who may have details that would help you. If you are unsure who they are contact me and I will put you in touch. My contact details are adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk or my work mobile is 07787 881945.

Thanks for reading!

PCSO 8136 Adrian Tolson



Transport 17

As most of you know we are trying to use funds raised this year to update our office facilities. The job is well in hand with a revitalised kitchen and toilet area that have been damp and dismal for a long time. The work involved has been considerable which has involved treating the damp that has been prevalent since Moses was a lad. It is very bright and clean and looks a picture. The work has been done predominantly by volunteers (approximately 150 hours in total) which would have cost us dearly had people not been so generous with their time. A huge thanks to all concerned.

We have had many donations which I can list as follows:- St Mark's Luncheon Club - £177.50; Dore Open Door Lunch Club - £40.00; St William's Lunch Club - £75; Woodseats Lunch Club - £50; Terry Schofield's 80th birthday - £435.00; Dore and Totley U.R.C. - £300.00; Totley Rise Methodist Church - £95.00; In memory of Pat Kelson £520.52; Cakes and Cuttings - £425.00; In memory of Judy Glossop - £198.80; St Michael's Church Low Edges - £40.00 together with various others from a variety of individuals bringing the total so far £3,411.82. Again a massive 'thank you' all round. You are all wonderful and without you we would not be able to carry on. Our largest outstanding expense will be to replace the storage radiators that are the originals from a long long time ago!!!

We had a very enjoyable Coffee Morning up at the Cross Scythes where we raised a total of £375.00. The weather forecast had been poor but on the day it was sunny and bright. A raffle run by Sandra Longley and Aileen Kirkcup, and donated by Ray Carr, was sold out before the Coffee Morning. It was for an hour's flight in a Piper Archer PA28 light aircraft from Netherthorpe Airfield and raised £500. The winner was Gabrielle Watson, who I am sure was delighted.

We are holding a Bridge Drive at Abbeydale Golf Club on Tuesday 4th October. Tickets are £15 and all enquiries should be to Aileen Kirkcup on 0114 2366013. Other than that we will hopefully see you all at the Totley Show.

Thanks again for your continued support. We really do appreciate everything you do for us and that, in turn, allows us to continue to serve you.

Felicity Revill

Councillor Surgeries

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This year we are delighted that the schools are very much involved. On the day, Isaac and Maria from Totley Primary School, and Matthew and Sienna from Totley All Saints School will be our Junior Vice Presidents.

Entertainment will be provided by the Seven Hills Quartet and the Rock Choir.

We have 63 classes in the Show and would like to thank the local businesses and organisations for the financial sponsorship they continue to give. Welcome to the Crown, the Shepley Spitfire, the Summer House and Teatime Vintage who have kindly joined as Sponsors.

Entry forms are available in this issue of the *Totley Independent*, and at the Post Office, the Library and the Ironing Parlour.

We are looking for volunteers to help with refreshments, the Raffle and Tombola. Anyone wishing to sponsor may leave their donation and name at the library or contact me at totleychair@gmail.com.

So come and enjoy the day with us!

Hetty Moran

Chairman Totley Show Committee



It's been a very busy term at Totley All Saints – but then, that's just how we like it!!

From visits and visitors to residentials and special curriculum days - it's all been happening at TASS! TASS School Council

Our School Council has had a very busy time and recently met with Bev Coulton (Area Manager for Taylor Shaw) and Donna Lazenby, our school cook. They were asked to give their views on school lunches in general, took part in taster sessions and gave their thumbs up to the new school menu for the autumn. Aside from deciding on termly Merit Treats, interviewing the TASS Healthy Snack Shack Leaders as well as deciding on the spending for the Church Burgess Fund money, they've had a lot on this year.

The School Council (pictured) is made up of: Y1: Isaac Rai and Becca Langford-Day, Y2: Ethon Hodgkins and Xian Vercueil, Y3: SiZhe Luo and Megan Hill, Y4: Chloe Dixon and Oliver Scott, Y5: Charles Machin and Esme Naylor and Y6: Eddie Mezza and Katie Fields. They've done an amazing job this year and can be very proud indeed of all that they have achieved!



TASS School Council

Special Days and Weeks

As well as celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations and having a summer fair – all put on by our amazing PTA Fun-d Raisers – we also enjoyed some other special focus days. Our Global Week involved each class taking a continent and learning about various aspects. The continents covered included: Australia (FS2), Antarctica (Y1), Asia (Y2), South America (Y3), Africa (Y4), North America (Y5) and Europe



Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday

(Y6). Our Green Day took place in June, where our children were divided into their Merit teams and took part in various activities designed by the Eco-Saints. This included: making cardboard robots, plastic bottle planters, junk fashion, nature collages, stick people and planting in the school flower beds.

Our Y2 and Y4 also took part in a new financial education programme called 'Money Sense'. It aims to help children in the UK towards a better financial future and uses the key money moments in a young person's life, such as starting to save pocket money, opening a bank account and getting a mobile phone, etc. in order to teach children the role of money in their lives, and how to make responsible choices. As this is a new project in Sheffield, Nick Clegg came to see the workshops being delivered and we in turn sent him away with rucksacks to bring his attention to the 'Send My Friend' Campaign. This is a project which encourages pupils in the UK to speak out for the tens of millions of children who miss out on their right to education due to conflicts, natural disasters and other emergencies. Finally, we had a Shakespeare Week to remember the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death and will be putting on a whole school performance of 'Shakespeare Rocks' just before we finish for the summer.

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Go Team TASS!

At TASS, we love our sport and take part in all sorts of events and competitions! We have a lunchtime Bailey Cup competition run by Mrs Granger (who is sadly retiring at the end of this term). The Bailey Cup winners were finally declared following a very tense final which had to go to extra time. The final score was 1-0 with a late goal from Tom Storey (Y6). Tom played alongside Charlie Richardson, Seb Deeks, Jonah Cole, Charles Machin, Harry Thompson and Sam Bennett. The other finalists included: Alfie Watts, Josh Hodgkins, Fergus MacLauchlan, Eddie Banks, Sammy Winslow, Miguel Campsill, Harrison Corrin and Jesse Johnson Drought. The winners of the girls' league were: Alice Taylor, Fran Oliver, Connie Tomkinson, Lily Flint, Lily Grayson and Morgan Lancaster.



Nick Clegg MP visits Totley All Saints School

We also held our Mini-Olympics on site (in addition to our Sports Day held earlier in the year at the EIS). The heat was blistering and was well supported by parents, with the 'Chaffinches' coming first, 'Heron' and 'Jays' second and 'Puffins', third.

The City Championships for Athletics took place on the 23rd June with 13 of our children getting through to the first round of the competition and competing with the elite of the city's primary school athletes! Outstanding performances came from Toby Moorwood who came from a long way behind to snatch victory in the Y6 800m! Harry Eames, who has really taken to Race Walking, finished a fantastic third in a close fought race. Toby Snowden came fifth in the Long Jump, Esme Naylor came 7th in the Long Jump in a new p.b. and Harvey Rhodes came 6th in the Throw. A massive well done also goes to: Tom Storey, Eddie Mezza, Eddie Banks, Isabel Deakin, Hannah Lewis, Sam Shipley, Alfie Watts and Joseph Perrott.

Following on from our athletic success in the City Championships, our Y5/6 Boys Orienteering Team then won the GOLD MEDAL in the South Yorkshire School Games! A massive well done goes to the team, including: Eddie Banks, Billy Fryer, Daniel Hill and Toby Moorwood! If that wasn't enough, individual entrants in the Sheffield Schools Orienteering League also had success with Kassia Smith (Y4) coming 4th, Daniel Hill (Y5) coming 7th and Jacob Parr (Y3) coming 17th.

So what now? Well, we're in the process of getting ready for our summer production, experiencing new year groups as part of 'Passport Day', plus saying goodbye to our amazing Y6s with our graduation event. It's all happening at TASS!

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

Karole Sargent Head teacher

Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society

The first of our summer season's concerts is now under our belt and what a concert it was. Dore Church Hall was pretty well packed and the response was wonderful. Sadly, we were missing our President and usual compere, David Bramah who died suddenly two weeks before the concert, so the programme was dedicated to his memory and a collection was taken for Bluebell Wood, David's favourite charity. He will be missed by many apart from us in the G & S Society, not least the Dore Male Voice Choir, the Tudor Players, Dore Methodist Church and not forgetting his lovely family.

The concert itself was full of well known, light, popular music and included selections from West Side Story, ABBA, Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat as well as some splendid choral arrangements of songs such as Rogers and Hammerstein's "It's a Grand Night For Singing" and Freddie Mercury's "Bohemian Rhapsody". Our accompanist, Peter Waring, played



a great selection of Cole Porter melodies which had everyone humming along, and Alan Wade and Judy Savournin made us all laugh with their take on "Albert And The Lion". The comedy didn't end there either, as Anne Senior had us in fits with her explanation of what "A Choir" was. The concert was ably compered by John Savournin who stepped in at short notice.

Our next concert in Dore will be at Christmas in the Methodist Church. No date has been fixed yet but tickets will be limited as it is a smaller venue than Dore Church Hall, so if you are thinking of coming, keep your eyes peeled for the date and get in quickly for tickets! Meanwhile, we have three more concerts to come, one being in Worksop – how our fame has spread.

Enjoy summer and we'll see you all later in the year.

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Walking the Dog....

My Ears Aren't Long Enough

What are you drawing?

Abbeydale Hall Jack. Once upon a time, the Hammonds were the caretakers there, and they had a dog called Snowy, and he bit me but I didn't mind.

Can we just go for a walk round it, instead of you trying to draw it?

Not allowed.

Why not?

It's not ours any more, even if it was. But before it was, it was Abbeydale Villa, till 1851. Then it got turned into a hall by a cutler who gave it to a man called Mr Hall who married his housekeeper so then it was The Halls's Hall. Then it was a hotel. The corporation bought it in 1931 and in 1947 it was our Community Centre. Then Sheffield College pinched it and flogged it, and that's why it's got these electric gates and we're banished forever, so all we can do is stand here and draw it from outside.

