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Turnpike Road (now the A621) looking down from Owl Bar

Flood Embankment in Gillfield Wood?

Sheffield Council has started work with the Environment Agency on a £83 million Flood Protection Plan for the city. The Sheffield Flood Protection plan is obviously very important to protect Sheffield and details the proposals are out for public consultation (see www.floodprotectionssheffield.com)

This is a very ambitious programme which the Council regards as vital to the city. As well as protecting lives, homes and businesses, the Council also sees the programme as a catalyst for transforming the city's waterways. The consultation focuses on potential flood protection options in the Upper Don, Sheaf and Porter valleys and will continue until 31 October 2016. The potential options are wide-ranging and cover four themes - keeping floodwater

out of the city; storing floodwater in public open spaces including parks (e.g. Endcliffe and Millhouses) and woodland; containing water in the river; and resilience measures.

The Council states that it recognises the sensitivity of some of these options and very much wants to work with key groups in developing the best combination of options for the city whilst enhancing our valued green spaces.

The council also intends to hold workshops as well as local drop-in events throughout the consultation period. These will be held close to some of the areas potentially affected by the proposals. Friends of Gillfield Wood have already been involved in consultations but FoGW urge anyone who is interest

ed to go along, or at least have a look at the web-site.

Amongst the woodlands that potentially could be significantly affected by large dams/embankments are Gillfield Wood, Whiteley Woods and Beeley Woods.

As part of the proposals there is the potential to construct a huge embankment right in the middle of Gillfield Wood at the back of Rowen Tree Dell in a very popular level area for walking. The embankment would enable the temporary damming of Totley Brook so that a large section of the wood would be flooded in times of emergency to prevent excess flood water entering the city river system.

The Council stresses that this is only one of many proposals and (*cont'd p.3*)

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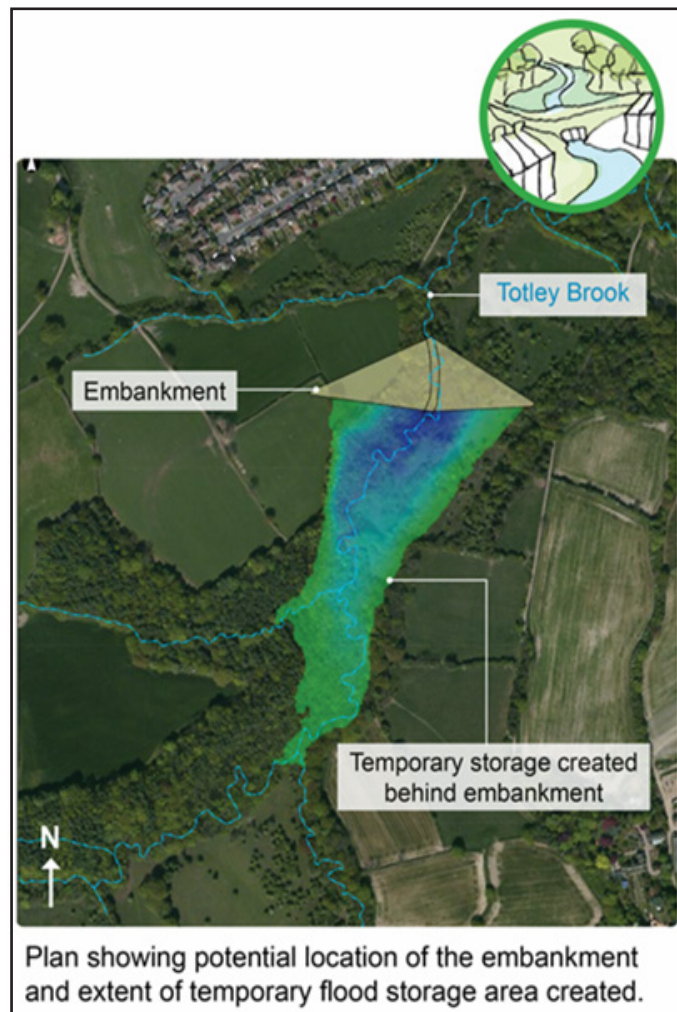
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Flood Embankment in Gillfield Wood? (from p.1)

may or may not actually happen. Many feel that this scheme would result in a major physical and visual intrusion which would destroy the character of the wood, make access much more difficult and cause major disruption during construction. The western ends of Green Oak Road and Rowan Tree Dell can be seen at the top of the plan, below, indicating the area affected by the proposal.



Although in theory any flood water containment would only last "a few days" there could be a serious effect on flora and fauna as well as the overall environment. Friends of Gillfield Wood have suggested alternate, smaller schemes further up Totley Brook which would be outside the Ancient Woodland and away from areas of public access.

Whether or not the scheme goes ahead will depend on many factors but local feedback is a vital part of the consideration process.

Andy Brewster

Totley Operatic and Dramatic Society - Autumn Production!

Rehearsals are continuing for our November 2016 play which is entitled "13 Past Midnight". This is a murder mystery play written by Billy St John, and combines murder, mayhem, and beautiful frocks!! Judy Savournin is directing this time and has taken up the challenge of directing a cast of 16!

We have been very lucky this past year to welcome several new members to our ranks - Claire, Alice, Sue, Julie and Cameron. All of them are involved in this play, either on-stage or back-stage and all of them have proved invaluable. We are delighted to have them with us.

The dates of the play are 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 ticket, or contact any TOADS member - we look forward to seeing you there.



A scene from TOADS' last production, 'Dish of the Day'

As usual we will be holding a raffle at each performance, the entire proceeds of which will be donated to a charity. We were delighted that the raffle from our previous play raised a total of £230.90p and was donated to Myeloma UK.

If you are interested in treading the boards or helping back-stage, why not pop down to the Guild Room at St John's Hall any Tuesday at 7.30pm. Or contact me on 0114 460318, or visit our web-site www.toadsdrama.co.uk.

Anne Bettridge

Puzzle corner

Three Cs

Solve each clue with a single word, each containing the C3 times. For example: this profession could deal with tax returns - answer 'accountancy'.

1. very very small
2. without error
3. part of the vertebral column
4. draw a line round
5. popular drink
6. insect called the black beetle
7. periphery of a round disk
8. fabulous serpent
9. pertaining to a breakdown
10. may cause cancer
11. mind one's P's and Q's!
12. descriptive of one who knows a lot
13. type of bacterium which may cause scarlet fever
14. weather condition of fierce winds swirling inwards to centre
15. having a common centre
16. juiciness
17. unforeseen or unexpected event
18. opposed to image worship
19. the process of converting to lime
20. a happening

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A Nature Walk for Children and Families

A Library Event organised by Jill Hnat, 30th July 2016

One of the great rewards of being with children on a nature walk is when they become totally engrossed watching an insect. On this occasion it was a Ladybird. The red colour noted; the seven black spots counted. The fact that it was freely walking over hands and up bare arms added to the excitement, and when it walked upside down on the underside of a hand their amazement had to be seen to be believed. Then there were giggles and screams as this tiny creature tried to disappear up a child's sleeve. A magical moment which, no doubt, will be remembered by all for some time to come.

Such was the case on this latest nature walk from the library, a walk that involved a small cluster of children accompanied by their parents. As they stepped out of the library the children were encouraged to look closely at their surroundings and note the flowers, trees, bees and butterflies that were immediately around them. As they inspected several bees and noted their different shapes and colours, the pollen on the legs of some bees was clearly visible for the children to appreciate. Then an obliging Gatekeeper butterfly landed on a flower in front of them for all to see the spots and markings on the underside of the closed wings.



Gatekeeper butterfly (photo: Paul Hancock)

As the group progressed towards Green Oak Park a solitary Swift was seen flying above nearby houses. The curved-back wings and speed of flight of this bird could clearly be seen. This was then compared to the slow purposeful flight of a Heron on its huge down-curved wings. On entering the park, two more butterflies were found sheltering from the wind; and then the smells and feel of various flowers, including Lavender, were eagerly experienced, as was the "sticky weed" which caused much amusement as it was carefully thrown against items of clothing.

Time was then spent looking at a large bed of wild flowers where bees, flies and hoverflies were visiting the centre of the tall yellow flowers. They were going from one to the other flower-head, searching for the right feeding or resting station. It was here that the children had the chance to look through a hand-held lens and see in detail a tiny insect perfectly magnified. They also stared intently at the long probing proboscis of a number of hoverflies.

Before leaving the park the group compared, in the hand, the leaves of trees such as Ash, Beech and Sycamore. They also looked carefully at the seed pods of each; their different shapes and designs and their purposes were discussed. Small hands held these proud possessions whilst one young man checked his tree book for confirmation of identification, which any aspiring naturalist is encouraged to do. The opportunity was also taken to feel rugged grooved tree bark and to hug a tree - no-one resisted this when the idea was sug-

gested. And as we passed by the railings bordering the park, one keen-eyed boy pointed out the strands of a spider's web at his eye-level. These strands stretched between the bars and when he was questioned as to how spiders manage such a marvellous feat he confidently confirmed that "they swing" from one bar to the other. Now this boy had Spiderman shoes on, so who was going to argue with him, and he, like the others, was now fully involved in getting close to nature, which is what the walk was all about.



White-Tailed Bumblebee (Photo: Paul Hancock)

Moving on to the Scout Hut area, some gazed in awe at the huge Oak Tree by the side of Totley Brook when told it was likely to be over three hundred years old, and others listened intently to Paul Hancock talking about his special interest, the aquatic life in the brook. Gary Scholes, together with Paul, active committee members of the Friends of Gillfield Wood, had come along to give their much-appreciated support to this event. The children's attention was also drawn to the noise of the brook running over rocks and stones as it flowed down through the wood.

In this area as well, further wild flowers, butterflies and insects were encountered and there was the opportunity to run hands through tall grasses and look closely at their seed heads. And whilst Starlings were heard to chatter from bushes nearby, black Crows flew low overhead against a background of white clouds.



Intrepid explorers in Green Oak Park (Photo: Paul Hancock)

Nearing the end of the walk the group stood with beds of Rosebay Willowherb towering over them and swathes of Meadow Sweet blowing in the breeze around them. It was here that a small number of Blue Tits were seen flying across the clearing and the bright colours of a Small Tortoiseshell butterfly were admired, as it rested on the white trumpet-shaped flower of Bindweed, whilst a Nursery Web Spider secretly rested on a leaf directly below. One parent took two paces back and shuddered at the sight of the spider, and that was just looking at the photograph that had been quickly taken. The children took it all in their stride.

'Trees', 'Birds', 'Grass', 'Seeds' and 'Clouds' were five of the many things the children had listed just before the walk start-

A Nature Walk for Children and Families *(continued)*

-ed. These things were what they hoped to see on the walk, so all had gone well during this relaxed adventure in the great outdoors. Fortunately for the leader, "Ostrich" had been put on the "Unlikely to see" list!

It turned out to be a lovely clear bright morning so there was much for the children to hear, see, smell and touch and as a result, tick off the wish lists they had made. Experiences with nature at first hand for little ones; absolutely perfect. And when one young lady was asked, over refreshments at the end, if she still had her tree leaves, she pointed at her small rucksack with pride, and smiled. A new budding naturalist? One can only hope so, and encourage.

Chris Measures



Tantalising Topics welcome us back to school!

As a new school year commences, all of our classes are kicking off the year with some fantastic topics! Here at Totley we use a 'learning challenge' curriculum which pulls together all the different subject areas and is very much led by what the children want to discover! In addition to this, each topic has a built in 'hook': an inspirational trip or stimulus that really seeks to engage the children in their learning and motivate them to get the most out of each topic that they possibly can. Our FS2 and Y1 topics are fairly similar in that they explore who the children are and what makes them special. In Y1 they will build on this by looking at the human body and linking this with our golden rules for behaviour. The Y2 class



Y3 puppetry casts an impressive shadow!

were stunned into a sense of awe and wonder when they had a very special delivery of a dinosaur egg in the last week of the summer term! Their learning this term follows on from this momentous event as they so they are building on this and finding out all about these prehistoric beasts!

Y3 will be linking playscripts and science to puppet making and are going to have a go at making some of their own puppets to perform their own dramas. Meanwhile in Y4, they are going back in time to study the terrible Tudors and have already enjoyed learning about some of the more gruesome aspects of this turbulent period in history!

Our Y5s will be going into outer space this term and already have trips and hooks planned to enhance their learning. Their knowledge of the differences between the various planets in the solar system is already astronomical!

Finally, the Y6 class will be reading Michael Morpurgo's masterpiece, *Kensuke's Kingdom*, to stimulate learning which focuses on both world geography and English to get their year off to a great start.

I'm sure there will be many updates on the website soon so look out for all the exciting learning going on in school!

Ben Paxman, Assistant Head Teacher

Vandals visit gardens on the Grove

At the end of August, several gardens on the Grove were badly damaged. Apple trees were stripped of their crop, an entire runner bean crop was destroyed, a pea crop was destroyed, a young plum tree was broken in two, conifers, small trees and bushes were ripped apart, and branches scattered all over. Several residents, including one who is 88, were extremely upset by this, because after months of hard work in the garden, to see the results smashed and destroyed is heart-breaking.

The culprits? Deer.