What's it like inside?

When?

Oh, 1947 probably. It's always 1947 with you. When there used to be snow till July? And you went to Prestatyn holiday camp? And Miss Freeborough took you on nature walks and slapped your legs when you weren't looking?

Funny you should say that, Jack, because in 1947 we did go to Prestatyn, with the Holiday Section. George Loukes off Aldam was the Admiral and when we crossed the Equator he got shaved.

I don't know what you're talking about, but what's a Holiday Section when it's at home?

Funny you should say that Jack, because it was the Section for when we weren't at home. Everything was in Sections at the Community Centre. There was the Strict Tempo & Old Tyme Dancing Section, the Art Section, the Ping Pong Section, the Gardening Section, the Debating Section and the Progressive Whist Section. The Drama Section murdered Night Must Fall while the Housey Housey Section played Housey Housey, but they both wanted the big room to do what they did in. There was also a May Queen Section one year, but she was Christopher Needham's sister.

How's your drawing coming on?

I can't quite get the magic castle bit but -

It does look a bit magic that but -

It was a lot magic in 1947, Jack. In fact, it was so magic that the actual caretaker's house was actually inside the actual castle through the secret door you weren't allowed, so when you got bitten you weren't covered. And that tower with the battlements had the Billiards Section, full of Woodbines, but at night Rapunzel let herself down there. And Snow White fell asleep till she had to grow up. It was magic in that downstairs big room too - you can just still see, there? With the long window? On Saturday nights all the talcum-powdered ladies of Totley excused themselves, whether they came from the new prefabs or from the Grove, or even from Queen Victoria, and they danced with each other's husbands. Or with each other when there weren't enough husbands to go round, and there never were, because of the war. They glided and feathered on the talcum-powdered floor, but just before the last waltz when the lights went out so they could kiss, we did the hokey pokey with them and fell on top of each other and hugged.

What was beyond the Hall, up there, where you can't see?

That was our wild wood. There were three secret lakes where the swallows and amazons lived. And where the Youth Section girls once -

Once what?

I promised never to tell, cross my heart and hope to die, and I would if I did, so I won't. But they did. In those days in 1947 there were community centres with Sections all over Sheffield, and everyone did all sorts together, even if there was rationing, because we'd just won the war, especially at Frecheville.

What happened after 1947? Did you just all grow up?

No. There was a big quarrel, and the Drama Section came secretly round our house on the Laverdene, and seceded to be the TOADS, so we never went in Abbeydale Hall again, because of the Housey Housey. Then all the posh people left, saying if this was what we'd won the war for, they'd vote Conservative next time. Abbeydale Hall got smaller, and only had art exhibi-

tions and outings and elections, till the College stole it and sold it. And that was the end of the Community Centre for ever.

We've still got our community in Totley though, Rony? Our community library? Our community cinema? The community TOADS still murder Night Must Fall sometimes? And there's this community newspaper I'm in with you, barking up the wrong trees every two months? And there are the Friends of Green Oak and the Friends of Gilly - and have you've finished your drawing?

Suppose so?

Let's have a look at it then?



It's hardly Brian Edwards?

You'll have to join an Art Section then won't you? Let me look... Oh...Is that supposed to be me? ... My ears aren't long enough and -

Rony Robinson and Jack



**Friends of
Gillfield Wood**

Diary for August and September

August

Sat 6th: 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 2-3 hours.

Sun 21st: Friends of Gillfield Wood **practical conservation morning** run with the help of the Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am at Baslow Road bus terminus. Refreshments, tools, etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. All levels of help required and guidance given. Do also check our website at www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com



FOGW Conservation Volunteers in action

September

Sat 10th: In the Wood's Shadow is a 3 - 4 mile walk around the once wooded landscape surrounding Gillfield Wood, taking in Woodthorpe, Fanshawegate and ancient tracks. We will be reading the land and learning about its history. The walk will be led by Sally Goldsmith. Please wear appropriate walking boots and clothes and come prepared for some steepish muddy paths. You might want to bring a snack and drink. Meet at the Scout Hut, Aldam Road at 10am. Suitable footwear recommended as the paths can be very muddy.

Mon 12th: Bat Night Walk run by Derek White-ly, from the Sorby Small Mammals Group. This is a Friends of Gillfield Wood event to survey the wood for bats. Please meet at the end of Totley Hall Lane by 8pm. You are advised to have good footwear.

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

Come and see us at the Totley Show on Saturday 17th September!

FOGW Advance Notice!

Sun 2nd October: Mammal Trapping Survey. Traps previously set by Val Clinging will be examined and any occupants identified, recorded and released. Meet at the end of Totley Hall Lane by 8.30am. This event is organised by the Friends of Gillfield Wood.



National Sports week has become a big event at Totley Primary and this year Mrs Corrin, our PE co-ordinator, booked in a whole host of enriching activities to ensure that we all took part and tried something different.

Professional football freestyler Stephen Gray gave an incredible display of skills in a special assembly to literally kick start the week! He then proceeded to give each class a taster session in the mystic art of keepy ups.

Next on the menu was welcoming back former pupil, Emma Cheetham, who now plays basketball with the Sheffield Hatters, before being visited by an athlete and European medal winner, Becky Lyne. This led to our superb Y6 sports leaders running the Rio Skills inter-school challenge at break and lunch times.

On Wednesday, things got serious as our Y5 and Y6 children took part in our annual Dream Mile (the 31st anniversary of the race) and yet again every one of them tried their hardest and showed real determination to finish.



Y5 and Y6 ready to take part in the legendary Dream Mile race around the streets of Totley

The week concluded with our sports people of the week from each class being awarded certificates for demonstrating our sporting values. Well done everyone and here's to a fabulous Olympic summer of sport!

Ben Paxman. Assistant Head Teacher

Mrs Totley's Final Journey

Avril Critchley – 'Mrs Totley,' arch local busy-body and community activist (did you ever try to dodge out of the way when you saw her on the warpath?) often talked to me of her other life with birds. She learned to ring them as a young woman in Northumberland and in later life, recorded her garden birds each day for over twenty years for the British Trust for Ornithology. Her fondest memories were of the 1970s in Scotland with her late husband George, RSPB bird warden for several summers at Balranald on North Uist in the Outer Hebrides. She was comforted at her end by me talking with her of those times, those journeys and also by the tapes of bird song that the hospice piped into her room. Many of you may not know just what an accomplished naturalist she was.

So here I am at her house on 12th November last year. It's empty of her but still full of her mad collection of ornamental owls, pottery snails, wildlife books and paintings. I'm to meet the solicitor and to collect not only her ashes but those of husband George and spaniel Oscar. There are two green boxes and a little one for Oscar sitting on the chair in the hall. George is particularly heavy. I take them home and stow them in the wardrobe because I've offered to take them all up to Balranald next summer in accordance with Avril's last wishes. I don't tell Rony they're in the wardrobe.

I have the address and phone number of her friend Jean MacDonald who still lives up in North Uist but have no idea how we're going to get there. We can make it a holiday but I don't want to drive. Rony, despite being fearful of travelling further than the Menai Streets, is supportive.

Thursday June 23rd, and after weeks and hours of planning to get trains, ferries and buses to join up and despite a train strike, we're at a Bed and Breakfast in Crianlarich, ready for the journey to the Isles. I keep humming "The Far Cuillins are Calling me Awa'" and the infamous Scottish midges are biting so the windows are firmly shut. I'm wondering who inherited Avril's bottle of Avon Skin-So-Soft - the Sheffield Rangers' midge repellent of choice - that I bought for her last year? We have a bottle but at this rate it might run out.

We don't have the ashes anymore. Dorothy and Les Firth from Totley were coming up here anyway so we've synchronised dates and thankfully, given their weight and that we only have suitcases, they have them in their car. We're meeting them next Tuesday at Balranald together with Jean MacDonald, Avril and George's friend who still lives there. It will be a great collective thing to do with them all.



Jean and Morag MacDonald

Friday June 24th we wake to find Britain leaving Europe, though Scotland wants to stay. I have a feeling Avril would have voted to leave and I'd have disagreed with her. I often disagreed with her and to be sure, she was often a divisive character - but she did care and I loved her energy, her spirit.

We travel up to Mallaig on the glorious West Highland Line and I'm thinking she'd have loved this - though she'd probably be in the VW camper rather than the train. Then the ferry to Skye in bright sun and a bus to Portree where our landlady Fiona is disappointed not to be European too. From our window, a gilded mountain sits over the harbour.

I speak to Jean MacDonald on the mobile and we arrange to meet on Tuesday along with her daughter

Morag. She tells me how Morag used to live on St Kilda for up to three weeks at a time, working as a nurse with the MOD. Tough people up here. Tomorrow, we get a bus to Uig, the ferry over The Minch from Skye to Harris and a cottage by the sea for a week.

Saturday 25th June and after porridge, smoked haddock and the bus, we're sailing over. There are plummeting gannets, whirring puffins. We arrive at Tarbert, pick up the hire car from Deeney at the Bhuth Beag candle shop, admire the wooden Tarbert Stores



Tarbert Stores

with its pavement array of turf spades, poultry food and wheelbarrows. We buy a shed load of expensive groceries (including haggis) from the 2 small grocery shops - no supermarkets here - and drive to Luskentyre Beach. The sand is white, the sea the most extraordinary shade of turquoise.

Then to Borge on the west coast to our cottage where we both fall deep asleep in the middle of the afternoon. On waking, I decide to book us with our hire car onto the Berneray Ferry to North Uist on Tuesday in order to meet up with the Firth's, Jean and Morag MacDonald to do the deed. First planning mistake - the ferry is small, only takes a few cars and lorries and it's all booked up for that morning. We decide to go the previous evening and get a B and B. Not so easy - they seem to be booked too. Eventually, through others, I find Rosemary who doesn't advertise and may not be very popular, but needs must. After tea we sit and look at the sea, the sky, the hills. We have a visiting common gull on the lawn who I christen Beaky MacBeak-face. It's still light at 11.30pm.