A ranger from the Eastern Moors Partnership came to talk to people whose gardens were affected. The deer would have been red deer, and more than likely one individual or a very small group of stags. At this time of year, just prior to the rut, the stag's hormones change, and testosterone begins to increase and the blood supply to the antlers decreases, so the soft velvet skin on the antlers dies. The deer rub their antlers to get the velvet off because the flies around the dead velvet irritate them. They use trees and bushes to do this. They can usually remove this in a day, but often rub a lot even after the velvet has gone. They also eat any fruit or vegetables that they can find when they get into gardens.

The deer on the Eastern Moors and Totley Moor are managed, which means that the rangers monitor numbers and assess the amount of food available. If a herd gets too large, their health declines because there is not a sufficient food source for them – that is to say, there is an inverse relationship between deer density and the physical conditions of the animals in a herd. This is why there are supervised culls in order to maintain the health of the herd on our moors. If left un-

culled, the deer would starve.

Both the ranger, and a local man who works on deer management suggested several methods to prevent deer invasion, some of which are cheap and some very expensive. Deer are easily frightened by sudden or random noises or lights, so erecting lights with movement sensors would deter them.

Fencing can be erected but needs to be minimum 6 feet high. This is expensive and most people don't want their gardens turned into Colditz. Wind chimes, moving objects like CDs hung on strings, and things hanging that bang in the wind are also likely to deter deer. Since deer hate dogs, having a dog is a deterrent, or alternatively a sound recording of a dog intermittently barking, or triggered by movement.

We live on the edge of moors inhabited by deer, which, like foxes, are beginning to find rich pickings around human habitation. However, the destructive nature of their invasions means that we will have to take precautions to prevent them destroying our gardens and allotments, because in the urban area, culling is not possible.

The Eastern Moors partnership takes no responsibility for the deer, as they are wild creatures, so there is no compensation for damage in gardens, allotments or farms. They simply manage the herds, and the landscape of the moors.

Jennie Street

On the Beat....

As the nights are now drawing in again, I thought it would be a good time to remind everyone of a few basic home security tips. Whilst we have had a relatively burglary free time in S17 of late, you can never be too careful!

Burglars prefer to gain easy access to homes, so the harder you make it for the criminal the lower your chances are of becoming a victim. In addition, if you do become a victim, there are measures that you can take to increase the chance that your goods will be returned to you if the police later recover them.

Here are some ways that you can protect your property:

- Security mark your property with a UV marker pen. You can use this pen to place an invisible imprint of your postcode and house number on your possessions. Consider Smart Water, www.smartwater.com
- Place a sticker on a conspicuous window of your home that states your possessions have been security marked will also help to deter thieves. I have stickers if required, leave your address and contact number on my mobile.
- Keep your home securely locked at all times. Most house break-ins are committed by opportunist thieves who do not have to break-in due to a door or window having been left open.



- Speak to your local PCSO (contacts below) about the safety devices (locks, timers, lighting etc) and procedures (closing curtains after dark, cancelling regular deliveries when you are on holiday etc) that you can put in place to increase the security of your property.
- Consider installing a telephone entry system especially if

you live in a shared block. This may be easier to organise if you get together with other residents and speak to your property management company.

- Don't put your name or room number on your key ring, if you live in shared accommodation. If it is lost or stolen, the thief will have information that could direct them to your home and your property.
- Change the locks if other people, such as previous tenants, could be in possession of keys that fit the locks in your home.
- Do not give keys to tradesmen as they can make copies quickly and easily.
- If you see signs of a break-in at your home - like a smashed window or an open door - do not go in. The burglar may still be inside. Instead, go to a neighbour and call the police.

As always please contact me if I can be of an assistance on 07877 881945 (working hours) or via email at adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Holmesfield Church Walking Group

Magpie Mine Walk

On Wednesday 12th October at 10am Robin Greetham will lead a walk starting from the Cock and Pullet public house in Sheldon. We will go first to the Magpie Mine then onto the outskirts of Monyash. We will return via a footpath near the top end of Deep Dale.

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

If you would like to come just turn up on the day. Lunch [optional] will be at the Cock and Pullet. The walk is approximately 4 miles long. If you have any queries phone Robin on 01246 412767.

Beauchief Golf Club Ladies A Team

For the first time in its 91 year history a team from Beauchief Golf Club qualified for a Yorkshire final! The Ladies A team finished 2nd out of over 100 Yorkshire clubs and went through to the finals which were held at Shipley Golf Club on Thursday September 1st. The team played very well but were just beaten 4-3 by the eventual winners Wike Ridge, Leeds.

The squad, players and 'trolley pullers', are pictured below



Back Row: Elaine Parkinson, Ann Elsdon, Jane White, Kathy Stacey, Kath Mowforth, Maureen Gray, Hazel Foster

Middle: Helen Hilton, Annette Linell

Front Row: Ann Riley, Sally Wademan, Lorraine Clarke, Anne Harris, Angela Rowson.

Totley Rise Methodist Church

Autumn at Totley Rise Methodist Church

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

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

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

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

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

There is a creche available plus Youth/Junior Church at all morning services.

Men's Breakfast Escape: Saturday, 2 October, 9.30 a.m. 'Pitches, Pulpits and Playing Fields' - Tony Ford. A life story in professional sport and ministry. Complimentary cooked breakfast included. Book a place – richard.grosberg@btinternet.com or 236 3157.

Searching for the Promised Land: Sunday, 2 October, 6.30 pm. A service led by David Markay, connecting the words of Bruce Springsteen with the message of the gospel. Featuring live Springsteen music from the TRM worship band.

Harvest festival: Sunday 9 October, 10.30 am. A time to remember all the good things given by God and a time to remember those not so fortunate. There will be an opportunity to offer a donation to the Methodist Relief and Development Charity 'All We Can' to help provide clean water for parts of Uganda, or bring food items which will be distributed to local food banks. With a theme of 'Splash' there will be something for everyone.

All year round, Totley Rise Methodist Church is a food collection point for the Grace Food Bank. This is a community group covering Sheffield 8: Lowedges, Norton, Batemoor, Jordanthorpe and the surrounding areas providing food parcels to families and individuals who find themselves in short-term financial crisis.

Bible Alive! Sunday 9 October and Sunday 13 November, 6:30 pm. Deacon Merry Evans invites us to watch or take part in one of the Bible passages by reading aloud, moving around and exploring the stories as though we were there and a part of the story

Messy Church: We hold a Messy Church on a Saturday afternoon most months. Every Messy Church has a particular theme. All are welcome

- contact Rachel Wilson on 07912 352543 for more details on themes etc or just turn up. Tea and snacks are included.

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

Messy Church is an all age way to help people discover Jesus, not just church families but the whole community. A relatively new concept, it has now spread internationally (Denmark have to call it something else as they don't have a word for messy in their language!). This happy mixture of games, craft activities, food and lively worship, all based on a bible theme is bringing families together in a new and special way. Churches that have been providing Messy Church are finding that it is creating a new worshipping congregation in its own right. Messy Church is here at Totley Rise.

Frequently Asked Questions

What makes it messy?

Just think of all the fab things mums and dads would love to do with kids but avoid because of the cleaning up afterwards. We did bubble painting, blue paint everywhere! How the children managed to stay clean was a miracle, so please don't come in your best clothes. Messy church can be messy!!!!. We painted a huge Goliath, cut out, stuck together and had a great time learning that God is there when things seem too big and too difficult for us in life. We need to ask for courage, believe and follow.

Ah...I thought food would be involved - more mess?

Yes, the idea is that mums, dads, kids and helpers all sit down and eat together. It's a time to sit and share, chat and eat together.

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 352543.

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 provides wool, needles and a chat for those who can't 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.

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What's on at the Library



Volunteers celebrate two year anniversary at Totley Library.

On 4th October this year, the volunteers at Totley Library celebrate two years of managing the service. When Totley CRIC took over the management of the library, we wanted to develop the library as a community hub and we set out to expand the activities offered at the library. New groups are now using the library for a variety of purposes including Yoga, French classes for primary children, Work Club to support people with their job search and Pregnancy Relaxation classes. The new community cinema is proving popular and we host events throughout the year including Totley Music Festival, comedy nights and talks by local authors.

On 12th September, we held our AGM which was well attended by over 40 volunteers and Friends of Totley CRIC. The annual report and financial accounts were approved and a new trustee Steve Wyatt was voted in. Steve has lived with his family in Totley for many years and has recently retired from a career within BT as an IT project manager. He volunteers at the library as a film club technician and brings a wealth of experience to our board.



Still plenty of September colour in the Library planter!

In the summer we undertook a survey of library users to gain feedback and see which areas we need to develop. We had over 200 respondents and were very pleased with the results of the survey. Over 90% people of users thought the library had improved since the volunteers took over. Many people commented on that the library is very clean, bright and welcoming and how good the activities are, especially storytime for children, health walks and the film club. Some users felt the book stock needs refreshing and we had to agree with them, as we have not received any new books from Sheffield City Council in the last two years.

So in August we launched our new Totley Loans Scheme with around 200 donated and new bestselling novels. We would like to thank Tesco and Waterstones for donating some new books to the collection. The new scheme is proving extremely popular, with 315 loans alone in the first month, and we now aim to expand the collection. If anyone has any recent bestsellers from 2015 and 2016 that they have read and they would like to donate to the collection, then these would be gratefully received.

The survey has also informed our response to the review of library services being conducted by Sheffield City Council. Our current funding arrangement is due to expire in March 2017 and the council is reviewing all the volunteer managed libraries in Sheffield to decide on our future. We believe that the council and tax payers are getting incredibly good value for money from the £23,000 a year grant Totley Library receives from the council to cover running costs. Especially as last year our volunteers gave over 13,000 hours of their time for free. We are moderately optimistic that the council will continue with the grant arrangement so that we are able to keep Totley Library open from April 2017 onwards. The recommendations from the review are being presented to the council's Cabinet in October so we will report the outcome in the next edition of the Totley Independent.

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, second Monday every month, 6.00 – 7.00 pm

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

Coffee Morning, 10.30 – 12 noon
Toddler Story Time, 10.30 – 11.30 Craft activities, singing and stories.
Health Walk, 10-30 – 12 noon. One short and one longer ranger-led walk. Tea, coffee and biscuits in library afterwards.
Totley History Group, occasional Wednesdays 7.30. Talks on matters of historical interest. Check posters in library, the Independent Diary, or www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk
Yoga sessions 7 – 8.30 pm, Wednesdays (except when History Group meets). For more details call Ann Zielonka on 0114 2361585 or 07929736966. Beginners welcome

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

Totley Library Lottery

In the July draw, which took place in early August, the first-prize winner was Barbara Chadbourne, and the second-prize winner was Sheila Parkin. In the August draw, the first prize winner was Rita O'Hara, and the second prize winner was Jutta Jagger.

Phil Harris, Totley Library Lottery Promoter

Totley History Group

Did you or your children attend our local schools - Totley Primary (or Totley County as it used to be called), Totley All Saints, King Egberts and much earlier Dore and Totley High School?

We have an Open Meeting on November 23rd in Totley Library. The theme is education in Totley. We would love as many people as possible to come and share their memories.

If you have any photographs, programmes, pictures, etc that you would like to share, we could arrange, with your permission, for these to be recorded for future generations to study.

The meeting will be at Totley Library at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible.

Totley Show 2016





Friends of Gillfield Wood

www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com

Bird Walk - 6 August

A blue sky and a bright sunny warm day! What could be better for a summer walk through and around the boundaries of Gillfield Wood! There was certainly a sense of anticipation as a group of sixteen of us gathered at 8.30 on Totley Hall Lane that Saturday morning.

As we took the footpath which diagonally crosses the first field, the sharp call of a Great Spotted Woodpecker was immediately heard, and then the bird was located - it was on the branch of a dead Ash tree. It adjusted its position and as everyone admired its black and white markings it took to the wing and with undulating flight, for all to see, it crossed the field and landed in the depths of one of the large Oak trees that grace the centre of the field. A great start!

Magpies, Woodpigeons and half a dozen Jackdaws were in the hedgerow trees nearby and then a Carrion Crow joined them, landing high up on one of the trees, enabling the group to compare its shape and size with that of the smaller dark grey Jackdaws which also have a light grey neck and nape and a much shorter bill.



The Bird Walk group just below Fanshaw Gate, looking at the Swallows on the wire fence (Photo: Sally Goldsmith)

Our attention was then drawn to a butterfly at the side of the path. Early morning and not keen to fly, it had wings closed and the forewings tightly drawn down and hidden behind the hindwings. But its small size and the pattern on its hindwings ruled out Meadow Brown. On close inspection, which is always good when people are trying to get to grips with butterfly identification, it proved to be a Gatekeeper. A super name for a butterfly - we should have known it was "a keeper of the gate" as it was next to two five-barred gates! These



Gatekeeper butterfly (Photo: Andy Brewster)

butterflies can of course be found in many different habitats but they are often found along hedgerows and near farm gates. They are also known as Hedge Browns and when the forewings are visible two white pupils in the black eye-spots on the wings can be seen, which helps confirm identification. This happened later on in the walk when we saw two more of this species.

It was in this same area that Little Owls had been seen recently but unfortunately, despite ideal conditions, they did not put in an appearance on this particular morning. No doubt they were enjoying the sun from a position hidden from our searching eyes. Further along the path Blue Tits and Great Tits were heard and seen whilst a small flock of Goldfinches flew overhead calling. Then two more Great Spotted Woodpeckers appeared together at the very top of some larches in Gillfield Wood. At the same time a good number of House Martins were seen feeding on the wing just above the trees of the wood and their lovely chattering calls could clearly be heard. They always sound full of excitement and conversation.

And as we moved towards the entrance into the wood a Jay was seen to fly quietly along the north edge of the wood and disappear into the foliage - its colours and white rump were noted by all. This bird was suspected of making the perfect call of a Buzzard a little earlier - they are excellent mimics of this particular call so don't always look to the skies when you hear the call of a Buzzard, it may be a Jay sitting in a nearby tree!

Walking slowly through the wood there was a sense of tranquillity as the sunlight shone through the trees and glistened on the brook below. The calls of many birds including Robin, Wren and Coal Tits added to the atmosphere. Stepping out of the wood below Fanshaw Gate, a Speckled Wood butterfly was found at rest in the sun, just as a flock of Tits including Long-tailed Tits moved noisily amongst the branches of nearby Silver Birches and Oaks. It proved extremely difficult to get good views of any of these birds, but this is so often the case at this time of year when the trees are still in full leaf and the birds seek food on the underside of the leaves.

As our group moved to higher ground a Raven was heard to give out its distinctive croaking call as it flew over the wood and fields to the west. No-one managed to get a good view of this bird either, but reasonable views of this large corvid were secured later on, as one flew across open skies above our heads. It is not unusual to see this species flying over Gillfield Wood these days; they must be breeding not too far away. They are always such great birds to hear and see.

The group's attention was soon drawn to Swallows skimming over the wildflower meadows and pastures below Fanshaw Gate: a perfect summer's moment! And as we got closer, young Swallows were found to be perched on the wire of a



Swallows on the wire (Photo: Andy Brewster)

boundary fence, and to our delight, they were being fed by the parent birds. We had tremendous views of all the frenetic activity: the young, rapidly flickering their wings, stretching their necks and pleading loudly with beaks agape whilst the parent birds zoomed in with food, hovered to feed their young and then zoomed off again.

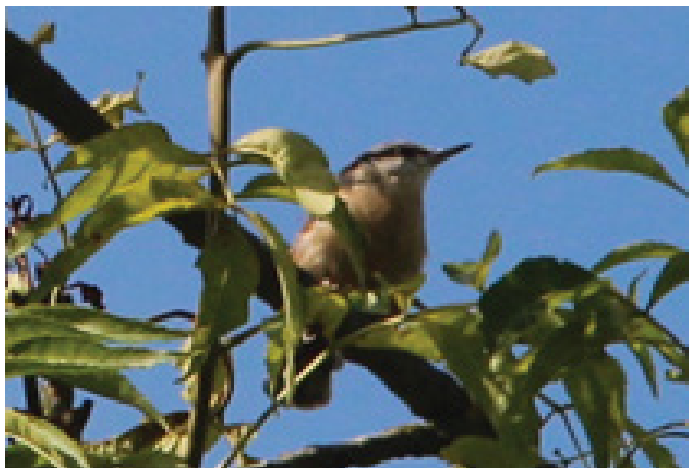
Everyone in the group was certainly enjoying themselves, particularly as butterflies such as Large Whites, Meadow Browns and Small Tortoiseshells were resting on thistles,



Small Tortoiseshell butterfly (Photo: Andy Brewster)

knapweed and grasses at the side of the pasture where we were standing. As if this was not enough a young Buzzard was heard plaintively calling nearby and was seen in lazy flight as it left its perch, and then a Kestrel was spotted soaring high in the sky above the wood. Within minutes the same or another Kestrel crossed our vision and landed in a tree on the far side of the meadow. A telescope was quickly set up on a tripod so each member of the group could get good views of this bird as it perched in the sun, and even better views were then had of the Swallows being fed.

The telescope was put to good use on two more occasions shortly afterwards. The first was to watch a Nuthatch calling, out in the open, at the top of a tall tree by Owl Lee Farm. The second was to 'bring closer' a group of four, perhaps five, Red Deer grazing in a field below Storth House. We were standing by the wall of Woodthorpe Hall so some distance away, nevertheless we still had good views of these fine looking creatures.



Nuthatch (Photo: Andy Brewster)

Wildflowers and more butterflies were found and admired as the walk drew to a close, and our bird list increased when young Sparrowhawks were heard calling from the depth of some trees below Woodthorpe Hall. Overall, far more species were encountered on this walk than we had expected, but one final surprise awaited us. It was a large orange-brown butterfly with dark markings on the upper wings. It suddenly appeared, gliding towards us along a grassy track between tall Rosebay Willowherbs; it was a fritillary, a Dark Green Fritillary! A new species for Gillfield Wood, a "first" for the wood, and everyone was able to share the experience as it settled to feed on nearby flower-heads.



Dark Green Fritillary butterfly (Photo: Andy Brewster)

A brilliant end to an excellent walk!

Chris Measures

The next of our quarterly bird walks is planned for Saturday November 26th. We will meet this time at 0900 at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane by the metal gate that leads into the first field. It is 'come and go' as you please - don't worry if you don't have binoculars as they are certainly not essential, so we hope to see you there.

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



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Talking the Dog....

Dear Head Eater of the Totley Independent !

Jack here. Paws for thought!

To celebrate the dog days of the year, Rony says can I do a dog dayz quiz instead of the usual what-was-happening-in-Totley-in-1947 trip down memory cul-de-sac?

I'll try not to make a dog's breakfast of it !

Yours,

Jack (aged 7)

PS Next door's dog has no nose. How's he smell?

The Dog Dayz Quiz!

- 1 Which of these is a dog?**
 - a) KY
 - b) K7
 - c) KO
 - d) K9
- 2 Which is your favourite dog of these?**
 - a) Affenpinscher
 - b) Appenzeller seenehunde
 - c) Koloitzcuintli
 - d) Kooikerlondje
- 3 Which of these dogs appear in plays by Shake speare?**
 - a) Crab
 - b) Trays, Blanch and Sweetheart
 - c) Starveling's dog
 - d) Toby
- 4 What have these lucky dogs got in common?**
 - a) Fig
 - b) Jack
 - c) Edith
 - d) Meg
- 5 Which of these dogs' names was inspired by Harry Potter?**
 - a) Fig
 - b) Augusta Longbottom
 - c) Helena Ravenclaw
 - d) Pansy Parkinson
- 6 Identify these dogs!**
 - a) The dog with eyes like saucers
 - b) The dog that guards hell
 - c) The record company with the dog at the gramophone
 - d) Jesus' dog
- 7 Which children love these dogs?**
 - a) Jip
 - b) Toto
 - c) Nana
 - d) Timmy
- 8 Which of these dogs is most likely to bite you?**
 - a) Bullseye
 - b) Cerberus
 - c) Cabal
 - d) Laika
- 9 Which is the odd dog out?**
 - a) Einstein
 - b) Harvey
 - c) Beethoven
 - d) Black Bob
- 10 Whose dogs were these?**
 - a) Spike
 - b) Spike
 - c) Spike
 - d) Spike
- 11 These dogs all appeared in popular TV programmes. Which one would you switch off as fast as you could?**
 - a) Eddie
 - b) Flash
 - c) Porthos
 - d) Truffles

- 12 What number links these dogs?**
 - a) Fluffy
 - b) Montmorency
 - c) Beethoven
 - d) Rin tin tin
- 13 What should you do if you spot any of the the following on your dog?**
 - a) Round scaly patches
 - b) Scabs
 - c) Rashes
 - d) Hot spots with puss
- 14 What is a dog's leg?**
 - a) The area behind the rear offside door on a four-door car
 - b) A lay-out of stairs, with a landing
 - c) A hole with a right angle in golf
 - d) One of (usually) four limbs that (usually) support a canine's body and (usually) helps prevent him or her from falling over
- 15 Which is the odd dog out? And why is it like a horse?**
 - a) Hot Dog
 - b) Mary Crow Dog
 - c) Swamp Dog
 - d) Snoop Dogg

Answers on page 30. Take the lead from me! Wuff!

Jack

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Totley Scouts

This summer, 24 Scouts and Explorers attended camp for a week near Corbridge in Northumberland. It was a traditional camp in tents, with the Scouts cooking their own meals, and the Leaders meals, on wood fires. By the end of the week they were all becoming very proficient, even coping in the rain. Being nearby to Hadrian's Wall, we had a day visiting Vindolanda and Greenhead Roman museums, which was very entertaining and interesting.

The following day we saw the real thing with a hike along a few miles of the wall itself. On another day we hiked to the cairn marking the site of the first ever Scout camp at Look Wide, which was led by Baden Powell in 1908. When the sun



At the cairn marking the site of the first Scout camp

shone we took advantage of the adjacent river to paddle and swim. Evening camp fires by the river were very popular. Eleven of the Explorers completed the expedition for their silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. This entailed walking three days and camping two nights, carrying all their kit, food, tents, stoves along with them. They were split into two teams and this is the account of Daniel Whitley from the Red Team:

"Our Duke of Edinburgh project took place over 3 days as we trekked 63km on the picturesque Hadrian's Wall. It was a difficult challenge for all of us, suffering from a hurting ankle, wet blistered feet to a small case of dehydration, yet as a team we took to the challenge and completed it with pride and delight. Our route started at Greenhead on Hadrian's Wall, but we walked south on the Pennine Way to then loop back north to our camp site at Winshields via Haltwhistle. On the second day we headed north through Henshaw Common/Plantation, visited the Vercovicum Roman Fort then followed Hadrian's Wall to our camp at Green Carts. On the third day we passed through Chollerford over the moors to Great Whittington Windmill where we took the St Oswald's Way path south to Corbridge and our final assessment with our D of E assessor."



Totley Explorers

Back to reality this Autumn, we have a problem with a lack of adults to help with Scouts. With over 40 Scouts and just one Warranted Leader this is a serious problem. We have appealed for volunteers with limited success, but regret on occasion it may be necessary to cancel some Friday nights if there are not enough adults. With Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, and age range of 6 to 18 and totalling well over a 100 local youngsters, we do have a thriving Group, but the lack of adults is preventing us from providing an even more worthwhile programme.

Despite not yet recruiting enough adults to help run the Friday scout session my last article, and appeals to parents, did bring many volunteers to help with building and fundraising for a new Scout Hut; including some donations already. We would still like additional volunteers to step forward.

15th October sees another of our popular and rewarding Antique Fairs. We have been holding these now for 34 years, with two per year. They are held at St Johns Abbeydale Church Hall, 10 am to 4 pm. There will be many dealers showing their wares, so come along and browse or just have a chat with them. Refreshments and home cooked food is sold all day; there is ample parking in the adjacent car park. Please come along to support our fund raising.

Richard Frost, Chairman, 1st Totley Scouts
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"It's a pride thing!"

Having a driving licence is an achievement and a sense of pride. Holding one when one's eyesight may be failing, can be lethal, but how many of us will own up to knowing, or suspecting, that we do not meet the required standard.

What is the required standard? This is the distance at which a number plate should be able to be read. Answer at the bottom of the article! However a simple test can be done on a computer. Go to www.vutest.com/seedrive



When you start the test, a yellow line will appear. You will need to measure it with a metric ruler. Whatever the length is in millimetres, convert it to metres and that is how far from the screen you need to stand or sit, but the number plate on the car will read ENTER.

Click on it, before you sit down or move to the distance needed, and numbers appear and change every few seconds. If you cannot read them, with one or both eyes, see your opticians as a matter of urgency.

Please pass on this tip, and help any person who is not computer-savvy to try it. You might save a life!

Answer – 20 metres.

Roger Hart

Gardening Tips for October and November

I have to confess I was a bit confused, as I walked around the Totley Show this time, as we did not have much to do with the setting-up and organising - apart from passing on information which the new volunteers needed to carry on.

I was in a bit of a daze walking around! There were quite a few spaces in the vegetable section. I think this was due to the very confusing weather we have had over the season. My beans were way past their best, and the courgettes had given up, except for the large marrow left to grow for the show. I was very disappointed that there were not enough entries. I hope the people who came will be encouraged to take part next year. Yours truly won the fresh produce shield, mainly because there were not enough entries in this section. My produce was not that good!

The domestic section looked busy. The cakes and scones looked delicious; and I took second place for my Dundee cake (must try harder next year).

The various crafts, woodwork and sculptures were well attended, and the winning owl sculpture looked quite lifelike. I have always said that the talent in Totley is truly amazing!

I always enjoy seeing the children's section. The imagination that goes into their efforts gives me a lot of pleasure, and it shows that not all children are sat twiddling with electronic games, but are encouraging their minds to stretch to produce such wonderful ideas. I particularly liked the two little orange fishes with the silver eyes - simple but very effective.

As I mentioned before, I was in a bit of a mix up. I did not note who had won when I was looking around. I presume that the results will be published in the TI. Well done to all the winners! I enjoyed giving out the prizes, especially to the children. I'm sure they enjoyed taking part. I must say a big thank you to the two helpers I had - the vice presidents from our two schools - Matthew from Totley All Saints and Maria from Totley Primary.