Sunday 26th June Rain, mist, strong winds. A little walk up to McLeod's Stone and onto a beach, Traigh

Iar. Beaky visits.

Monday 27th June: Morag rings and invites us to lunch tomorrow as Jean wants time for a 'blether.' A little walk above Traigh Mhor, our local beach. The sandy machair – a coastland habitat unique to the Western Isles – is full of orchids, vetches, delicate buttercups, ladies bedstraw. The boggy ground is thick with yellow flag iris. Lunch at home then another walk. Sea still turquoise, the breakers like boiling fat. Gannets are diving out at sea, swooping Arctic Terns getting cross.



Traigh Mhor

Then to Leverburgh for the 6.30pm ferry. There's a strong wind. Once we've driven off the ferry, we get lost but at last find Rosemary and Kenny's B and B – a small croft bungalow at the end of a track opposite a huge wild tidal bay. There are cows down by the water and a mess of tractors and farm equipment. Neat it's not, but I love it. We've evidently just missed the corncrakes which have been keeping Kenny awake. I get the impression he doesn't like them much, despite being some of the rarest birds in Britain. Of course everyone knows everyone and so Rosemary knows Morag and rings her for us. I can see why Avril would love it here – just the sound of the waves and birds.

Tuesday 28th June We're at Balranald. We walk for a bit and I hear a corncrake – crex crex, like a credit card scratching on a comb they say – and watch some lapwings flapping and calling. We meet Morag and Jean who take us home down an even smaller road than usual. We fail to let Dorothy and Les know as the phone signals here are notoriously unreliable. We try to eat some of the most massive lunch I've ever seen. Morag and Jean tell us tales of George and his summers wardening, his caravan, his weekly baths at Jean's house, his stint at the local shop, his kindness and help to the islanders with his electrical and plumbing work, his friendliness with the Laird and his lady – the Queen's cousin no less – and that he fancied the nanny at the Lairds house. That was before he met Avril. You can't imagine Avril putting up with the Laird's nanny. After they got together, Avril would come up in the school holidays and eventually they bought the VW van, travelling and camping all over Scotland.

Morag and Jean are both Uist born and bred – Morag said she spoke nothing but Gaelic till she went to school. Her brother Alastair works a croft and his son is a fisherman. Morag has a certificate in underwater survival – necessary to her stint on St Kilda – but can't swim. They speak Gaelic together and are immensely kind to us.

We meet up with Les and Dorothy at the reserve and nimble Morag takes us down to the beach. Dorothy reads some lovely words from Ewan McColl's 'Joy of Living'

*Take me to some high place of heather, rock and ling
Scatter my dust and ashes, feed me to the wind
So that I will be part of all you see, the air you are breathing
I'll be part of the curlew's cry and the soaring hawk
The blue milkwort and the sundew hung with diamonds
I'll be riding the gentle wind that blows through your hair
Reminding you how we shared in the joy of living*

I play 'Dark Island' on the tin whistle (a tune from the Uists played at Avril's funeral). Rony pitches Avril, George and Oscar into the breakers. It's raining and the wind is Force Something but he only gets a few in his eyes – Avril's parting shot? Dorothy, Les, Rony and I say our farewells to the MacDonalds and set off to find a lonely pub where we drink beer and tea. The following day, back on Harris, we meet up with Les and



The scatterers

Dorothy again, and despite being on holiday, discuss Topley politics. After all, Avril's in all of that too. She'd probably have argued with us. We think of Morag who every day goes down to the beach where we scattered the ashes. She'll warden them for us.

Sally Goldsmith



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Totley Music Festival 2016

A review of the 8th Totley Music Festival so far!

The TMF took place from 29th June to Sunday 24th July this year. This review takes us to Friday 15th July and we will report on the forthcoming Folk Concert and the Seven Hills Jazz Quartet in the next edition of the Independent in September.

The festival took off on Wednesday June 29th at Totley Library with a Story Time session for toddlers with a focus on MUSIC MAKING including making instruments like shakers, beaters/drums and twangers from junk materials. There was live music for the children and story-telling. Children, parents, carers and volunteers had a wonderful time. In the afternoon Totley Primary School held its summer concert and we all shared in the pleasure of music making by children who are the talented musicians of the future. We hope they all have a wonderful summer holiday and thank them for their performances.

In a collaboration between the Totley Library Community Cinema and TMF the ABBA-themed sing-a-long film night was a raving success starting with a delicious Greek buffet (thank you Natasha). Everyone brought their own drinks and the corks popped merrily and the audience was in good voice. It really was an escape to a Greek island paradise. Requests for more such events have been made so why not join the film club and keep your diaries free! This was a very early sell-out!

There was a splendid and varied evening of jazz from Totley's own Walker Family and friends. We had How-



Chris Walker, guitar and Howard Walker, vocals. Below: Kevin Walker, double bass, and Myrtle George, vocals



ard Walker - vocals, Kevin Walker - double bass, Chris Walker - guitar. Also featured were Myrtle George - vocals, John Trier - keys, Phil Johnson - drums - Gordon Walker - violin and - new to TMF - an exciting local guitarist Kevin did us the honour of going home for this guitar and returning to join in. Bit of a jam session! We were lucky to have such a talented and highly regarded line-up!

Sheffield Folk Chorale were wonderful in concert in Totley All Saints Church. The choir performed unaccompanied four part songs, drawn from and inspired by traditional folk music. They were beautifully arranged



Sheffield Folk Chorale at All Saints Church

and performed - poetic songs conjuring up images of highway men, Cornish pasties, marital discord, lead mining and low wages and a fabulous arrangement of My Grandfather's Clock which is still wandering around my mind and a line from 'There's no pleasing you', 'What's an honest girl supposed to do?'.

Cakes baked by library volunteers and wine were served after the event. The songs, refreshments and company provided a very convivial atmosphere - and the event raised £200 for the library funds.

We thank all of the performers from all of the events for sharing their talent with us and Totley Library and Totley Rise Post Office for promoting ticket sales. We thank the volunteers who organised refreshments and baked cakes!

Fundraising for these events is more and more challenging. We have moved toward ticket sales for some events but this in no way covers the cost and is generally aimed at fundraising for the library. The Totley Residents Association and the Totley Open Gardens provided the bulk of the finance for the event as a whole and we thank them profusely. We also used last year's takings. You will be pleased to know that no-one makes a profit and no money is spent on unnecessary bureaucracy!

Will there be a festival next year? We have not decided yet. There are only two organisers. If you'd like to get involved in working with us to develop the festival please email Phil at philh779@gmail.com now so that we can start thinking about it. We need publicity expertise and to review what we do and when and how we do it!

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The Poetry Slot

Sally Goldsmith

Another poem from a published poet living in South Yorkshire or North Derbyshire.

Piano

by Liz Cashdan

She said I looked like the sort who might play.
Otherwise she'd take out the innards,
use it as a store for potatoes.

Rosewood inlaid with a flower and leaf design,
candle holders of blackened brass, white notes
slightly yellowed, a musty smell of firelit

family evenings singing Abide with Me.
She said £10 to me, it was only an upright:
ten pounds of potatoes dropping like semibreves

into the stringless cavity, the black and white notes
silent, the frustrated hammers with nothing to hit,
and the pedals wobbling loose like old men's feet.

I said ok, £10. Now it plays the age-related game,
like the oven door tied with string, the melting
fridge, it's a semitone out and won't pull up.

Here's a poem about an old piano. Or is it?

We know that piano. The details are precise, the piano beautifully crafted and ornate – 'Rosewood, inlaid with a flower and leaf design' - and redolent with memory. We know its 'candleholders of blackened brass,' its musty smell – 'of firelit family evenings singing Abide with Me.' We recognise the colour of 'white notes, slightly yellowed.' We know that seduction of nostalgia every time we enter an antiques centre around Abbeydale Road, especially when the object in question is a bargain. Oh, we think, to have that memory again, to bring back life to it...

A confession: I've been seduced by old pianos three times. Two were unplayable with any one else because they too, were in old pitch – 'a semitone out.' The third belonged to my best friend who died and I kept it to remind me of her. It was too big to move to Tooty but the buyers of my old house kept it, then got rid of it too. Actually there are four pianos. As a child we had a baby grand which my granddad bought at an auction. It filled our tiny front room and I used to play under it. My mum sold it to a grocer who kept not potatoes, but bags of sugar in it.

DH Lawrence has a lovely poem of childhood memories about a piano too –

'....Taking me back down the vista of years, till I see
A child sitting under the piano, in the boom of the tingling strings
And pressing the small, poised feet of a mother who smiles as she sings...'

All of this goes to show how much poems, like objects can bring up our own old memories, regrets, nostalgia - all humming into the present.

But back to my original question: is this just about a piano? You may not know that the writer is now in her 80's. Isn't the poem also a metaphor about the desire to stay the frustrations and silencing of old age, the decrepit 'innards,' the wobbling feet? As we age, do we feel like that piano – 'a semitone out and won't pull up.' ?

Liz Cashdan has published five poetry collections, the most recent being Things of Substance: New and Selected Poems (2013 Five Leaves Publications) from which this poem is taken. She taught History and English for years in schools, then moved into university and community work as a teacher of creative writing. She still works for the Open College of the Arts, the WEA and in schools with teachers and children. She lives in Millhouses.

Holmesfield Church Walking Group

Barlow Walk

On Wednesday 10th August at 10am Mike Ibbotson will lead a walk starting from Barlow village hall (which is midway between Barlow church and Barlow chapel). We will walk to Highlightly and the fish ponds, then return to Hackney House cafe for lunch (optional).

The cost of the walk is £3 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield church maintenance fund. If you wish to come just turn up on the day.