I must have been in shock when I was presented with a very posh garden fork for my retirement from the president's role! Christine and I have enjoyed being involved over the years! But in my confusion I forgot to thank everyone both past and present for the help and dedication in keeping the Totley Show alive.

I hope Les Firth, as new president, will enjoy the role as much as I have, and I also hope the people of Totley and district will continue to encourage the efforts of the new committee and volunteers by taking part in future years. It has been said many times there is no show without you!!

October

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

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

Summer bulbs must be lifted or covered with mulch before the frost comes. Keep newly planted plants well-watered during any dry spells. Plant out spring flowering bulbs (p.17), lilies, daffodils and crocus). Hold tulips and hyacinth until the end of the month. Do not forget if you are into planting forget-me-nots, polyanthus and primulas with spring bulbs the plants go in first.



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

Vegetables: Dig vacant ground as crops are cleared. Plant out spring cabbage in firm soil, earth up leeks and celery for the last time, cut marrows and hang them in nets in a cool

dry place, remove any discoloured leaves from brassicas, put onions in store by roping them or in nets, inspect regularly and remove any suspect bulbs. Keep the hoe going around all growing crops and watch out for pests and deal with them before they are established. Turnips can be lifted and tops screwed off, store them in sand, or you could leave some in the ground and use the tops as an alternative vegetable, cooking as for spinach. Make sure brussels sprouts are well supported - it would be a shame to lose them having got this far. All root crops other than parsnips, swedes and Jerusalem artichokes should be lifted and stored. Store potatoes in a dark well-ventilated frost-proof place - if they are stored in heat they will begin to sprout.

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

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

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: Remove all traces of shading from the greenhouse. If you have had trouble with pests clear the greenhouse and fumigate with smoke cones and wash down with disinfectant. Any tender plants that have been left out should be brought inside or the frost will kill them: a minimum temperature of 4 degrees to 7 degrees C (39-45 degrees F) should be maintained. Cineraria is a bit temperamental, it will collapse if allowed to dry out or go soggy so watch out. Bring in primula abconica from the frame - this plant can affect sensitive skins so gardeners beware. Pot on schizanthus to larger pots, as they do not like to be pot-bound. Grapes which are slow to ripen can be hurried along by removing more leaves around the bunches. A final batch of viola and pansy cuttings may (cont'd p.17)

be taken and inserted in pots in the cold frame.

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

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

November

Flowers: Tidy up herbaceous borders, cutting off all dead or dying leaves and stems, and dig over any vacant plots. If you have not fed the ground recently then a good dusting of bone meal will work wonders - work it into the top 2 inches of soil and the worms will do the rest. It is a good time to half-prune roses, which stops the wind from rocking them. You can prune them down properly in the spring when the frost has done its worst. It is also a good time for planting roses. Dig a large enough hole to spread the roots in a natural formation, and fork a bit of bonemeal or better still rose fertiliser into the bottom of the hole (but don't let the roots lay directly on the bonemeal). Fill up the hole making sure there are no air pockets, firm them in well but leave the final 2 inches or so loose. Check dahlia tubers in store, cut out any rotting parts and dust with flowers of sulphur.

The planting of hyacinth and tulips should be completed this month. Check over bulbs planted in pots for winter flowering - one or two of the most forward can be brought into the light but keep them cool (60 deg F max), and make sure they have plenty of root formed. Time to plant honeysuckle, clematis, jasmine and ornamental vines. If they are dry



Clematis

when they arrive give them a soak in tepid water and drain them for an hour or so before planting them, and tie them to the supports straight away. Herbaceous and moisture-loving plants can be planted now. Split up perennials like michaelmas daisies, gold rod and scabious, replant the best bit (usually the outer portion) and pot up any surplus for the charity plant stalls. Don't forget to wrap up the tender plans or bring them indoors before they get nipped by frost.

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

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

Trees, Fruit and Shrubs: Move container-grown evergreens to a sheltered spot out of the wind; and any deciduous hedges etc can be cut back at this time. Fruit trees (especially those trained against a wall) can be pruned, but after pruning make sure they are tied back securely. Make sure that all supports for your fruit stock are in good condition and the wires etc are not biting into the stems or trunks. Prepare ground for planting all kinds of fruit trees, bushes and canes, dig it as deep as possible and work in some manure especially if you are planting blackcurrants.

When pruning trees watch out for canker (a crusty like scab on the branches), cut it out with a sharp knife and paint the wound with a tree paint. Look over fruit in store - use any suspect ones or discard them.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: If you have not already done so, give your greenhouse a good fettle, remove all those dying plants and any other debris that is lying around. Give the glass a good wash with greenhouse cleaner, making sure none goes on the plants; and fix up the insulation. One of the most important things at this time is getting a nice balance of temperature and ventilation. The temperature on a sunny day can reach 100 deg F which would build up quite a damp atmosphere if adequate ventilation is not provided.



Here we are, being presented with the posh fork at the Totley Show!

Most plants do not like it. So keep a wary eye open and try to avoid these conditions. If you are a summer greenhouse gardener when the greenhouse is empty in the winter (shame on you) then a good wash down with Jeyes or similar is all that is required, and do not store tools etc in the greenhouse, as this reduces their life quite considerably. Cyclamen and winter flowering primulas are ready to come into flower and will benefit from a feed once a fortnight. Remember that calceolarias must be quite dry before they are watered - this rule applies to most pot plants except those that are in full flower or those that are growing rapidly in a heated greenhouse. Seedlings and cuttings should be kept on a shelf as near to the glass as possible. Plant indoor lilies, gladioli and hyacinth to flower in spring (you see there is no need to have an empty greenhouse).

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

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

Cheerio for now,

Tom

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Organic Gardening

The mild winter caused spring flowers to bloom early this year. Then cooler weather delayed later spring flowers. All wildlife would have been affected. An early warm spring encourages birds to nest and produce eggs, but if cooler and/or wetter weather follows, the fledglings may not survive. All wildlife depends on other wildlife, fauna or flora, so there is a knock-on effect when conditions are not normal. To some extent animals can adapt. In dry weather worms go deeper underground, and blue tits delay producing young if conditions affect the appearance of caterpillars.

We can mitigate the effects of adverse weather by creating natural habitats that support a wide range of animals in our gardens. Where circumstances allow, a woodland area, however small, will support hundreds of creatures. Native trees, below which are shrubs, and then a lower level of plants is ideal. Natural ponds and marshy areas with water-loving native plants and grasses are excellent, and open areas can support a great variety of wildlife when plants are chosen according to soil type and whether areas are sunny, shady, dry or damp.

I have found "How to make a Wildlife Garden" by Chris Barnes very useful and informative. He points out that having neighbours who garden in the same way increases wildlife in one's own garden. He also points out that English Oaks (there are two, *Quercus Petraea* and *Quercus Robur*) support at least 284 species of invertebrates, many of which can eat nothing else, while the American Red Oak, the Turkey Oak and the Holm Oak (Mediterranean) can be eaten by no more than 4 or 5 species altogether in Britain and yet support a wide range of fauna in their own countries. This clearly demonstrates why we need to replace foreign plants for British native ones.



Pretty musk mallow - a native wild flower and still flowering in my garden in August/September, providing much-needed food and shelter for many pollinating and other insects

Providing artificial homes for insects, mammals and feeding birds are good ways of helping wildlife, but more natural ways include allowing wood to decay naturally as masses of invertebrates will make use of it. Another is to leave seed heads on. Some plants, like Red Campions, will have seed cases that small birds will take advantage of. Fledgling blue tits and dunnocks are so light they do not break the fragile stems. A third way to help wildlife is not killing native insects that are eating leaves or attacking plants in some way, as you will also destroy their predators. Similarly, slugs and snails are a food source for birds such as thrushes. In all these cases, nature will rebalance itself if allowed time to do so.

Despite the fact that scientists have for a long time been warning about the consequences of the use of chemicals in farming and horticulture, and that wildlife habitats and native wild flowers have been greatly reduced, the Royal Hor

ticultural Society, along with Chelsea Flower Show, Hampton Court Show and many television gardening programmes continue to promote highly cultivated, exotic and foreign plants from all over the world. None of these will address the needs of our vital native wildlife. Native plants and the word "organic" when referring to chemical-free are rarely mentioned.

In complete contrast the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Wildlife Trust and the Woodland Trust are just a few of the charities that work so hard to protect small pockets of land and the wildlife it supports.

Do we really need so many different species of foreign or cultivated plants in so many different colours? I would prefer a healthier environment, a "living" soil (no chemicals), an abundance of pollinators and sustainably produced organic food.

I have just watched Countryfile (BBC1, Sunday 10th July) which included the problem of non-native insects which are brought into the country in the soil of potted plants that are on sale in garden centres and many other outlets. They are causing much damage and have the potential to cause much more.

Marian Tiddy

New clinic for Activ Physiotherapy

Activ Physiotherapy has been a well established physiotherapy clinic in Totley for several years and has just made the move to new bigger premises. The new clinic on Totley rise will be larger in size, offering more modern treatment facilities, a second treatment room and gym space.

Andy Okwera of Activ Physiotherapy is very excited about the move. "We have been getting busier over the years and have wanted to move somewhere bigger for a while. The new clinic has two treatment rooms which gives us the flexibility to offer more appointments and alternative treatments such as sports massage, podiatry and acupuncture. Plus, the



gym facility also opens up the potential for in-house rehabilitation, personal training through PK Fitness and a place to expand our Pilates classes and pregnancy exercise classes that have been successful in Bradway".

Andy will be joined by Matt Withthcombe, Rob Mooney, Mark Davenport and Kerry Lauder in the clinic. "Kerry does our exercise classes, Matt does a bike fitting service and Rob is responsible for our golf screening service. So, as you can see, the level of expertise is increasing in our already well experienced team". Activ is hoping to use the facility in future to provide further fitness and rehabilitation classes and link up with the local community.

The new clinic is at 88 Baslow Road, Totley, S17 4DQ. For more information contact 0114 2365532 or visit www.activ-physiotherapy.co.uk.



Totley History Group

Programme 2016

Oct. 26th A talk from Malcolm Nunn on the Sheffield Flood.

Nov. 23rd This is an Open Meeting when we are asking people to share their memories of the schools in Totley. (See separate article. p.9)



Friends of Gillfield Wood

Diary for October and November

October

Sun 2nd: Small Mammal Survey with Val Clinging. Join us to look at any small mammals that we have trapped the previous night. These will be carefully examined, recorded and released into the surroundings which

are familiar to them. It may be possible to photograph individuals. Good footwear and appropriate clothing should be worn. Meet at the end of Totley Hall Lane by 8.30 am.

Sat 8th: Autumn Fungi with Steve Clements. Steve has helped us on a number of occasions to spot and record the fungi in Gillfield Wood. We want to encourage the use of photography to record the fungi we find and to reduce the need to take samples. A camera with a macro facility would be useful. Try out those mobile apps to help identify specimens if you have one. Meet at the Bus Terminus, Baslow Rd at 10am. No experience necessary. Strong shoes essential.

Mon 17th: 'Garden Wildlife': an illustrated talk by Penny Philcox looking at the wildlife she experiences from her own city garden in Burngreave. 7:30pm, Totley Library.

Sun 30th: Friends of Gillfield Wood practical conservation morning run with the help of the Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am, Baslow Road bus terminus. Refreshments, tools, etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. All levels of help required and guidance given. Check our website at www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com – any late changes of venue will be published there.



November

Mon 14th: 'The Tree Charter' is a talk by the Woodland Trust. The talk will look at how local groups such as Friends of Gillfield Wood can involve its local community in enhancing the benefits of the wood, and in preserving the ecology of this landscape. We very much hope that this talk will generate ideas for the wood and that you might like to participate in realising those ideas. In order to cover travel expenses, we will be charging £1 entrance fee. The talk will be in Totley Library at 7.30pm.

Sat 26th: Bird Walk with Chris Measures (Friends of Gillfield Wood). Chris' final walk of the year will be a gentle walk in and around Gillfield Wood to see and hear our wintering birds. Meet at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane at 9am. No experience necessary. Bring binoculars and cameras. Strong shoes are essential. The walk will last about 2-3 hours.

Sun 27th: 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.

Paul Hancock

All Saints Church

Totley Hall Lane



In the last edition of the Totley Independent I wrote about the changes that will be happening at All Saints from the middle of October. In case you didn't see last time's article, after 27 years serving as an ordained minister, and before that, 10 years working for the church in Nigeria and in England, I have decided the time has come for me to retire – my last service at All Saints will be at 10am on Sunday 16th October. I'd be delighted to see as many of you as possible at my last service on 16th October starting at 10am – so please do come along if you are able – you'll be made to feel very welcome.

As I mentioned in the last article, 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. I thought in this article you might like to know a little more about Katie, so now over to her...

I became Vicar at Dore on Saturday 9th November 2013 having served for 6 years in the Hope Valley at Hathersage, Bamford and Grindleford. My background is in youth and children's work - I have a strong desire to see all ages know Jesus and grow as disciples, to develop people as leaders, and to create opportunities for people to encounter God for themselves. Living with a disability (Cerebral Palsy), I have an interest in what it means to believe in the God who heals, and yet I still remain disabled. I am a founding member of a user-led group, delivering training to churches and organisations on issues of disability awareness and access to all. And as well as all this, I love narrowboats, my husband, my son, real ale, and Jesus...!

I'm looking forward to getting to know the people of Totley more as I get involved at All Saints and of course would love to see you at any of our services – I know you will be guaranteed of a warm welcome.

Paul Oakley and Katie Tupling

Services in October and November

We meet every Sunday morning at 10am. The first Sunday of every month is our All Ages All Together service to which families are especially welcome. Every Wednesday there is a Communion Service which also starts at 10am.

Service Themes coming up...

In our services in October, we'll be looking at important and exciting questions about how our Christian Faith can impact every area of life – our paid and voluntary work, our friendships, our family life, our politics and our leisure time. On Sunday 2nd October we'll be celebrating Harvest at our 10am All Age Service.

Looking ahead, on Remembrance Sunday (*cont'd. p. 21*)

on 12th November, there will be a short service at 10am in church followed by a service of Remembrance at 11am at the War Memorial on Baslow Road. Everyone is welcome to join us at either or both of the services.

There is a great range of children's activities running alongside the morning services and on the first Sunday of each month our All Age Service is particularly focused on families and very child friendly!

Details of our Christmas services and everything else that will be happening at All Saints over the Christmas period will be in the next edition of the Totley Independent.

You might like to use the following prayer as a way of spending a few moments alone with God...

"Heavenly Father - I really want to say 'yes' to whatever you have planned for me. Please help me to overcome the things that prevent me doing what you want, whether it's because I'm frightened of the unknown or because I can't imagine you could possibly have a job for me to do. Help me to listen to you and to move a little closer to joining you in your adventure. Amen."

Ask Your Pharmacist



New School Term - New Head Lice Infestations!

Soon your children will have returned to school and the annual problems of head lice and nits will once again appear. Head lice are tiny insects that live in hair and are common among school children 4-11 years old. Head lice are spread by direct head to head contact. They climb from one person's hair to another's. They're very small whitish or grey-brown insects that range from the size of a pinhead to the size of a sesame seed. The only way to be sure someone has head lice is to find a live louse by combing the hair with a special fine-toothed comb. This is called detection combing. Once detached from the hair, head lice will usually die within 12-24 hours

Exploding the myths

There are many myths about head lice and how they are transmitted. Here are some facts!

- They can't fly, jump or swim
- They are very unlikely to be spread by objects such as hats, combs and pillows
- They don't have preferences for dirty, clean, short or long hair
- They only affect people and can't be caught from animals
- Head lice are not just caught at school- close family and friends may be the source of the infection

How to do Detection Combing

Detection combing can be done on dry or wet hair. Dry combing takes less time but wet combing is more accurate. To use the wet method:

- Wash your hair with ordinary shampoo and apply plenty of conditioner
- Use an ordinary wide toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair
- Once the comb moves freely from the hair, switch to the louse detection comb
- Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots, with the edge of the teeth lightly touching the scalp
- Draw the comb down from the roots to the ends of the hair with every stroke and check the comb for lice every time.
- Remove the lice by wiping the comb with tissue paper or rinsing it
- Work through the hair section by section, so that the whole head is combed through
- Do this at least twice to help ensure you haven't missed any areas and keep going till you find no more lice
- Repeat this procedure on days 5, 9 and 13

Detection combing should be done again on day 17 to check for any live lice.

Treatment

If you find head lice, you should check the rest of the family. Treat everyone found to have head lice on the same day. There are 3 main ways of getting rid of head lice: wet combing, described above, physical insecticides, and chemical insecticides.

Physical

Dimeticone 4% lotion or lotion spray- applied and left for 8 hours (usually overnight)
Dimeticone 4% spray gel- applied and left for 15 minutes
Isopropyl myristate and cyclomethicone solution- applied and left for 5-10 minutes

Chemical

Permethrin or Malathion

With these products, treatments need to be done twice-seven days apart- to make sure any newly hatched lice are killed. Detection combing should usually be done two to three days after finishing treatment and again 7 days after that to check for any live head lice.

Self-care tips

Examine children's hair regularly- use a detector comb as part of a weekly routine at home. Check clothes and bedding regularly for black spots (which are head lice droppings)

And inform all close contacts if lice are found

Taj Singh

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The Poetry Slot

Sally Goldsmith

Here is another poem from a published poet living in South Yorkshire or North Derbyshire.

Tinsley Towers

by Helen Mort

They prop themselves up
against the sky; two shift workers
taking a breather, letting their smoke
uncoil above the terraces.

By clocking-off time,
evening has suited them black;
square jawed bouncers at the city's door,
guarding a fringe of lights,

and nearing home
in a slur of traffic, they greet you –
two fingers raised at the M1, at cars going
south to Nottingham.

You scan the future
in a service station newsagents.
Holes in your skyline, fingers crumpled
in a fist of clean air.

A landscape poem, a love poem for the city, and a poem of loss – 'Tinsley Towers' is all of these. There's not a trace of sentimentality – the city and the towers are hard, urban, yet loved.

In such a short, concise poem Helen manages to convey so much – we simultaneously see the towers and the shift workers smoking and 'taking a breather'; the towers 'at the city's door' and the bouncers at the door of the nightclub. The images are bound tightly together – they are each other. There's a respect for smoke, for the 'slur of traffic,' for ordinary workers, for something as unglamorous as cooling towers.

This poem is beautifully crafted, not a word wasted, not a thing that isn't working hard: the evening has both suited the towers black, like bouncers, but also suits them. The two fingers being given to the M1 drivers 'going south to Nottingham' both hints at contempt for people travelling south and at the same time the idiom of 'going south,' meaning taking a turn for the worse.

This is our city, the poem says and it's changed forever with those 'Holes in your skyline.' It's the sky and – such a surprising image – the 'fist of clean air' that have won in the end.

Helen Mort was born in Sheffield in 1985. She was the Wordsworth Trust Writer in Residence and also Derbyshire Poet Laureate. Her first full length collection 'Division Street' was shortlisted for the T S Eliot Prize and the Costa Awards. Her new collection is 'No Map Could Show Them' (Chatto and Windus). She is also a runner and climber.

'An excellent first poetry collection...lucid, intelligent, politically aware, and loyal to the northern landscapes that inspired it.' – Guardian

Holmesfield Flower Club

Holmesfield Flower Club's Christmas Demonstration of Flower Arranging entitled "A Merry Little Christmas" by Judy Watker (NAFAS Area Demonstrator).

This event will take place on Wednesday 16 November at 7.30 pm at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield, S18 7WZ. There is ample parking.

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Totley Residents Association

It was the Totley Show on 17th September, and thank goodness the weather was kind to us. Thank you to everyone who came to support the event either by entering the various classes, or just for tea and cake and a catch up with old friends.

We were brilliantly entertained by the Seven Hills Quartet in the Exhibits Hall, and by the Rock Choir in the Quadrangle - thank you both for your fine performances!

Rony Robinson as Master of Ceremonies was, as usual, on top form and we are delighted that he has agreed to host again next year.

Sadly Tom Steel, after years of loyal service as President, has stepped down. We are pleased to announce that Les Firth has agreed to be the next Show President.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the day a success, some of you (and you know who you are) stepped in at the last minute, we are so grateful to you.

This was my first year as Show Chairman, and although I may have not got everything right, it is a learning curve and we had some very positive feedback.

The Totley Show for 2017 will be Saturday 16th September.

On Saturday 1st October, just as this edition on Totley Independent becomes available, we are supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Shepley Spitfire. There will be a Raffle, a Silent Auction and loads of delicious homemade cakes for sale. It starts at 9.30am until 3.30pm, so save your reading of TI and rush down. Bring your friends and families, this has been such a successful event in previous years let's make it an even better one.

The date for the next Totley Food and Craft Market is Saturday 19th November at TRMC from 11am until 3pm. Lots of interesting stalls, old favourites and new. A great event at which to buy some Christmas presents

At our next Committee Meeting we shall be discussing the topic of another Defibrillator for Totley and I will report in the next edition in December.

Don't forget to let me have details of older people who would like to join us for the Christmas Lunch on 12th December at the Shepley Spitfire. I've seen the menu, and it's excellent.

Finally, we're very pleased with the response to our mailing list from both organisations and individuals.

My email for any query is totleychair@gmail.com

Hetty Moran, Chairman TRA

Much more than a cinema

The 'largest and most luxurious cinema in Sheffield' is about to enter a new phase in its life. The Abbeydale Picture House closed in 1975 and was granted Grade II listed status in 1989. But it was not until 2008 that it opened again following its purchase by the Friends of Abbeydale Picture House. This venture enjoyed some success until it closed again a few years later.

Then in 2012 it was purchased by Phil Robins with a view to renovating the building and opening it to the public as a climbing wall. Since then things have changed and the building is now run by an enthusiastic and adventurous group of Sheffield University graduates who have developed an innovative and popular series of entertainment programmes during the last year. One of them, Louise Snape said, "Our aim is to transform the Picture House into a cultural hub for the area, a venue for a wide range of events with mainly music and film. We want it to cater for and engage with all the vibrant communities that live here"

She wants to build links not just with the wide range of nationalities in the area but also with all the generations, the artists and non-artists and to engage them as both performers and audiences. Already the programme they have offered

has included silent movies, Bollywood films and classics like West Side Story, whenever possible shown on an original 'old-fashioned' film projector.



The Abbeydale Picture House

Most of the shows have been sell-outs. And in the newly built bar area customers can enjoy good food and local coffee in the newly opened weekend cafe. It's an experience simply to visit the cinema, to look around and remember what it was like in days gone by. Popcorn is sold, that wasn't available in my day, and I'm told there will soon be a lady selling ice cream from a tray.

The longer term plan for the Picture House is to obtain charitable status and then slowly to establish the venture whilst at the same time seeking out financial support to renovate the building itself. In so doing it can play a part in the continuing revival of the area.

Abbeydale Road is already on the up. After many years of looking a little seedy, although full of potential, it is now becoming a destination for Sheffield people and others from further afield. The revival of the area has been due to the spread of so many tea rooms and coffee shops, all of them independents with their own differing characters. New shops of all kinds have been opened by enterprising people and the success of the Antiques Quarter has played its part in helping to create a suburban district that at times is reminiscent of what might be found in Berlin or other European cities.

The future of the area is likely to be even more exciting as the Picture House seeks to launch nothing less than a cultural revival in the city comparable to those in other major northern cities.

David Pierce

New Sports Centre open!

Sport, health and leisure is about to get a whole lot better in the south west of Sheffield!

The newly developed, state-of-the art Graves Sports and Health Centre opened its doors on 1 September.

The £16million development incorporates a major fitness suite and studios, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, two brand new swimming pools, dedicated gymnastics and trampolining halls, plus specialist health and research facilities as part of the National Centre for Sport and Exercise Medicine (NCSEM).

Membership is £34.99 per month for an individual adult, and £69.98 for family (two adults and up to four children) membership.

Various membership packages are available, including discounts for students and seniors.

you can sign up for membership online at www.graveshealthandsportscentre.org, by phone on 0114 2839900, or you can sign up in person at the new centre.

Totley Library Plant Sale 2017 - Calling all gardeners!

In 2015, keen to raise funds for the library, the late Avril Critchley held the first library plant sale. She put out a rallying call to all of her contacts, who got busy sowing seeds and potting up plants to sell. Even though the rain threatened the event the sale was a roaring success due to the kindness and generosity of everyone involved, whether they raised and donated plants, made tea, or were making the sales.



Avril Critchley at the 2015 Library Plant Sale

In 2016 we gave the plant sale a miss, and instead established a group of dedicated gardeners to concentrate on creating an attractive garden for library users and the local community.



The front garden on Lemont Road as it used to be



The Lemont Road garden now

We are sure you will agree that it is really looking good. So many people have commented on the improvements when passing. So now we are giving some of our attention to another plant sale which will be held in May 2017.

At this stage all we are asking is that people come forward to support the May 2017 plant sale by donating plants.



Our own sweet peas graced the Library front desk right through the summer!

If you are willing to do this please email suehare42@talktalk.net or phone 0114 2363331. At this point we need to put together a list of willing green-fingered people so that we can decide if the sale is viable! Avril set the bar high, so let's see if we can do her proud!

Sue Hare

Recently Spotted.....

.....outside a school:



Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Summer holidays are over (except, maybe for the odd week-end), so now it's back to the old routine. By the time you read this we will have started rehearsals for our annual show next April which is to be the all time favourite G&S operetta - The Mikado. It has always been one of my favourite shows because almost all of the music is well known and the characters are very funny, especially Ko-Ko and Pooh-Bar, but more of this in later editions.

Our next public outings will be around Christmas when we undertake our usual Christmas Concert in Dore Methodist Church on Saturday 17th December at 2:20pm. (I've sold a couple of tickets already even though we've not formally announced the concert yet), and we still have one Summer Concert to perform over in North Anston this month. I hope it is as successful as our previous outings have been this year!