For more information phone Robin on 01246 412767. The walk is about 5 miles long.



Organic Gardening

In the April/May issue of the Totley Independent, I wrote about the loss of wild life, especially pollinators, in this country and how we can help to reverse this by gardening organically and changing from non-native plants to our original wild native ones which provide pollinators with the most beneficial pollen and nectar for their health and survival.

In the Spring update from the Soil Association, a report by Professor Dave Coulson on research by the University of Sussex points out that "Decades of herbicide drift and fertiliser run-off mean that field margins are dominated by coarse grasses, nettle, docks and hogweed" and that the few remaining flowers are often contaminated with a mixture of pesticides so that bees, butterflies and other pollinators "consume a toxic cocktail of neurotoxins and fungicides when they drink the nectar".

This is also happening to the hedgerows and around crop fields where farmers have been encouraged to plant wild flowers (are even paid to do it under environmental schemes) to help wildlife, but are potentially killing it.

Professor Coulson asks "What madness has led us to pollute our countryside with persistent, systemic neurotoxins!"

This does not just apply to the countryside, of course, as garden centres are full of chemicals to provide our plants with fertilisers, weed killers and insecticides, and the Policy Director of the Soil Association, Peter Melchett, also writes on the effect of chemical farming and says "How on earth did these toxic chemicals even get passed as 'safe' by regulators in the UK and the European Union in the first place?"

These chemicals are also in the crops and, in my opinion and the opinion of many others, must be having an effect on human health, despite denials from farmers and manufacturers.



The Royal Horticultural Society is encouraging people to plant various native flowers, near natives and exotics to help pollinators by extending the time pollen is available. However, our pollinators were healthy and prolific for thousands of years before chemicals were introduced and foreign plants do not provide the best nectar and pollen nutritionally for our native pollinators which managed very well without an extended season before chemicals were introduced and contributed to climate change taking place at an unprecedented rate.

After a fairly successful native wildflower season last

year and in spite of the upheaval caused by removing four small trees, the spring flowers have done well in my garden. Winter aconites bloomed in January, primroses (which go on forever), lungwort and snowdrops in February, and the delightful lesser celandines, wild daffodils, wood anemones and wood sorrel in March. I find that native flowers take a year or so to develop their potential, but, once established, to me they are far more beautiful than the cultivated varieties and are better for our pollinators. It is also so important that we don't divert our pollinating insects onto non-natives because this puts at risk the survival of the native species and our very special and very varied British ecosystems.

The new trees are looking healthy and are coming into bud and, having widened the borders around the lawn, I am hoping to increase the number of and variety of wildflowers this spring which will hopefully be successful and rewarding.

There are plenty of birds visiting the feeders, including a male bullfinch, and I was surprised to see a pied wagtail by one of the ponds recently. The bedding material I put into the fairly well-hidden hedgehog box in the autumn was dragged out of the entrance at the end of March so, presumably, at least one of the hedgehogs that came into the garden in the evenings last year has woken up. Good timing as April is the month for giving the house a spring clean!! There are lots of tadpoles this year, so things are looking good and, hopefully, the weather will improve and we will have a really good - buzzing!! - summer . . . well, we can hope anyway!

Marian Tiddy

Totley Residents Association

First, congratulations to Jenny Nuttall and her team for hosting the Picnic in the Park on 12th June to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. What a lot of hard work you put into it - we hope our assistance was of help.

We welcome this community spirit, and want to do more to encourage involvement in community activities.

To help us do this, the Association is setting up a mailing list which will constitute a network of Totley people who are interested in sharing their ideas, suggestions and energies for the benefit of the community in Totley. We hope this will enhance people's awareness of what the local community has to offer.

For the moment, however, future events planned by the Totley Residents Association are -

- The Totley Show on Saturday 17th September at Totley Primary School
- Totley Food and Craft Market in November (date to be confirmed later)
- Christmas Lunch for older people on 12th December at the Shepley Spitfire.

We hope to see you at some, if not all, of these events, and we hope you will add your name to our mailing list.

If we make the Association stronger by getting more people involved, we can work together to make Totley an even better place to enjoy!

If you're on board for this please let me know via email at totleychair@gmail.com, or through the editor of the Totley Independent - for details see back page.

Hetty Moran, Chairman TRA

What's on at the Library



New Donated Books Available to Borrow from Totley Library

In July we launched a new orange sticker book system, where library users can borrow books which have been donated. These books are all recent bestsellers published since 2014, including many from the Richard and Judy awards list. These books are marked with an orange sticker and need to be checked in and out from the desk. **You cannot use the automatic machines for these books.** Your orange sticker book will be stamped with a return date in the old fashioned way. We are aiming to add to the orange sticker books, so if you have any recent bestsellers that you have read and would like to donate to the library for others to read we would receive them gratefully.

On July 9th, we had a stall at the Dore Scouts and Guides Gala, where we held free 'Storytime' sessions for young children and parents. Despite appalling



Story-time at Dore Scouts and Guides Gala

weather in the morning, we rigged up our gazebo, and in the afternoon, when the weather was kinder, we had spellbinding sessions from our story-time readers – Carolyn Heslop, Barbara Taylor and Sue Hare – which fascinated the children who attended – and also their parents! It was really good to have a Totley Library presence at the Gala, and we hope to be asked back next year!

Also in July we held the first draw for the new Totley Library Lottery, which aims to raise funds to help keep Totley Library open. Players in this local lottery can help support the library and win cash prizes. Each month, 25% of all income will be allocated as the prize fund and all of the remaining 75% will go straight to library funds. In the first month, 271 players entered raising £201 for the library. The first prize winner was Mary Dakin who won £53.60 and second prize went

to Chris Lansdown who won £13.40. More players are entering all the time, so in August the minimum first prize will be £80 and minimum second prize will be £20. If you would like to enter the lottery then pick up a form from Totley Library!



Library user Marcia Bex draws the winning numbers in the first lottery draw. Also pictured (l to r) are Phil Harris (lottery promoter), Ken Bex, and Chris Cave (lottery manager)

The summer has been a busy period for fundraising events. Our stall at the Queen's 90th birthday picnic in Green Oak Park raised £180 and was a fun afternoon, despite the heavy rain earlier in the day. The Mamma Mia sing-a-long special at the library was a sell-out, raising £380 for the library. We received fantastic feedback about the sing-a-long night, so we will plan another musical themed film night very soon!

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. NOTE: this will not run in August, but will return in September.

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.

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

Natasha Watkinson

All Saints Church

Totley Hall Lane



All change at Totley All Saints!

Over the next few months you might notice a few changes at Totley All Saints. After 27 years serving as an ordained minister, and before that, 10 years working for the church in Nigeria and in England, the time has come for me to retire – my last service at All Saints will be at 10am on Sunday 16th October. It has been a tremendous privilege to lead the congregation in Totley for the last four years and to get to know so many people in the area – you really are a great bunch of folk and Marion and I will look back on our time here with many very happy memories.

As is now becoming normal practice in churches across the country, there will be no direct replacement for me at All Saints. Instead, Katie Tupling (Vicar at Christ Church Dore) will assume responsibility for the congregation in Totley along with Ali Creasey who is currently serving as Curate at Christ Church. Both churches will retain their own identity and Katie and Ali will be ably supported by members of both congregations to ensure services at All Saints continue in their usual pattern and the people of Totley can be supported by their parish church. Do keep a look out for changes to the noticeboards at both ends of the church drive for information on services and contact details as well as our church website (www.allsaintstotley.co.uk).

I'd love to see as many of you as possible at my last service on 16th October – so please do come along if you are able – you'll be made to feel very welcome. In the next edition of the Totley Independent you'll be able to find out more about Katie and Ali and there'll be information on services throughout the autumn and of course all our plans to celebrate Christmas!

Paul Oakley, Vicar

Services in August and September

We meet every Sunday morning at 10.00. During August, we're having our All Ages All Together services each Sunday – families are especially welcome to join us. Every Wednesday there is a Communion Service which also starts at 10.00.

Service Themes coming up...

In our services in August, we'll be looking at some well-known and some not-so-well-known characters from the Bible. These were not two-dimensional "stained-glass-window" individuals, but real flesh and

blood people with hopes, fears, weaknesses and failings. The great thing is that God met them and even used them in spite of their shortcomings, and, even better, the same can be true of us!

In September we'll be considering how God can be close to us in our daily lives, at work or wherever we spend our time.

The first Sunday in October is our Harvest Celebration.

A prayer...

Heavenly Father, thank you for all the seasons of the year. Thank you right now for summer and all that it brings. Thank you for loving me and thank you Jesus for dying for me and rising again so that I can be free and know you as my personal friend and savior. Amen.

Neighbourhood Watch – Home and Away

Sunday 3 July, Buxton, 5.15 pm: A man looking through binoculars. I had to see what he was looking at. Saw white male, grey hoody, orange trousers, sitting on parapet wall of 100 foot high viaduct. I asked the man with the binoculars how long the chap had been there and he said 10 minutes. Had he called the Police? No. He thought he might be from Network Rail (what, with no hard hat, no hi-viz jacket).

Being a little suspicious, I called the Police. Part way through their negotiations, the man threatened to jump as a different negotiator walked along the bridge, which he had expressly told the original negotiator, not to do, as he said he would jump. Long story, but he was brought off the bridge at 1.45 am, cold and shivering, and taken to hospital. I understand that as well as mental illness, he is also facing other issues.

Home: Neighbour's van broken into at 3.30 am. Nothing stolen. I sent an email around my Neighbourhood Watch network and very quickly got a description of the getaway car, a Ford Puma. I reported this to a PC who is dealing with the burglaries in Totley, and he pricked his ears up as he had seen an email, that day, about two guys being arrested, who were wanted by Chesterfield Police, in a Ford Puma. Lo and behold, Streetlife, the internet forum, reported numerous van break-ins, in different parts of the city, but one referred to a Ford Puma, and the lady had a CCTV video.

We now believe that the car is a "pool car", used by different offenders to carry out different jobs, and is probably based in the Sheffield 6 area. The car is impounded, and one guy in custody, with another due to answer to bail at the time of writing.

Sadly, the Police Officer did not know that Neighbourhood Watch was still active, but was very pleased, to get the information.

We, as residents, can help ourselves and the Police, by being observant, phoning the Police to report incidents (No, they will not respond to an alarm – though Environmental Protection Noise pollution service might, if it is persistent) and making other residents who might be elderly, infirm, or not on email, to be aware and keep their property secure.

And how sad to hear recently of a reclusive man in Totley, being found dead after a long time, but his mail and milk had continued to be delivered. A delivery courier reported the suspicious circumstances to a neighbour.

Roger Hart

A Garden Weekend at Totley Rise Methodist Church

"This is the way communities used to be" said someone. Picture the scene: a sunny, summer afternoon in our beautiful church garden, a jazz band playing, luscious cream and strawberry scones, oodles of tea, the buzz of many conversations and rainbow bubbles floating by.



Our first community garden party, on a Sunday afternoon in late May, was voted a great success with church members joining with friends and family from near and far - from Fulwood in the north, Holmsfield in the west and Woodseats in the east they came.

Many thanks to those who baked the mountain of scones, prepared the garden, poured the tea and cleared up afterwards, and let's not forget the cakes baked by the young people in the church. Truly scrum-



tious! Our thanks also go to the Seven Hills Quartet for their foot-tapping repertoire. The purpose of the afternoon? Why, to meet as a community and give to good causes. To that end we were able to give £100 to Totley library and £100 for Transport 17.

We've booked the date and the weather for next year!

Wildflowers bloom in urban Sheffield

An urban area of Sheffield has been transformed into a mosaic of colour thanks to the efforts of a joint project sowing wildflower seeds along roadside verges.

The collaboration between Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, Sheffield City Council's Streets Ahead work and the Sheffield 20s and 30s Walking Group has

resulted in an explosion of poppies and other wildflowers in the triangle of grass where Shrewsbury Road and South Street meet, at the top of the steps behind the city's train station.

The site is now awash with colour and life as the plants establish themselves, creating an attractive environment for wildlife, encouraging pollination and enlivening an urban area of the city.

Jenny Naranjo, from the Sheffield 20s and 30s Walking Group, said: "We had a few walks around the area on our winter and spring programmes and we have been watching it and looking forward to seeing the magical result. It is very exciting for us! I would like to encourage everyone to go for a little walk there and enjoy the wildflowers and the fabulous views of Sheffield."

The transformation could not have gone ahead without a generous seed donation from the Grow Wild Project, which is supported by the Big Lottery Fund and led by Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.



South Street Poppies (picture: N. Abbas)

Along with the seed planting activity, specially created insect homes have also been strategically placed around the site in a bid to increase biodiversity within the urban garden.

The planting activity on Shrewsbury Road/South Street is a forerunner to a larger, citywide scheme - Living Highway - which is aimed at transforming Sheffield's roadside verges into wildlife havens.

The Living Highways project is also taking a novel approach to roadside maintenance by the frequency some grass verges across the city are mown. It is hoped that the longer grass will create ideal conditions to attract a wider range of wildlife.

Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, Streets Ahead and the University of Sheffield have joined forces to launch this interesting and innovative experiment. Over the coming months, the University of Sheffield, with support from the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, will be monitoring the effects of the urban verge mowing trial on the city's wildlife.

Millhouses Bowling Club

Millhouses Bowling Club Held their annual Bannerdale and Youle men's doubles competition on Sunday July 10th.

The winners were Clive Bemrose and John Perkinton and Runners up were John Williamson and Derek Taylor.



Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials

Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials Association
www.longshawsheepdog.co.uk

(Registered Charity No 234523)

The Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials will take place this year on 1st, 2nd and 3rd September on Longshaw Pastures in front of Longshaw Lodge, near Grindleford, starting this year at 7.30am each morning. We are very honoured this year to have Lady Ruby Sykes as our lady President.

On 1st and 2nd there will be open class sheep dog trials when many of the "One Man and His Dog" competitors will be taking part. We are very pleased to have Mr. James Howard who won the championship in 2012 and again in 2014 to judge the open classes and championship, and to judge the local class Mr. Jan Pieters, from Holland. Mr. John Elliott will judge the double dog class and Mr. Nick Denniff the beginners class.

At approximately 3.30pm on 1st, subject to any unforeseen circumstances, there will be a parade of local hounds courtesy of the Barlow Hounds, Pennine Foxhounds, High Peak Harriers and the Ecclesfield Beagles.

Following the local class sheep dog trial on Saturday 3rd the Longshaw Fell Race is to be run. Starting at approximately 10.30am, this is open to all adults and is enter on the field.

Following the start of the fell race there will be a demonstration of dog obedience and agility.

Starting at approximately 12.30 on Saturday 3rd the trials culminate in a double gather championship, which consists of the 8 highest pointed runs from both Thursday and Friday, when the winner will take home the prestigious Longshaw Championship silver tea pot.

The entrance charge is just £5.00 per adult each day, with no charge for children and free parking, and we start at 7.30am, weather permitting, finishing at approximately 5.30pm.

For further information please contact the Secretary, Mrs. Sheila Humphreys, MBE, on 01433 651852, or e-mail lsdta@talktalk.net

This will be the 118th year of the Association, thought to be the oldest continuous sheep dog trials in England with the two world wars and the year 2001, because of foot and mouth disease, being the only years when no trials were held.

There will be a licensed bar, hot and cold food and drinks, and ice cream available.

The magnificent array of trophies will be on display, so please come and join us for a day on the moors to see some of the wisest dogs in the world. We look forward to meeting you.

Drink Wise, Age Well

Drink Wise, Age Well is a community based programme for people aged over 50 in Sheffield. We support a variety of activities designed to help you make new friends, find new interests and new places to share the things that are already important to you.

Drink Wise, Age Well aims to help us make healthier choices about our drinking as we age.



You may ask, 'why does my age matter?'

Most people now drink at home more than anywhere else, more so as we get older. At home we can be prone to being very generous with measures when pouring. This means it's easy to lose track of how much is being drunk. Learning more about how much you're drinking or using a unit measure is a simple way to keep track.

Making small changes can improve our health, improve our energy and improve our relationships.

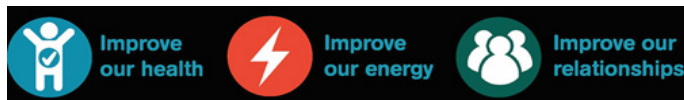
Here are some questions to think about:

- When talking with others, do you ever underestimate how much you actually drink?
- Do you ever skip a meal because you don't feel hungry after a few drinks?
- Do you find yourself having a drink to "take the edge off", calm your nerves, or take your mind off your problems?
- Have you ever increased your drinking after experiencing a life event?

If your answer to any of these questions is "yes" then you may want to think about ordering our free guide.

For readers of Totley Independent we are offering a free unit measuring cup and 8-page step by step guide looking at the benefits of making healthier choices, working out and keeping track of units and information on how to get further help and support.

If you would like to know more information or would like us to post out a unit cup and booklet please call 0800 032 3723 or email sheffield@drinkwiseagewell.org.uk



THE TIME TRAVELLERS

Signal station discovered on Britain's forgotten Roman frontier

Archaeologists working at Whirlow Hall Farm have discovered the site of a Roman signal station high up on a hillside overlooking Sheffield and its surrounding moors. The site was discovered by geophysical survey, followed up by excavation of a test trench to confirm the character of the buried remains.

The site is located between the Roman forts at Templeborough (under the modern 'Magna' centre between Rotherham and Sheffield) and Brough (situated in the Hope Valley near Bradwell). It would have formed part of a system for communication along the line of what was then the northern frontier of the Roman Empire. It is close to a recently discovered stretch of a Roman road thought to link the two forts, and a large Roman farm currently under excavation by the same team, also at Whirlow Hall Farm.

With the aid of a Heritage Lottery Fund grant, the 'Time Travellers' voluntary archaeology group, in conjunction with Archaeological Research Services Ltd, have been exploring this landscape on the south-west edge of Sheffield to find evidence of the Roman frontier prior to the Roman invasion of northern England.

The square-shaped enclosure is formed by two construction ditches set parallel to each other with what appears to be an entrance on its east side. The evaluation trench has shown that these construction slots were narrow and would have held timber uprights to create a timber stockade. The timber uprights in each of the ditches may have been connected with cross braces to create a 'box rampart' which would create a more stout defence. Within the interior of this enclosure there would typically be a timber tower for observation and signalling, although no evidence of this appears to have survived due no doubt to this being made of timber with only light foundations.



Initial excavation

is a steep-sided valley that drops away below the site and known as the 'Limb Valley'. The word 'limb' is Anglo-Saxon for 'limit' and this valley formed part of the boundary between the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms of Northumbria to the north and Mercia to the south. The archaeologists believe this boundary has a much older origin and formed the boundary between the Iron Age tribes of the Brigantes to the north and the Corioltavi to the south. As such it was this boundary that probably formed the Roman frontier between around 50 and 70 AD when Corioltavi land was under Roman control but the Brigantes remained independent.

Dr Clive Waddington, MD of Archaeological Research Services, said "The discoveries at Whirlow provide some of the first evidence for this forgotten Roman frontier and will go a long way to understanding what happened when the Romans pushed north, how they did it and what the impact was on the local communities inhabiting these borderlands. This discovery shows that then as now, Sheffield and its hinterland was the gateway to the north."



"During the initial recce of the field prior to undertaking the geophysical survey an area of plateau on the highest part of the field was noted together with the impressive long distance views not just down into Sheffield, but in all directions. The responses picked up in the geophysical survey were strong and clear and together with the distinctive shape and size of the double-ditched monument left little doubt that this site was likely to be a Roman signal station. Being located on ground that is given over to pasture rather than cultivation means that this site would not show up as a crop mark on aerial photographs and therefore geophysics provides perhaps the only technique that can detect these sites in this kind of geology and topographic location."