We will all miss our past president, David Bramah who passed away in June but are pleased to announce that his replacement has been selected by the Society and he has accepted the post. Our new President is to be Mr Mike Tolson of Rowan Tree Dell. Mike has been a member of the Society for almost as long as David was and although he has not been a playing member for the last few years has always remained close to us helping out where he could. I am glad that we have chosen a man who has worked long and hard for the benefit of all in the society.

I'll say more next time about the Christmas Concert and hopefully will know something of the casting for The Mikado to pass on. In the meantime enjoy this pleasant weather and we'll see you all later in the year.

Derek Habberjam.



Transport 17

The last two months have been pretty quiet as we close for the latter part of August and in some cases don't get back into full routine until the week after August bank holiday. We have received our registration details for the new vehicle, but no actual vehicle as yet! Hopefully, by the time you read this article the vehicle will have arrived!!! Let's hope so!

Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild held an afternoon tea on 6th September and Dore Open Gardens donated £429 to our refurbishment fund - many thanks! I am pleased to report that the new radiators have been fitted this week and the premises are looking really splendid. We are hoping to have the carpet cleaned and then there will be minimal work to do. We really cannot thank you enough for all your continued support. Where would we be without you all!

I will report on the Totley Show in my next missive. Please note that at the time of writing there are still spaces left for the Bridge Drive on 4th October. For further information please contact Aileen Kirkup on 2366013.



Mike Tolson

We have had to change the date of our Christmas Fayre to Saturday 19th November at the Cross Scythes from 10am to 12 noon. We hope to have cakes, decorations, puzzles and any unwanted gifts. If you have anything you think might be of interest, please take your donations to the office at 172 Baslow Road. We are also hoping the Cross Scythes will be blessing us with their famous yummy yum-my mince pies - can't wait!!!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Felicity Revill

Totley Townswomen's Guild - the Guild Year 2016

This year's programme of events is proving to be very popular. At the monthly meetings there have been talks about (and with) Nelson, a support dog; behind the scenes of "Last of the summer Wine"; a presentation on flower arranging (July), and one on the art of quilting (September).

We look forward to illustrated talks by Ann Beedham - the Suffragette the Silver Worker and the Sheik's creator, some of Gerry Kersey's radio encounters, and another practical presentation on gift wrapping - very timely in November.

The popular subgroups continue along with interesting country walks (twice monthly on Thursdays), interesting and stimulating talks at social studies meetings (the fourth Tuesday morning), and friendly and enjoyable games of Scrabble (Wednesday mornings monthly).

The social studies group visited the Lifewise Centre at Hellaby where the programme for the day was led by South Yorkshire police. Guild members also had a successful outing to the National Memorial Arboretum, a very appropriate visit in 2016. A Townswomen's Guild Memorial is to be erected in 2017.

Lunch gatherings always go well. This year the Guild members went to Sparkes restaurant in the spring, and had the opportunity of a summer lunch at our home base. We all look forward to the Guild birthday lunch in October.

When our thoughts turn to Christmas, there will be a National Carol Service in Blackburn Cathedral, and more locally a carol service in a Sheffield city centre venue for the Sheffield Guilds as well as our own Guild celebrations.

Other tastes are catered for with the annual general knowledge quiz, and the opportunity for individuals to enter a bowls competition.

So ladies, don't delay. Put Tuesday mornings at 10 am (third Tuesday in the month) in your diaries and come along and join us at the Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. Further information is available from our chairwoman, Maureen Gray, whom you can contact on 2509670.

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I knew I was in trouble when I saw the pink cow.....

Some reflections on a life living with epilepsy

It is said that there are over 40 different kinds of epilepsy and it is true that the medical condition can present itself without warning in lots of different forms. However if you have the misfortune to be epileptic there are basically just several different kinds: "convulsive" such as tonic clonic seizures where the individual falls to the ground and puts on a somewhat dramatic presentation and "non convulsive" such as a petit mal, absence seizures or a complex focal seizure and simple partial seizure where the individual simply seems absent or not fully aware of what is going on.

In my lifetime I have experienced a variety of different seizures for within the broad categories of "convulsive" and "non convulsive" epilepsy there are many different sub categories as epilepsy is a very complex medical condition. For example, earlier this year on a hot Summer evening, I brought a choir practice to a grinding halt when I simply keeled over and without any warning dropped like a brick to the ground, damaging a pair of glasses in the process. I then staggered to a chair in a rather confused state. Most people around me including several G.P.'s thought I had fainted but both my wife and I knew it was what is called an Atonic epileptic seizure which can be either "convulsive" or "non convulsive".

During life most of my seizures have been of a simple partial or complex focal in nature. Both are of a non convulsive form, as was the atonic seizure which can mimic a faint. In a simple partial seizure the patient is partially aware of what is going on, whereas in a complex focal seizure the "attack" is more invasive and as a result results in loss of consciousness; even 'though to the untrained eye, the person concerned might seem 'distant' or just 'not quite with it' for a minute or two.

To make things more complicated or even dangerous there is a condition called "status epilepticus" which can be either "convulsive" or "non convulsive". This means that the seizure lasts more than five minutes, or there could be several such seizures one after the other. In this situation an ambulance should be summoned by dialling 999. Convulsive seizures, where the victim could be frothing at the mouth and whose limbs could be jerking quite violently needs immediate medical treatment.

"Non convulsive status epilepticus" is less easy to spot and it is this kind of seizure I experienced last July when I spotted a pink cow! I estimate the seizure must have lasted between 45 minutes and an hour, for although it was "non convulsive" I had wandered the streets of Nantes in France in a rather 'absent' state - anything could have happened, so such a seizure can also be quite dangerous! Only when I was starting to recover (in a rather confused state) did I recognise the life size statue of the cow.

The cow, a well known landmark close to my daughter's flat in France and stands outside a toy shop and baby clothing supplier in Northern Nantes. The recovery period from epileptic seizures is referred to as the post ictal period and it was at that point that I spotted the cow. During such periods the person with epilepsy is usually quite confused and it was in that state that I remained until well after I reached my daughter's flat.

Why I had chosen to leave the comfort of a studio flat and take a rather long and complicated walk through the back streets of Nantes that night remains a mystery just as epilepsy is a strange, even weird medical condition. Even experts do not know how much of the brain is functioning in such a situation.

Most people with epilepsy are capable of living quite normal lives given the right kind of support. As a schoolteacher of 27 years I only once had a seizure in the classroom which was accepted as just one of those things by the children in my class. Some of the teachers were a little more concerned but nevertheless they were always very supportive. Therein lies the secret, for with good support most things can be achieved if you have epilepsy, after all we all need the sup-

port of one another in life.

For any further information on what can be a frightening, stressful, potentially life threatening, weird, quite disturbing and in some ways a fascinating medical condition, by all means please contact me at rjandcwilks@btinternet.com or 'phone: 0114-235-3153

Rob Wilks

Totley Show 2016

The winners of the Cups in the various categories at Totley Show were as follows:

Handicrafts - Hannah Corbey

Domestic - Ingrid Fernehough

Floral - Pam Challis

Fresh Produce - Tom Steel

Art and Sculpture - Valerie Wrigglesworth

Photography - Dorothy Firth

Woodwork - Stuart Barton

Children up to 8 years old - William Challis

Children aged 9-14 - Chloe Challis

Best in Show - Ray Sables

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Tuesday 25th October 2016 - 10am - 12 noon



Come and join us for spooky fun in the woods!

We will be using natural materials to get us Halloween-ready and discovering what the mammals of the woodland are up to this Autumn.

Venue location

The Woodland Discovery Centre, Ecclesall Woods, Abbey Lane, Sheffield, S7 2QZ. For booking issues and enquiries please call 0114 2634335.



All activities take place outdoors. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing. Parents and carers are required to stay with children for the duration of the activity

For online booking form see the What's On guide at www.wildsheffield.com/

Wild Adventures with the National Trust!

"We sometimes meet children who've never seen a cow or a duck before," said Zoe Stevens. "One child asked about a stream: 'Does that water keep going at night? Does it get turned off?'"

Zoe works for the National Trust in Peak District and one of her tasks is to encourage families and children to explore the local countryside, and meet the creatures who live there.

"Have you held one of those before?" she asked a toddler as a garden snail slithered over her fingers.



Chloe Horne (6) and brother Isaac (2) help dad Gareth stream dip at Longshaw

Playing outdoors was a big part of Zoe's childhood, she said. "I didn't have a computer. Now children have all these indoor activities using a screen, but we say there are lots of simple things you can do outdoors that are free, give you exercise and are brilliant fun."

Organising a snail race, hunting for bugs, climbing a huge hill, holding a scary beast, and building a den are among the '50 Things To Do Before You're 11 3/4' that Zoe and her colleagues are promoting in a free scrapbook that families and children can pick up from National Trust properties.

The aim is to help reverse the decline in outdoor play among British children. A report by the National Trust found that less than one in ten modern children regularly play in 'wild places', whereas most youngsters played in their 'local patch of nature' when today's parents were children.

The 'Natural Childhood' report adds that playing outdoors 'exposed to nature' helps children lose weight and improve their health, and also improves mental health and social and academic skills. "Children who learn outdoors know more, understand more, feel better, behave better, work more co-operatively and are physically healthier," said report author Stephen Moss.

But as Zoe pointed out, it's also a lot more fun to climb trees and make mud pies than sit inside all day. Over the last three years, Zoe reckons at least 20,000 children have taken up the challenges in their 'Wild Adventure Scrapbooks' around the Peak District.

Families are encouraged to tick off their adventures in their own local parks and gardens as well as at National Trust



Martha LeGros (6) blowing through a 'grass trumpet' watched by her grandad Greg Stott

properties, and although Zoe herself prefers keeping a scrapbook, there's even a website and app for those who want to combine screen and wild time.

Researchers have found that if children have fun in the natural world before they reach secondary school, they'll be much more interested in protecting the environment when they're adults. David Attenborough said: "No one will protect what they don't care about, and no one will care about what they have never experienced."

Outdoor games are ideal for families, Zoe reckoned. "You can play pooh sticks every day, and it will still be exciting, and if you go bug hunting you'll find something different every time." Families can pick up a scrapbook and take part in their own time or have fun with staff at Longshaw and other National Trust sites in the Peak District.



Felicity LeGros (4) keeps her eyes on a garden snail

People over 11 3/4 are allowed to take part too. Parents can often get very competitive with pooh sticks, Zoe said, and children often find their grandparents are expert stone skimmers and grass trumpet makers.

"One grandmother said to me: 'We've been so busy playing pooh sticks and building dens that they haven't asked for their iPads all day.'"

More info: <https://www.50things.org.uk>

David Bocking, National Trust

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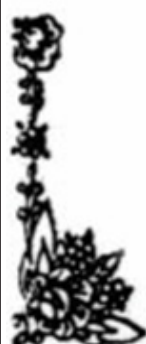
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Friends of Dore and Totley Station

Just the ticket – or paying the fare: Fun and games down at Dore & Totley Station!

It's that time of year when the letter written in June gets answered in September – to say the addressee has retired, and is not being replaced.... when urgent emails are answered with dreaded "Out of office" messages...when people we want to engage with are new in their posts, and are still learning the ropes.... So there's not much to report this time. It has been suggested the Hope Valley Public Inquiry report may not get to the Department for Transport and approved until next spring, which is likely to delay completion for December 2018. However, other things are bubbling along quietly.

We'll start with some history. 100 years ago our station was fairly new having opened for services towards Chesterfield in 1872. The Hope Valley branch opened to passengers in 1894 and a decade later the lines into Sheffield were quadrupled, making Dore and Totley a four-platform junction station. There were enclosed waiting rooms on all four, heated with coal fires in winter – and toilets. There was a branch of W H Smiths which sold postcards and delivered newspapers to nearby houses. Dore and Totley had few residents but they liked to use trains.



There were staff on the station, and they were proud to work for the Midland Railway. Tickets were issued at the ticket office, and sometimes collected at the end of the journey.

In the 1960s rail travel was going out of fashion. Dr Beeching was blamed for closures and Dore and Totley was lucky to survive, the only station between Sheffield and Chesterfield. It survived, but was not staffed for long. In 1969 'Paytrain' arrived and the station staff left.



Then what? Gradually, as passenger numbers started rising once again, the guard, later to become conductor, found it hard to collect all fares between Dore and Sheffield. It has been suggested that some users deliberately position themselves in the train so they can avoid paying – nobody who's reading this, of course. Others suggest the conductors aren't too active in trying to collect all fares. Both may be correct.

All statistics regarding station usage rely on estimates based on the number of tickets sold. These passenger number figures help determine what is provided at the station, so they are important.

Northern Rail finally got the message. They were losing large sums to freeloaders. A couple of years ago, conductors were given some support

by the installation of a TVM (ticket vending machine). Great, we're getting somewhere aren't we? Yes, if the machine is reliable and the conductor has time to check all tickets on the train. But the TVM is not reliable and the conductor still doesn't have time to sell enough tickets before arriving in Sheffield.

In August and September the TVM has been out of action frequently. Reasons we've heard include: out of tickets, jammed tickets, printer problem, electrical fault, card reader fault, card authorisation fault, communications problem and the latest, a batch of faulty tickets.