The site occupies a prominent hilltop commanding wide views including a direct line of site north-east to the Roman fort at Templeborough. To the west there

The local volunteer archaeology group who are co-ordinating the project have been thrilled by the discovery as it goes a long way to demonstrating the existence of the frontier running right through the Whirlow landscape where they have been predicting it to be located. Glynn Burgin, Project Director, said "the excavations at Whirlow go from strength to strength and with the new evidence we have now obtained from the discovery of the Roman signal station, the large Roman farmstead built on top of a pre-existing Iron Age farmstead and the identification of the nearby Roman road, we are in a position to investigate this forgotten frontier and understand how it worked, when it was in use and how it affected the native British population."



Excavating and recording

"We have had over 75 volunteers working on site throughout the investigations together with school groups and specialists and the energy and enthusiasm that has been generated has been able to be harnessed to good effect. We have turned up a large assemblage of Roman pottery of various styles, together with a quern stone, palaeoenvironmental information and samples for radiocarbon dating, so we are looking forward to analysing the data in the coming months."



The construction trenches during excavation of the Roman signal station

Reports on the first phase of archaeological work can be downloaded from:
<http://www.archaeologicalresearchservices.com/projects/whirlow-hall-farm>

More information on the Time Travellers can be found at <http://thetimetravellers.org.uk/>



Totley Operatic and Dramatic Society

Another TOADS play in the pipe-line!

Our November play will be a murder mystery entitled "13 Past Midnight", written by Billy St John, and is to be directed by Judy Savournin.

This year we have been very fortunate in acquiring several new members and have therefore been able to cast 16 people in this play!

Please save the dates in your diaries - Wednesday 16th November to Friday 18th November at 7.30pm, and Saturday 19th November at 2.30pm. The venue is St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Please call 0114 2351206 to reserve your tickets or contact any TOADS member - we look forward to seeing you there.

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

Hope you all have a very pleasant summer.

Anne Bettridge

Blacka Moor Users Forum

Blacka Moor Nature Reserve, Saturday 24th September, 10am - 12noon

Join Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust for a walk-about meeting around Blacka Moor and find out about the management plans for the reserve in the months ahead, as well as events and other ways to get involved. Meet at Stony Ridge car park, off Hathersage Rd, S11 7TW



THE HARDY PLANT SOCIETY

South Pennine Group
www.southpenninehps.btck.co.uk



AUTUMN PLANT SALE 2016

Sheffield Botanical Gardens

Sunday 18th September

11.00 am - 3.00 pm

Free admission

Everyone welcome.

If you would like further information about the South Pennine Group, please visit our website above and on Facebook.

Gardening Tips for August and September

I am not going to mention the weather. It's raining at the moment and has been raining for a week or more. 'Nuf said. The garden looks pretty miserable. The few flowers braving the elements are a bit droopy and the veg have not developed as they should, due to it being a bit cold for this time of year. So I have decided to tell you about other gardens we have been visiting.

Christine found a coach firm who were organising a four-day trip to four gardens. I thought that might be a bit much to take on, but we booked places along with our neighbours.

We met the coach at 6 45am on the Thursday. It called at several pick-up places on the way, and to cut a long journey short we arrived at the first of our gardens, Hampton Court Palace. What a place! The buildings' architecture was spectacular - but we had come to see the gardens, so the palace will have to wait for another time.

To describe the grounds as 'gardens' is an understatement! It is an enormous parkland with lawns, lakes, fountains and lots of topiary. The yew trees have been cut over many years and resembled large umbrellas. There must be a hundred or more, some in rows forming avenues towards the fountains and other features. After a look around this area we had a snack and cuppa (and very nice too) and after refreshments we went to the kitchen gardens, passing on the way some lovely rose gardens. We also saw some development work in progress (even these gardens are never finished!) The kitchen garden was being planted out, and we saw many young vegetable plants just starting to develop: some were quite a bit more forward than ours, which is to be expected as the weather is warmer than our area. 5pm soon came round, the coach arrived to take us to our hotel in Alesbury, and after a good dinner and a chat about what we had seen we staggered to bed.



An avenue of trees at Hampton Court

Friday: after a full breakfast (very nice) we set off in the coach to the Chelsea Flower Show. It took about 1½ hours to get there, and we saw quite a lot of London on the way.

Chelsea was just opening when we arrived. It was extremely busy with a capital B but it was not as crowded as I expected having seen the TV during the week. We were able to see most of the exhibition gardens, and I was struck by how much smaller they were compared to what we had seen on the TV. I assume the wide angle lenses made the difference.

The facilities were very good, food (expensive) was available around the show; but seating left a lot to be desired - you had to be quick if a seat became available. The celebrities were very busy and always attracted a crowd. The flower marquees were where the trade-stands put on a spectacular show. All the flowers were at their very best and had us gasping in admiration! How did they manage to get them almost perfect, especially those which were out of season? There were many smaller trade stands. They were very interesting, with gadgets and equipment we couldn't do without, but far too many for us to see in one day... and so to bed.

Next day, the weather still being great we visited the RHS gardens at Wisley. What a place! It's enormous - you would need days to really appreciate all of it, from the glasshouses, aboretum, rockeries, wild gardens, woodland trails, etc.etc, there were 19 places in the central area alone - terraces, borders, herb gardens, fruit and rose gardens..... it just goes on and on. We tried to cover a lot. It was very tiring but very rewarding, what a lovely day!

The final day was a visit to Kew gardens, another spectacular garden again far too large for a day trip - just a taster really. It's very spread out with longish walks between places of interest. More glasshouses..... the jungle effect in the palm house was very well done, there was even a bit of wild life - the gecko was very friendly! But the time soon went and we had to return home to Sheffield and after a very long day, we were delighted with the trip. We will have to try to visit some of these places again and spend more time there...

August

Flowers: Continue dead-heading to give a continuation of blooms; lightly prune bush and standard roses - cut back to about 2 leaves all stems which have flowered, give the beds a dusting of Tonks or other rose fertiliser and work it into the top layer of soil. Tie up the taller perennials - if we get a bit of wind in summer, they are soon broken down.

August is the time for cutting dried flowers for winter decoration. Tie the stems up in bunches and hang them upside down in a cool airy place. Give flower beds a regular feed of compound fertiliser as this will keep them growing and flowering. Sweet peas need a layer of mulch and a good liquid feed.

Vegetables Sow a bit more parsley, earth up brussels sprouts. Do not feed onions after July as ripening may be hindered. Marrows should be cut whilst they are still young and before the skin hardens - and save a nice big one for the show in September!

Cucumbers grown in frames outdoors will need regular watering and feeding- and keep stopping the runners (side shoots).

Remove any caterpillars when they appear on cabbages and other brassicas; keep runner beans mulched and well-watered, especially during hot dry periods.



Kew Gardens

Outdoor tomatoes need a good feed once a week with a good tomato fertiliser and each plant should be stopped one leaf above the 2nd or 3rd truss depending on the variety.

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit When propagating strawberry plants, always choose a perfect parent plant, with no yellow or curling leaves, peg the baby plants into pots of new compost set into the ground and allow them to root before cutting them from the parent plant. Do not take more than five plants from each parent and keep them well watered.

Prune raspberries as soon as they have finished fruiting, cutting them down to ground level. Retain six of the strongest new canes from each plant for fruiting next year and tie them onto supports.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants As usual keep the greenhouse well ventilated and any seedlings which are coming along should be shaded, especially if the sun is very strong.

Cuttings from most greenhouse plants can be taken now: geraniums, fuchsias, busy Lizzies etc and keep shaded. Geraniums don't need lots of water to start with. Late August begonias and gloxinias will have finished flowering. Their water supply should be gradually reduced so that they ripen the corms and go to rest.

Restart old cyclamen around the second week of August. Clear off the old foliage and soil and re pot in the smallest pot which can accommodate the roots comfortably. Keep them in a shady spot, water moderately at first, but spray the corms daily with tepid water to encourage them to make new growth.

If you want to have narcissus by, or even before, Christmas, pot up bulbs now

Lawns At the end of August lawn seed can be sown on a prepared bed - and keep well watered. If we have very dry conditions set the mower high to retain moisture at the roots.

September

Flowers Keep up with the dead-heading of plants. Remove summer bedding plants which are finished, and prepare any spare beds for spring planting. The earlier you can get wallflowers, primulas etc. in, the stronger the plants will be to survive the winter.

Lift and pot up geraniums, fuchsias and other tender plants you want to keep over the winter. They need to be kept dry-ish and in a frost-free place. Tuberous begonias need to be lifted and dried off to keep indoors. Make sure you remember to water regularly any newly planted plants.

Plant out spring flowering bulbs, narcissi, lilies, daffodils etc. These can be planted at any time during autumn, but early planting gives better results (hold tulip and hyacinth for a bit longer - end of October). Pot up bulbs for early flowering - hyacinths, tulips, narcissi, ixias, should be potted up now in bulb-fibre and bulbs should be almost touching one another and barely covered with the fibre. Stand the containers in the coolest place available and keep as dark as possible for 8-12 weeks. Keep checking that they are kept moist (not wet) and dust with flowers of sulphur if slight mould is showing.



Chelsea Flower Show

Rambler roses can be pruned now - cut the growths of those which have carried flowers to ground level and remove from trellis; tie back the new growth made this year. Cuttings of lavender can be put in now. They are easy to root in a sheltered place outdoors in a shallow trench in soil and plenty of sharp sand.

Check the supports of taller plants, to reduce the growth of those which have finished flowering (not too much). Take cuttings of penstemons now, use non-flowering shoots, put them in a sandy soil round the edge of a pot and place them in a cold frame or COLD greenhouse. If you have planted winter flowering pansies, pick off any flowers to encourage the plant to grow stronger.