If you get to the machine and it doesn't work, don't walk away. Phone 0800 200 60 60 and tell them. All calls should be logged and the more calls there are the more urgently a fault/s will be fixed

If the machine's performance doesn't improve we'll be asking for a replacement, or a second machine. What surprises us is that a machine may be taking instructions and may be dispensing no tickets, yet nobody centrally seems to pick up that there's a fault.

Hopefully, by the time this is published the TVM will be working properly. And by the next issue we'll have more news.

You can join FoDaTS by sending an email with your details to our Secretary, Nick Barnes at; nj-barnes@outlook.com or through the FoDaTS Facebook page which is kept up to date with news and opinions.

Chris Morgan, Chairman

Searching for information on the land registry?

To find out information such as ownership and – sometimes – prices paid, Her Majesty's Land Registry is the place to go. It is a non-ministerial department of government formed in 1862 with jurisdiction over England and Wales to register ownership of property and land. Be aware, though, that if you wish to rely upon information obtained for legal purposes such as resolving disputes, you will need to pay for an official copy of the register, which is a more expensive route than the one detailed below.

First, here is the link to the land registry: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/land-registry>

Their website can be rather irritating in that pressing 'back' does not always take you to the previous page – very often it takes you somewhere you do not want to be, such as right back to the beginning! Use a browser which has tabs, and instead of clicking links open each one in a new tab.

Once you are there – Click 'Search property ownership information'; then click 'Start now'. Next, click 'Map enquiry' – it can take a bit of hunting around to find this on the page sometimes.

Once you are on the 'Map enquiry' page, just click the segment of the UK we are in, or if science is your strong point at the expense of geography, click any of them

Once you have clicked a segment of the UK you should have a map, which uses 'Bing' map services (Microsoft's version of Google Maps). You can drag the map until you find where you are. Zoom in as close as you can until you are able to turn on 'Find properties'

Position the orange circle where you think the land you want to know about is, and click. A list of possible records will come up. It can happen that is you have to buy a few different records in order to find the ones you want. Make sure you save any records you buy – if you don't save them, you pay to download again!

Dominic Harris

Amazing Ant Research at Longshaw!

Scientists have been studying over 900 ant nests around Longshaw over the last five years, in a series of groundbreaking studies that have found out how ants work together to find food for each other in one of England's largest colonies of northern hairy wood ants.

The nests range in size from a tennis ball to metre-wide ant cities, with special chambers and tunnels and a network of trails between nests and feeding sites, where the ants milk honeydew from their herds of aphids in nearby trees.



A tiny shining guest ant on Elva Robinson's fingers

Biologist Courtney Rockenbach from New Jersey is part of the York University scientific team, and has been impressed with local family interest. "Ants sometimes get a bad reputation, but I think anytime we can appreciate the complexity of an organism, we gain a little more respect for it," she said.

The scientists have monitored wood ant movement by marking them with special paint, and by fitting ants with tiny transmitters to log their travels along a complex network of two inch wide trails worn through the Longshaw grass by thousands of ant feet, and the formic acid excreted by the insects.

They found that the nests (each housing a closely related family of ants) cooperate to share food with nearby nests of the same family. "It's a buffering strategy," said researcher Dr Elva Robinson. "If there are many nests all exploring for food, a nest doing well can support a nest temporarily not doing well, and then there might come a time that the food goes back the other way."



George Talbot monitoring a nest

Longshaw owners the National Trust work closely with the York scientists, and ranger Rachel Bennett said the findings help inform the woodland and tree removal strategy.

The latest work is centred around another recently discovered resident of the ant cities: the tiny 'shining guest ant.'

"Really it's an unwanted guest in the nest, you could think of it like a house mouse," said Dr Robinson. At a few millimetres long, guest ants are less than half the size of a hairy wood ant, but scurry around picking up discarded food in the nest, protected by tasting horrible to wood ants. At present, any benefit to the host wood ants from this arrangement is unclear, said Dr Robinson, but could not be ruled out.

From now until mid October, the Longshaw ranger team is inviting applications from local people to join the guest ant researchers: ant monitors will be given the tools and training to record which nests have shining guests in residence.

"Citizen science like this spreads awareness and helps people understand what's going on in their own area," said King Edward VII student George Talbot, who helped with the first monitoring session in September. "I've really enjoyed taking part, but I think I've been bitten under my shirt, on my head, everywhere."

National Trust countryside manager for the Peak District (and George's dad), Ted Talbot, said: "The northern hairy wood ant is a very special animal in the Peak District, and Sheffield people do know about it because if you sit down in the wrong place and have a picnic, they climb up your leg.

"But we certainly don't yet know everything about hairy wood ants and this guest who lives alongside them. So if you do want to contribute to groundbreaking research you don't have to go the Amazon rainforest, you can do it here at Longshaw."

More info: 01433 631757 or longshaw@nationaltrust.org.uk

David Bocking, National Trust

Answers to Jack's Dog Daze Quiz

- 1 d.
- 2 Any.
- 3 Only Crab is, in Shakespeare's Two Gentlemen of Verona. The others are dogs referred to in Shakespeare but they are not in Shakespeare, apart from Toby, but he is a man in Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, though a dog in Punch and Judy, which is not by Shakespeare.
- 4 They are all living happy ever after on Lemont Road, Totley.
- 5 All.
- 6 The dog in Hans Anderson's Tinder Box, Cerberus, HMV, and He didn't have one.
- 7 Janet and John, The Secret Seven, Peter Pan, The Famous Five.
- 8 Bullseye - Bill Sykes's dog from Oliver.
- 9 Einstein is from Back to the Future. Harvey is from ET. Beethoven is from Beethoven. All these are US films. Black Bob however is from the Dandy from Dundee, so he is the answer.



- 10 Peanuts, Tom 'n' Jerry, Loony Tunes, Rugrats. Or any other ways round.
- 11 Truffles is from George and Mildred, and therefore the correct answer.
- 12 The number 3. Fluffy has 3 heads. Montmorency was in Three Men In A Boat. There were 3 films of Beethoven. Rin Tin Tin has 3 names.
- 13 First take out a bank loan, then take your dog to a vet.
- 14 They are all dogs' legs.
- 15 They are all all-American American dogs but Snoop Dogg has two g's, and 'gee gee' is Horse for horse.

(PS Next door's dog has no nose. How's he smell? Terrible!)

Wuff for now!

Jack

Memories of Cherry Tree

I am writing to anyone with any history, memories, photos or stories to share regarding Cherry Tree orphanage and Cherry Tree children's homes, and Mr and Mrs Grayson and HMS Sheffield. My childhood friends who I have known since I was 14 years old, over 30 years now, came to visit me in Totley on a wet and miserable Saturday in September recently. They used to live in the Cherry Tree children's home from 1980 until it closed in 1987. We decided walk up there to reminisce - it was full of memories for them. I knocked on the hostel door, where a member of staff invited all in for them to have a look around. Listening to all their memories was amazing. The staff member said they had a big photo of children on the big white gate entrance, still there and to our amazement it was my friends in the picture when they were aged 8 to 11 years old. They went on to tell us that HMS Sheffield built a rocking dinghy with the HMS Sheffield logo, and swings for the children to play on. Unfortunately, we were told, the hostel donated it to Slovakia - probably the children there will have as many memories and playful times on this as my friends did.

As we walked down my friends told me of Mr and Mrs Grayson who lived in the big house between the Cheshire homes. We could see the door open, and cars in the drive, so went up to the door. A lovely young woman came to greet us. We told her the story of coming at Christmas - all the other children and staff members from Cherry Tree where Mr and Mrs Grayson would put food on for them and play games. Every day after school my friends would go round to Mr and Mrs Grayson's house, to play, take their dogs out for a walk and look at the white doves which they kept. The young woman showed us round as she had purchased the house last year, and had Mr Grayson's phone number, which was brilliant! My friends have been in contact with Mr Grayson - he remembers them a little - and they're meeting up very soon! I was really excited and happy that my friends relived their happy fond memories of their childhood.

I have looked into the history of the Cherry Tree orphanage and HMS Sheffield. It was a very interesting read. If anyone has any other information please could you forward it to me through Totley independent

Susan Ballard

Letters to the Editor

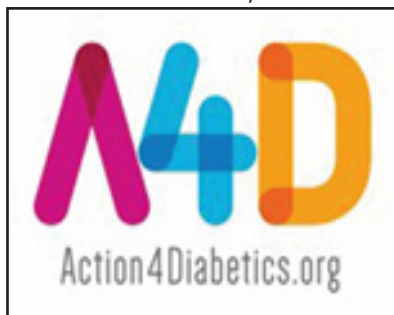
Dear Editor,

As some readers may know, I have spent the last six months training and preparing for what I believe will be the biggest challenge I have ever faced - climbing 8153m/26,914ft Manaslu in the Himalayas. It's the 8th highest mountain in the world, and one of only 14 mountains that are higher than the magic 8000+m, in the world. I plan to summit without the use of supplemental oxygen making the climb extremely hard and far more dangerous. There will be just one-third of the oxygen all you good folk enjoy at sea level, so spare a thought for me on this one please! It's going to be really, really tough!!!!

Why am I doing this?

I am seeking to raise money for Action 4 Diabetics (A4D) This charity supports young diabetics with meds and doctors in places where kids don't have access to them, and will certainly die a horribly painful death due to the lack of medication, if they don't get life-saving insulin.

A4D is a charity run by my good friend Jerry Gore, who risks his life every year to raise money for this charity! Last year he made a speed ascent of the North Face of the Eiger. He is him-



self a type 1 diabetic and 55 years old. Also, he doesn't take a salary or claim expenses against the money you donate - it's right out of his own back pocket.

For the record, so is the £20,000+ I am personally spending on making this trip happen.

My Dad has been a type 1 diabetic for over 35 years so it's close to my heart. I have seen what my Dad can achieve with the right meds and support. He can lead a perfectly normal life, as opposed to having to have rotting limbs amputated due to incorrect blood sugar levels.

If you can donate, please go to this link: <https://www.just-giving.com/a4d>

If it is not possible for you to contribute, then you can help by taking five minutes to put this up on social media, with the giving link above please.

Thanks

Dave Tilly

Dear Editor,

I am writing to ask readers to help our environment and community by joining my litter picking group.

It costs Sheffield £4 million per year to clean up our mess. Apart from the cost, please look at this picture - it is of a hedgehog caught in a plastic yogurt container.



Future litter picking dates are;

Sat 29th October 10am Main entrance King Egbert School.
Sat 26th November 10am Totley Library, Baslow Rd.
Sat 17th December 10am Main entrance King Egbert School.

All equipment provided. Wear appropriate clothing/sturdy boots or shoes. See Sheffield Litter Pickers on Facebook or call Julie - 07775585471

Julie Gay

Sheffield Rugby Union Club

The rugby season is with us once again and this season Sheffield RUFC are in National League 3 Midlands Division. This presents a new challenge. Last season's opponents were geographically north of Sheffield whilst the new opponents are to the south and are an unknown entity! Fixtures for October, November and December are as follows. Please note kick off times with a change in November.

Sat Oct 1st	Sheffield v Longton KO. 3pm
Sat Oct 8th	Sheffield v Nuneaton KO 3pm
Sat Oct 22nd	Sheffield v Old Halesonians KO. 3PM
Sat Nov 5th	Sheffield v Sandbach KO 2.15pm (note time)
Sat Nov 19th	Sheffield v Towcestrians KO 2.15pm
Sat Dec 3rd	Sheffield v Bedford Athletic KO 2.15pm
Sat Dec 17th.	Sheffield v Broadstreet KO 2.15pm

We look forward to seeing you at Abbeydale Park!

'Save Dore and Totley Trees'

Although our group's name is 'Save Dore Trees' we are trying to save any healthy, mature street trees in both Totley and Dore that are threatened with felling without good reason. Research confirms the valuable environmental and social benefits street trees provide and therefore it is worthwhile questioning the reasons for their removal. If the trees belong to us all, and deliver benefits to us all, then we'll all lose out when they are cut down.

Talking in June this year about the air pollution in Sheffield which affects the health of all of the city's residents, Mazher Iqbal, (Cabinet member for Infrastructure and Transport at Sheffield City Council) said, '...we're lucky in Sheffield because we have more than 2,000 green open spaces, but that's not enough to tackle the problem'. If we need more green space in the city then cutting down street trees isn't going to help even if there is a one-to-one replacement of the trees afterwards: a sapling does not have the same capacity to provide shade, store carbon, filter pollutants and reduce storm water runoff that a healthy, mature tree has.

This is why the Sheffield Tree Action Group (STAG) is pressing Sheffield City Council and their PFI partner Amey to justify their decisions on the felling of trees in the city and to consider the full range of alternative engineering solutions available.

Prior to the local May elections all parties standing in our area were asked to show their support for retaining mature healthy street trees that are not causing any damage by having their photos taken under Vernon Oak at the bottom of Vernon Road (pictured below). We had pictures of the Lib Dem and Conservative candidates but were disappointed not to receive any others.

In May Dr George McGavin of Oxford University Museum of Natural History, and BBC4 presenter of 'The Oak: Nature's Greatest Survivors' emailed SCC Chief Executive John Mothersole, asking John Mothersole "to ensure that the Vernon Oak continues to contribute to the health and happiness of the community for many years to come". He is still awaiting a response.