Vegetables. This is a busy month for harvesting. Make sure you pick all runner beans before the first frosts. This also applies to marrows, courgettes and all squashes. Stake up brussels sprouts, and plant out spring cabbages. Cover the curds (white part) of cauliflower with a turned over leaf to protect from frost and keep them white.

Onions which have finished ripening can be tied up (like the French do) and hung in a cool frost-free place. Peppers and tomatoes sown outdoors should be picked or given protection. You must have heard that

to encourage ripening of peppers and tomatoes, place them in a tray, place in a drawer with a couple of ripe apples, and don't forget which drawer you have put them in! If your onions are late ripening (brown skins) turn the tops over to expose them to as much light as possible.

Leeks can be fed with a quick-acting nitrogenous fertilizer such as nitrate of soda or a liquid fertilizer. Herbs should be gathered now for drying. Marrows can be hung in a dry, frost-proof place if you have too many for immediate use. Lift and store carrots and beetroot.

Continue earthing up celery. Test main crop potatoes before lifting - the skin should NOT rub off when thumb pressure is applied, and if they are 'set' they are ready for lifting.

Trees. Shrubs and Fruit Pick all fruit as it ripens, order new bushes, trees or canes as required, choose late flowering varieties if you live in a frost pocket.

Prune the shoots on all espalier and cordon trained trees, apply or renew grease bands on trunks to catch winter moths as they climb up the trunk (the caterpillars from their eggs feed on the blossoms in spring). Cut out fruited canes of summer raspberries and tie in the new growth. Autumn varieties are pruned next spring. Finish planting summer fruiting strawberries by the middle of the month.

Watch out for slugs and snails and keep newly planted stock well watered. Dead-head and shorten the flowering shoots of floribunda and hybrid tea roses. Prepare ground for planting heathers and evergreens. Take hardwood and semi-ripe cuttings of berberis. Forsythia juniper, privet, honeysuckle etc, put in a cold frame or guard indoors. Cut back wisteria and clematis which is rampant.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants. Disbud late chrysanthemums regularly. Most plants except annuals will propagate readily at this time. Place cuttings in a mix of compost and perlite or vermiculite and place in a propagator or warm greenhouse. The end of the month should see the end of the tomatoes.

Clear away the finished plants ready to accommodate the plants coming in to over-winter. The nights will begin to get much colder, so watch carefully the ventilation: side vents should be closed for the winter, and shading washed off the glass to give maximum light at this time. Spraying and damping down should be discontinued gradually. Pot on primulas and calceolarias. Cyclamen seedlings planted earlier should be ready for pricking out. The ideal time for potting is when they have 2 or 3 leaves each.

Lawns. Rake, scarify and spike ready for a top dressing of autumn winter fertilizer towards the end of the month. This will help develop a healthy root system for next year's lovely green sward.

See you at the Totley Show on 17th September - final picture below was taken at Wisley!

Cheerio for now, Tom.



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Member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance
Nursery Manager: Mrs Heather Mellon
Deputy Manager: Mrs Karen Midgley

Little Saints Nursery is looking for Committee members to help run and support our nursery

We are a small and unique multi-faith based establishment and have been part of Totley children's education for more than 35 years.

As a charitable non-profit making nursery we need volunteers who have some time on their hands to help us move into the future, our committee is made up of parents past and present and we would like to offer the opportunity of being part of our committed team to the residents of Totley.

This position will not be in contact with the children.

We meet half termly in the evenings at the nursery.

If you are interested in helping us we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Heather Mellon at Little Saints on 0114 2352148 or 07957833611 or write to us at the above address.

Registered Charity Number 1045329

Local shops team up to boost five-a-day

We are all familiar with the 5-a-day campaign that the government and NHS have been running for many years. In fact it is so familiar, it is easy to underestimate the value of it. Eating five portions a day of fruit and vegetables has huge health benefits as they provide lots of vitamins and minerals. They are also a great source of dietary fibre and are usually low in calories. Fresh fruit and vegetables are very important in providing balance in a modern diet.

Two long-established Totley businesses have teamed up for a special offer aimed at improving the health of the local community, and also to make it affordable to get your 5-a-day.

Taj Singh at Totley Pharmacy, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, has formed a new partnership with Martin Scriven at greengrocers Fruiterama.

Customers who spend £7.50 or more on fruit and vegetables at the Totley Rise greengrocers, which has been serving the local community for more than 40 years, will receive a 10 per cent off voucher for Totley Pharmacy.

Taj said: "Our pharmacy is not just about dispensing medicine. We see prevention as just as important and over the last two decades have played an important role in keeping Totley and its surrounding areas healthy.

"Eating five a day is really important and our partnership with Fruiterama is just another way in which we are working to help local people lead healthy lifestyles and make wise food choices."

PhysioFOCUS

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For more information visit www.sseonline.com

Totley Art Group takes off!

We are a recently established small group of Totley Artists, some more experienced than others. The idea is to learn from one another with in a friendly, informal but purposeful way. We meet once a month or thereabouts to share our work and pursue each individual's approach to art whatever the form. We share knowledge and experience so that we can motivate each into regular application, effort and progression. Below are some examples of our work. The group is open to people of all abilities. There is no formal tutor but members are happy to offer ideas. Creativity brings many good things to life! Our next session is 17th August 2016. If you'd like to join us email motivatetocreate2016@gmail.com or call Sue 07940 557879 or Chris 0114 2351767.



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www.wea.org.uk/yh

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Language courses

at St Johns

Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield S17 3LE
from
September 2016

French Year 1 Thursdays 7:15 – 9:15 pm from 22nd September
French Level 2 Wednesdays 2 – 4 pm from 21st September
French Level 3 Tuesdays 1 – 3 pm from 20th September
French Level 4 Tuesdays 10 am – 12 noon from 4th October
Italian for Beginners Fridays 10 am – 12 noon from 23rd September

also

***French Level 3** Mondays 7:15 – 9:15 pm from 12th September
***French Level 5** Fridays 1 – 3 pm from 16th September

(*these two courses are currently full, so pre-booking is essential should spaces become available – contact the Leeds or Sheffield offices – see below)

How to enrol:

online on: enrolonline.wea.org.uk

telephone: 0114 242 3609 (Sheffield office) or 0113 245 3304 (Leeds office)

Not sure which course is for you? For more information:

Contact: phone: Sylvia May (tutor) on 01709 850011
phone or text: 07958 940821
or email: sylviamay@gmail.com

or turn up to the first session (except for those marked *)

Community Defibrillator at Totley Rise Methodist Church

The Totley 'Independent' has been asked to point out to everyone in Totley the following important information.

Totley Rise Methodist Church has been fitted with a public access defibrillator.

The defibrillator is a portable device that can be used by a member of the public to help restart the heart when someone has a cardiac arrest. This is when the heart stops pumping blood around the body and they lose consciousness almost at once.

For every minute that passes without defibrillation and CPR, chances of survival decrease by around 10%.

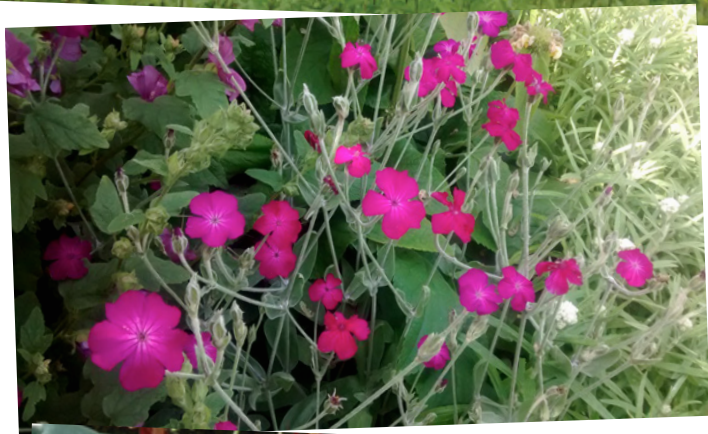
Always call 999 and follow the instructions from your local ambulance service. It is really important that the professionals are on their way.

The portable defibrillator is especially designed for people with little or no medical background. When applied to the victim, voice commands and screen messages will guide the user step by step through the process.

However, Riger Hart has advised that anyone interested in investing in this important piece of equipment should know that the pads and cable are single-use; replacements cost over £30 each, with carriage.

Totley Open Gardens 2016

Totley Open Gardens was held over the weekend of July 16 and 17. Here is a selection of photographs of some of the fourteen gardens which were open this year (*Pictures: Chris Spencer*)



The Totley Show Committee is proud to announce

Totley Show 2016

A celebration of our community and its talent in aid of local charities

**Saturday 17th September
at Totley Primary School**

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)	

Official use only

Entrant number	
Total number of entries	

Total entry fee due	
Entry fee paid	

The volunteer garden at Longshaw

Take several tons of sheep droppings, a dozen volunteers and a derelict walled garden almost 200 years old. Add a few seeds, and in a few months you'll have most of the vegetable and salad supplies for one of the northern Peak District's most popular cafes.

"We reckon we've got a carbon footprint of 50 yards," said Paul Mowforth. "My wife came in for lunch with a friend last year and was told by the cafe they hadn't any tomatoes at present. She said 'I think you'll find you have' and came round the corner to pick a few from the greenhouse. Her friend was very impressed."

The volunteers working on the walled garden hidden behind Longshaw Lodge believe the site was originally designed to produce fruit and vegetables so the Duke of Rutland could "show off to his shooting guests."

When they started work in the winter of 2009, however, "it was a mess, full of weeds and brambles. It was just used for drying washing," said Jill Beckett.



The derelict garden

National Trust volunteers Jill and Paul had been asked to create a garden to show visitors and fellow staff how to grow their own food, and ultimately to provide raw materials for the adjacent Longshaw Lodge tea room, after winning a DEFRA grant from the 'Eat into Green Living' initiative. "But at that stage, there were no gardeners, and no garden," said Paul.



The garden being brought back to life by volunteers

A team of staff and volunteers spent the winter removing weeds, digging out beds and shovelling old sheep manure collected from estate barns. "The sheep

manure turned out be rocket fuel," said Dave Bone. "After only a few months in that first year, the tea room cancelled their salad order as they were getting all they needed from us."

Paul and Jill collected their team of volunteer gardeners from around Sheffield and north Derbyshire. Jo Backhouse was inspired to join in after meeting Jill in the tea room toilets. "I'd just bought a caravan in the Hope Valley and after talking to Jill in the toilets, I thought working in the garden would help me feel involved in the area," said Jo.

One challenge was the location's height. "One of our volunteers asked the Gardener's Question Time panel what heritage varieties we could grow at 1000 feet above sea level," said Dave Bone. "Their answer was: 'I'm surprised you can grow anything at that height!'"

The sheep dung rocket fuel, the sheltering walls and the gardeners' expertise have proved otherwise: only squash and some apple varieties have failed, with the volunteer garden now producing salads, potatoes, onions, garlic, shallots, cabbage, berries, apples, rhubarb, herbs and more to supply the tea room, all following organic growing methods. In 2011 the team won a national 'Marsh Heritage Award' for volunteer-led projects.

"The commitment of the volunteers has been incredible," said Jill Beckett. "The team work every week except a month off for Christmas and New Year, and visitors can view the garden any time the lodge is open, and meet volunteers on Thursdays and most Saturday and Sunday lunchtimes. The project is entirely self-managed, supported by small grants from the Sheffield area National Trust members group and by public donations, for plant cuttings, for example."

The project includes ideas for novice gardeners such as a 'one metre square' garden bed display showing what can be grown in small spaces, and a 'keyhole garden' replicating a design from arid African countries, where a dustbin-sized compost area is surrounded by a circle of small beds so nutrients can directly leach out to hungrier vegetables.

The volunteer garden held an open day on the 31st July. "I've been coming out here for the last ten years, and I'm amazed I didn't know about the garden," said visitor Gary Aiston. "It's inspirational." <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/longshaw/>



Jo Stackhouse working in the herb garden

Totley Rise Methodist Church

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

The Quiet Garden at Totley Rise Methodist Church

The garden is a quiet oasis on the edge of Sheffield, welcome to all to take some time out of busy lives. A welcome place for young and old, and there are hard-surfaced paths for wheelchair users.

We hope you will enjoy the wonder of this place. Woven through the paths you walk along is a story we would like to share with you. This particular story is told through the gospel of Mark, found in the bible in the New Testament. Pick up a leaflet as you enter the garden in order to follow the trail. As you enter the garden and leave behind your daily routine, the story begins at The Boat. This is where Jesus



called the fishermen to leave their nets and follow him. "As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me', Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him."

For further information on our garden, please go to our website at www.totleyrise.co.uk or ring a minister on 2363157 or 07772 344020.

Holiday Club: Wednesday 17 August - Friday 19 August 2016. Please contact Rachel Wilson for further information and to book a place.

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.

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 are provided. 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.

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.

Room Hire at Totley Rise Methodist Church: Available Monday to Saturday. We have a variety of rooms for hire, which include the use of kitchen facilities and audio-visual equipment. Please contact the caretaker, Dean Duke, for more information or to make a booking, on 236 0389 or email deano1972@sky.com. Or visit our website for a booking form and details of room sizes and charges.

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

Letters to the Editor

Totley Show: A Request!

Would all the people who received cups or trophies at last year's Totley Show please return them?

They can be left at the Ironing Parlour, or at 170A Baslow Road. It would be appreciated if they are left in a lovely polished condition!

Many thanks!

Tom Steel

Brownie leader volunteers

I have taken over running a brownie group on Mondays, 5.30pm to 7pm at St Johns Church Hall on Abbeydale Road. Sadly, due to various circumstances, I am the only over-18-year-old leader. I desperately need adult volunteers to help keep the unit running in September.

We're an active group who like to try and create a varied programme for our brownies who are aged between 6 and 9 years old. We will have a full capacity of 24 girls in September and would be a great shame to have to close the group down, and so any help would be greatly appreciated. Adults don't need to be qualified leaders to volunteer.

Please contact me on heathermidgley@gmail.com

Kind regards,

Heather Midgley, Brownie Leader, 99th St Johns Brownies.



This summer visit the herd of elephant sculptures, which are on display in Sheffield city centre and beyond!

58 elephant sculptures, each uniquely decorated by artists, have descended on Sheffield's parks and open spaces, creating the biggest mass-participation event Sheffield has ever seen, uniting artists, businesses, schools and community groups to great an arts trail that is free to all.



The trail of elephants celebrates Sheffield's creativity with over 75% of artists from the city. Some well-known names include Pete McKee, James Green, Jonathan Wilkinson and Lydia Monks – each of whom has put their own creative mark on a 1.6m tall fiberglass elephant sculpture. They are all very different - take a selfie with your favourite as they will be on display until 5th October.

As well as the large elephants visit the 72 little calf elephants which are on display in indoor venues until 30th September 2016. The Little Herd have been designed by local school children and teachers.



By supporting the Herd of Sheffield you are investing in the future of Sheffield Children's Hospital. Every penny raised will go towards the hospital's Artfelt programme, which transforms the hospital's walls and spaces with bright art, helping children recover in an environment tailored to them. The programme also puts on workshops for youngsters to provide distraction during anxious moments – such as before an operation, and to break up long stays on the wards.

Visit the Herd of Sheffield website for more information at <http://www.tchc.org.uk/events/>.

This exciting initiative is brought to you by The Children's Hospital Charity and Wild in Art, uniting businesses, communities, artists and schools, leaving a lasting legacy for the city. Wild in Art is dedicated to the promotion of art through the creation of mass participation public art events which bring art onto the streets for the enjoyment of all. They have hosted sculpture events all over the world, from Gromits Unleashed in Bristol, to GoGoGorillas in Norwich, the Big Hoot in Birmingham and Mali in the City in Melbourne

Neighbourhood Watch: Postscript

A burglar has been arrested and charged - possibly the one who has been busy in our area. He was not local, but may have resided here for a short time. There have been no burglaries in Totley since, but do not be complacent. We know that someone has been around!

School children are putting their own, and others lives at risk by playing on the aqueduct and dropping stones onto rail traffic as it passes beneath. In school holidays this activity may increase. Do you know where your children are and what they are doing?

Roger Hart

Enjoy and Explore the Eastern Moors

Dragons of Ramsley Moor

Thursday 4 August, 10am-1pm



Join us on a dragon hunt searching for Emperors, Darters and Chasers.

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TOTLEY & DISTRICT DIARY

MONDAYS	<p>COFFEE MORNING, All Saints' Church Hall, 10am-noon. Transport usually available on request. Tel 236 0872 before 9.45 am.</p> <p>TAI-CHI, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 11.30am-12.30pm</p> <p>RAINBOWS and GUIDES, All Saints' Church Hall, 5.45pm-9pm</p>
TUESDAYS	<p>SLIMMING WORLD, Abbeydale Sports Club, 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm, Jo Elsey: 262 0523 or 07590 545253</p> <p>PILATES, The Old School, Dore, 9.15-10.15am. Phone Teresa Tinklin 07906 312372</p> <p>COFFEE MORNING, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am-noon</p> <p>KNIT, NATTER, CRAFT & CHATTER Totley Rise Methodist Church, 12 noon - 3.00pm</p> <p>CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU. Drop in, free, impartial, and confidential. Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am-noon</p> <p>CRAFT GROUP. Totley Library, 2pm</p> <p>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.</p>
WEDNESDAYS	<p>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</p> <p>COFFEE in the Library. 10am-11.30am</p> <p>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.</p> <p>TODDLER GROUP. 10am-11.30am, All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Andy Holmes 0114 236 2088</p> <p>HEALTH WALKS. 10.30am, Totley Library. Phone Tina, the Health Walk Ranger: 0114 203 9335</p> <p>MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING. All Saints Church Hall, 8pm-10pm</p> <p>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.</p>
THURSDAYS	<p>BELROBICS, United Reformed Church, 9.15-10am, email: jenny@belrobics.co.uk or tel 07816 850132.</p> <p>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</p> <p>ROCKCHOIR, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd, 11.30 - 1.00pm. See www.rockchoir.com or call 01252 714276</p> <p>PUSHCHAIR CLUB. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 1.30pm-3pm. Tel. 07912 352543 for details</p> <p>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</p>

AUGUST

SAT 6th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: Bird Walk with Chris Measures. No experience necessary. For more details see page 10.

WED 10th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church Talk by Mrs Kath Lawrence, "Jewish Life Events". Visitors Welcome.

SUN 14th 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.sheffieldmodelengineers.com/

SUN 21st FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: Practical Conservation morning run with the help of Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10 am, Baslow Road bus terminus. For more details: see page 10.

WED 24th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church Talk by Dennis Ashton. "Cosmic Collisions". Visitors welcome.

SUN 28th & MON 29th (Bank Holiday) 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.sheffieldmodelengineers.com/

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SUN 11th 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.sheffieldmodelengineers.com/

MON 12th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: Bat Night Walk, with Derek Whitely, Sorby Small Mammals Group. Meet at end of Tootley Hall Lane, 8 pm. For more information see page 10.

WED 14th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Talk by Dr Mike Hunter, "The Mental Health System in Sheffield". Visitors welcome.

SUN 18th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: Practical Conservation morning run with the help of Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10 am, Baslow Road bus terminus. For more details: see page 10.

TUES 20th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD: "Quilting" by Lynne Brown. Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10 am.

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WED 28th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP Totley Library, 7.30 pm. "A - Z of Sheffield" - a talk by Mike Spick. This is a rearranged meeting from February.

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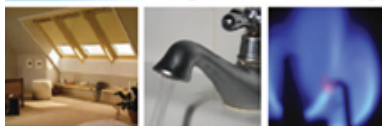
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