We were pleased when we heard that twelve trees in our area were going to be investigated to see if they could be retained. Investigations took place in mid-June, and roots were exposed and inspected to see if new specification kerbs could be installed whilst still retaining the correct alignment of the kerb. The conclusions were reported back to Streets Ahead and Cllr. Bryan Lodge Cabinet Member for the Environment, who claims to be responsible for making the final decision. To date we have not received any feedback. On Chatsworth Road they looked at more than the seven trees already on the felling list, so we are not very optimistic about the outcome.

The first Phase 1 'final decisions' notices were published on SCC's website on Friday 15th July: these were for trees on four local streets, Marstone Crescent, Rushley Drive, Ashfurlong Close and Rushley Close. Although the Independent Tree Panel (ITP) recommended retaining six trees, SCC decided to retain one temporarily outside 4 Ashfurlong Close. The five other trees were felled prior to the results being published

along with three dead/diseased/damaged trees on Rushley Drive. We were surprised to note that Simon Green, the Executive Director of Place, signed off the recommendations for SCC.

The request for instatement of Tree Preservation Orders for trees on Chatsworth Road, Abbeydale Park Rise, Totley Brook Road and the Vernon Oak have all been refused. Refusal for the Totley Brook Limes was received six days after four of the limes had been felled. Although the Brinkburn Vale Limes have been taken off the felling list, and it is our understanding that the pavement will be changed to a grass verge on the tree side, there has not been any written confirmation of this. This is being chased up by Cllr. Colin Ross.

Unfortunately we also have no further update on the fate of the Abbeydale Park Rise cherry trees.

It's got to be acknowledged that some residents support the felling programme because of concerns about uneven surfaces and structural damage to buildings or pavements; others have the burden of the practical tasks that come with having a big tree nearby. Nevertheless, it should be possible to reach a compromise that recognises these issues and resolves them, yet preserves the city's green resources for us all.

How You Can Help

- Write/email to ITP, Simon Green SCC Executive Director of Place, Cllr Bryan Lodge Cabinet Member for the Environment.
- If felling commences in your area, contact Ann Anderson SAVE DORE TREES 07715 623523. annanddavid3@sky.com
- Follow us on Twitter Vernon Oak@SAVEDORETREES and Facebook SAVE DORE TREES.
- We would be interested to hear of any bat/owl sightings around any of our trees particularly those on the felling list. Report via Twitter/FB/Ann Anderson as above.

Margaret Peart and Susan Unwin

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"How long?"

You may well ask. Yorkshire water, to most of us, deal with the supply of drinking water. However, they are also now responsible for sewage disposal and leaks from sewers. Private house drains are, however, the responsibility of the house owner, even as far as the connection with the sewer, which might be in the centre of the road.

In May 2015, when I was told about a discharge of sewage into the Old Hay Brook by Akley Bank, I notified Environmental Protection, as it appeared to be a discharge from a local house. I met an officer who assured me that he would investigate and keep me informed. To cut a very long story short, nothing got done, and a year later in May, 2016, I met another officer who confirmed that the previous guy, one of his staff, had done nothing in the past year. He assured me that he would see the case through to the end.



In the middle of September 2016, I thought that I should pursue this to get a result, having failed so far. A fortuitous phone call, and a mistake by Yorkshire Water, introduced me to their technician, who was working on the Quadrant. He told me what had been happening; he had no idea that I had initially reported the problem. He made up for lost time by showing me the drainage maps for the area and telling me what had been done. The local suspect house has been eliminated from their enquiries.

As I have written previously, Trolley has two drainage systems for most properties. One takes sewage from toilets, sinks and bathrooms, via a sewer, to the sewage works. The other system of pipes, takes top water, or rainwater, to the local river, in this case the Old Hay Brook. The pipe from which the sewage was discharging is a topwater drain, which serves houses from the Quadrant, Quarry Road, Terrey Road, the Grove, two houses on Baslow Road, and the Green. Yorkshire Water's technician, with colleagues using cameras, has done extensive work and has narrowed down the suspected area of contamination. It is possible that someone has inadvertently connected a new toilet/bathroom to the top water drain, and this may be causing the pollution. The technician will pursue the matter until it is resolved. The pollution has reduced as some problems which were found have been resolved.

It is worth noting that some plumbers, not conversant with dual drainage systems, can make genuine mistakes, whilst householders doing their own work may just find the nearest pipe to connect into, which might lead to the river. I am only too happy to advise anyone!

Incidentally, street gullies and yard gullies are also topwater drains, leading to a river - the Old Hay Brook in this case - so please do not put foul or contaminated water down street gullies or your own yard gullies, as it might lead into a river. I'm optimistic that the Yorkshire Water technician will keep to his word, by keeping me informed and will resolve the issue.

The answer to my question "how long" however, is 16 months!

Roger Hart

Reverie in the garden

One sunny afternoon this summer as I sat in the garden I suddenly realised something was different from usual - complete silence! There was no road traffic noise, neither local nor from Abbeydale and Baslow roads, no railway noise from

the London or Hope Valley lines, no planes in the sky; there were no noisy happy children at playtime at Dore school, no blackbird calling from the nearby roof - and even the raucous pigeons must have been taking an afternoon nap.

Suddenly the silence was shattered by a motor mower starting up in a nearby garden. This continued for some time but was finally replaced by the whirring noise of a strimmer, presumably dealing with grass not beheaded by the mower. It occurred to me that if someone started using an electric hedge trimmer we would have three sounds very common these days but never heard in my youth. Usually when we sit in the garden we hear other sounds I never heard as a child and youth. These include the sirens of an ambulance or police car speeding on their urgent missions, the bumps and rattles as a rubbish skip is delivered or collected and the intermittent warning noise as a heavy goods vehicle driven in reverse. On the railway the hooter of modern trains bears no resemblance to the whistles of steam driven giants of my early days. In the air we hear the propeller driven aircraft, helicopters and sometimes the jet aircraft, though their presence more often betrayed by their vapour trails than by the noise we hear. Much rarer, but heard a few times while we have lived here, is the roar of the gas burners when hot air balloons drift across the sky. Continuing this theme of "new" sounds when we go back into the house I would mention the purr of a refrigerator the 'ping ping ping' of the microwave oven, the noise of the gas boiler firing up at the behest of the central heating, and a multitude of various calling sounds of telephones both landline and mobile.



Many of these changes are simply developments the lawn-mower does the same job whether it was my dad pushing it in the 1930s or the petrol engine in the 21st century. Many other changes came because of large scale and cheaper production - washing machines and refrigerators, to cite only two. To me, the more interesting changes are new inventions such as the mobile phone and the bar code, both of which quickly had an effect on social behaviour. It could be argued that text messages and other forms of communication are having a negative effect on the talking and letter-writing ability of the younger generation - probably as big an effect as television had on outdoor play and activities of children.

When my mother sent me to the Co-op for a quarter of a stone of flour, I was often served by a man called John. He was a curly haired chap who knew all the ladies by name (no men did the shopping in those days!) "Good morning Mrs Cook! I trust the gout is better today!" To serve me John had to limp around the shop to a large flour bin. Using a metal scoop, he would feed the flour into an appropriately sized paper bag up to the correct weight. He would then seal the bag with long practiced folds and creases - no Sellotape in those days! When it came to payment John did not have any type of till. The money with a pencilled note of the change was put into a small cylinder. This was then attached to an overhead wire system. A port on the handle sent the cylinder across the shop to a cashier sitting alone in an elevated box. If any change was involved it was returned in the same way. I wonder whether John lived to see all the pre-packed goods and the barcode! If he did I'd wager he talked of the "good old days" with the flour bin, the butter pats, the cheese slicer and loaves of bread wrapped in tissue paper!

Don Ashford

TOTLEY & DISTRICT DIARY

- MONDAYS** **COFFEE MORNING**, All Saints' Church Hall, 10am-noon. Transport usually available on request. Tel 236 0872 before 9.45 am.
TAI-CHI, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 11.30am-12.30pm
RAINBOWS and GUIDES, All Saints' Church Hall, 5.45pm-9pm
- TUESDAYS** **SLIMMING WORLD**, Abbeydale Sports Club, 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm, Jo Elsey: 262 0523 or 07590 545253
PILATES, The Old School, Dore, 9.15-10.15am. Phone Teresa Tinklin 07906 312372
COFFEE MORNING, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am-noon
KNIT, NATTER, CRAFT & CHATTER Totley Rise Methodist Church, 12 noon - 3.00pm
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU. Drop in, free, impartial, and confidential. Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am-noon
CRAFT GROUP. Totley Library, 2pm
JAZZ IN THE AFTERNOON, 2-4 pm, Totley Rise Methodist Church Schoolroom. A weekly afternoon of all forms of recorded jazz, plus discussion. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.
- WEDNESDAYS** **PILATES CLASSES**. Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 9.00-10.00 and 10.15-11.15. Contact Caroline - Tel: 0781 722 0324, email Carolinenorth1@me.com, www.pilatescarolinenorth.co.uk
COFFEE in the Library. 10am-11.30am
STORY TIME in the Library 10.30-11.30am. Craft activities, songs and a story for pre-school children. Call in at the Library for more information.
TODDLER GROUP. 10am-11.30am, All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Andy Holmes 0114 236 2088
HEALTH WALKS. 10.30am, Totley Library. Phone Tina, the Health Walk Ranger: 0114 203 9335
MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING. All Saints Church Hall, 8pm-10pm
CHILDREN'S FITNESS CLASSES for pre-school girls and boys aged 2-5. New class on Wednesday mornings 9.30 - 10.10, Abbeydale Sports Club. Free taster sessions. See www.minimovez.com or call Steph on 07838 818743.
- THURSDAYS** **BELROBICS**, United Reformed Church, 9.15-10am, email: jenny@belrobics.co.uk or tel 07816 850132.
NCT COFFEE GROUP FOR DORE TOTLEY & BRADWAY, 10am-noon, for mums & babies/toddlers, various locations. Phone Lucy Street 07837 000405 or email: lucy@streetr.plus.com for further details
ROCKCHOIR, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd, 11.30 - 1.00pm. See www.rockchoir.com or call 01252 714276
PUSHCHAIR CLUB. Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 1.30pm-3pm. Tel. 07912 352543 for details
PILATES CLASS, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 6.15pm-7.30pm also new class 1.30pm to 2.30pm, Phone Emer Coffey 07792 422909

OCTOBER

SUN 2nd FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: Small mammal trapping with Val Clinging. Meet at end of Totley Hall Lane by 8.30 am. For more details see page 20.

SAT 8th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: Autumn Fungi, with Steve Clements. Meet at bus terminus, Baslow Road, 10 am. For more details see page 20.

SUN 9th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES Abbeydale Road South. 1 pm-5 pm (weather permitting). Car park closes 5.15 pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffield-modelengineers.com/

WED 12th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church AGM followed by talk by Mike Waters, "Asia's Finest". Visitors Welcome.

MON 17th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: Illustrated talk by Penny Philcox on 'Garden Wildlife'. Totley Library, 7.30 pm. For more details see page 20.

TUES 18th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD: Ann Beedham, "The Suffragette, the Silverworker and the Sheik's Creator". Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10 am.

WED 26th: TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP: Talk by Malcolm Nunn on 'The Sheffield Flood'. Totley Library, 7.20 pm.

WED 26th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Talk by Chris Dorries, "Deadlier Than the Male". Visitors welcome.

SUN 30th 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 20.

NOVEMBER

WED 9th TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Talk by Paul Cutts, "Struggles with my Camera in Remotest Britain". Visitors welcome.

SAT 12th TRANSPORT 17: Coffee Morning - Christmas Fayre theme! 10 am - 12 noon, Cross Scythes.

MON 14th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: Talk by the Woodland Trust on 'The Tree Charter'. How local groups such as FoGW can involve the local community in preserving this landscape. Totley Library, 7.30 pm. For more information see page 20.

TUES 15th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD: Karen Kay, Gift-wrapping Presentation. Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10 am.

WED 23rd TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP: Open Meeting when we ask people to share their memories of Totley schools. Totley Library, 7.30 pm.

WED 23rd TOTLEY PROBUS CLUB 10 am Totley Rise Methodist Church Talk by Mrs Cath McRay, "Scandinavian Peninsula". Visitors welcome.

SAT 26th: FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: November Bird Walk, with Chris Measures. Final walk of the year. Bring binoculars and cameras! Strong shoes essential. For more details see page 20.

SUN 27th: 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 20.

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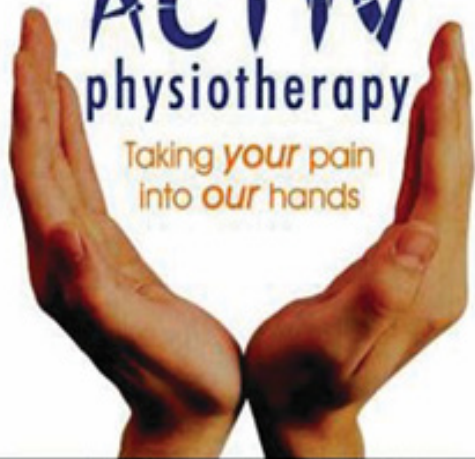
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