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Totley Rise, photographed in August 1914, just a few weeks after the outbreak of war.

Here comes summer!

After some seriously cold weather, and some false starts, spring finally arrived with a fair amount of sunshine and warmth, and now summer is officially with us. As usual, there's a lot going on in our local community over the summer weeks.

We have Totley Open Gardens on the afternoons of 7th and 8th July, with eleven gardens being opened in the 17th year of the event. The library continues to run or host regular events, such as the coffee morning and the health walks on Wednesdays, and there is a great programme of activities for children in the school holidays. There are a couple of fundraising events at the library too - take a look at the advertisements on pages 3 and 6 of this issue.

The History Group and Friends of Gillfield Wood continue their programmes of talks and events, and the new and very successful People Keeping Well initiative is coming up with a series of very attractive activities for people over 50.

You could say it's all happening in Totley! The summer is also the traditional time for mending roads, and we understand that Amey will return to our area later in the summer. The B53 zone, which is Bradway and the Bradway side of Baslow Road, is now scheduled for road resurfacing work in July and August. This will follow the pavement and kerbing work. Originally it was to take place in 2017. Then we were told it would be spring 2018.... so this has been a further delay to the work and further disappointment for Totley and Bradway.

There's a little not-so-good news. of course. Sadly we say goodbye to Lindsay and Kathy at Totley Rise Post Office (see page 5) and we wish them all the very best for the future. And there's still no end to the Batallion of Bins guarding the lower end of the Rise.

Maybe it's the warmer weather, but the place is surely looking better too. As this item was being written, council workers were repainting the metal railings down Totley Rise; the eyesore that for years was the Lemont Road building site is being transformed into an area of much-needed residential accommodation; and the litter-picking team (including our friends at the Co-op) are doing a great job in keeping Totley tidier! Enjoy summer in Totley! And by the way - don't forget the Totley Show on 15th September!



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"It's a great team here", said John, "and I think I'm fitting in quite well, though it's quite a job getting to know all the regular customers!".



The store continues to support the local community and

Totley's various organisations. The latest innovation is a biodegradable plastic bag dispenser to encourage dogowners to pick up their dog's waste and dispose of the contents responsibly. John's Co-op colleague Julia Laurie emphasised the Co-op's commitment to the Eco-Clean Up/People Keeping Well project starting in our area, but she also stressed the need for sufficient appropriately sited bins for people to dispose of their dog-waste bags.

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If you have any queries please phone Robin on 01246 412767



Facebook Forum

Don't forget that the Facebook 'Totley Independent Forum' group has been set up so that Totley people and organisations can keep in touch, suggest ideas or raise issues of concern.

Totley Community Resource and Information Centre (Totley Library) presents

An Illustrated Talk by **Dick Shepley** "The Shepleys of Woodthorpe Hall"

Woodthorpe Hall is at the end of Fanshaw Gate Lane. Dick's talk will include tales of the Shepley family from Victorian times, World War Two, the Shepley Spitfire story, the naming of the pub in Mickley Lane, and Woodthorpe Hall today - the farm, weddings and other events, cider making and memorable parties!

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We feel it is time for us to move on and would like to wish the new Postmaster, Mr. Srigangabala, the best of luck in his new venture.

Thank you so much, and best wishes for the future.

Lindsay and Kathy Garrad Totley Rise Post Office

Totley Open Gardens

Totley Open Gardens will be happening again this summer – for the 17th year!



On Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th July, from 1.30pm to 5.30pm, a number of gardens will be open to the public to visit and get inspiration.

Cream teas will be served at two venues, and there will be plants for sale in several gardens. All the proceeds will go to local organisations that Totley Open Gardens supports every year.

In addition, funds raised from people participating in the Totley Yard Sale on Sunday 29th April will also go to TOG funds for local distribution. Over the years, Totley Open Gardens has raised over $\pm 30,000$ for the community.

Please come along and support the Open Gardens, and if you would like to take part, or you know someone who would like to take part, please contact Jennie Street, tel. 236 2302, or email jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk

Remember, gardens are never perfect, but visitors can always find something of interest when they visit a garden – every garden is different and suits different people!



We want small ones, as well as larger ones, and if anyone on the allotment sites is interested in taking part, we would really welcome you.

Jennie Street

Neighbourhood Watch

Political problems have dogged the Sheffield District Neighbourhood Watch Alliance for some time, the last three years being traumatic. On March 20th, the chair, Wendy Zealand, was reminded that her tenure of the chair had finished, as per the constitution, and she reluctantly stood down. The vice-chair had already resigned leaving the joint treasurer/secretary, who held an EGM on Tuesday 8th May. The Alliance is now being dissolved, as is the County Association.

NHW will continue, but working under the auspices of a superintendent of South Yorkshire Police, who has been

tasked by the Home Office to introduce a pilot scheme to South Yorkshire. It is called Neighbourhood Network, and embraces any organisation, residents or company who have the same objective, to improve the community. Website NNHULL is an example.

We have a new constitution to be agreed and then implemented. The biggest change to residents and members is that we shall be needing new membership forms completing, partly to contain our new title, when decided, but also to comply with new data protection legislation.

This is the time for new members to join and you will be welcome, to help prevent and detect crime in our area, and to make our community an even better place to live, play and work.

Schemes and methods of improving our community will come later in the project than the creation of the new NHW.

Roger Hart 07831 305881

Rotary Club Motor Show

The Sheffield Motor Show will take place on The Moor, on Saturday 16th June, from 9am to 4.30pm. 52 new cars, some new models, will be on show from 15 dealerships, all raising funds for local charities, including The Sheffield Music Hub, whose students will also be playing music, from 12noon to 4pm.

The event, organised by two Totley members of The Rotary Club of Sheffield Vulcan, is using The Moor for the first time, courtesy of Aberdeen Standard Asset Management. It is anticipated that over 40,000 people will attend. If you attend, come and say hello!

Other members will be organising the Classic Car Show, also on The Moor, on Sunday 5th August 2018.

Roger Hart



On the Beat



I've been pleased to see some of you recently at our dropin sessions at Tescos on Abbeydale Drive. I'm aware that some of you have not known that these have been happening and I have been trying to find a better way of letting people know when we're there. The drop-ins have been advertised on the Sheffield West NHP Facebook page which, if you are into social media, you can follow.

I will now also be issuing notifications by the recently launched SYP Alerts system.

This is an email-based system which will hopefully deliver locally based news and information on a fairly regular basis. Our daily crime updates are now also forwarded through this system so if you're not Facebook savvy (and with recent news I don't blame you!) you can have emails delivered instead. To sign up go to www.sypalerts.co.uk and register, it's a fairly easy process which even I have managed...

Of course, you don't have to wait until a drop-in to talk to me. You'll find my contact number and email address at the end of this article as usual. Please do not use these to report crime as I'm not always at work (I know, they give us days off every now and then, we're very spoilt) and I don't check my work phone or email whilst I'm at home. 101 or in an emergency, 999 are still the right avenues for this.

If you have concerns or want to raise an issue that is not time critical then please call me or email - I will always return calls when I'm back in the office. Please remember to always state your contact number - some people forget, and it is frustrating to think that they will be waiting for a call they won't receive.

Crime-wise, we are currently in a relatively calm period and have not had many burglaries or auto crimes recently. The main trend is still theft of tools from workmen's vans, so if you have someone doing some work for you, make sure their vans are secure whilst they're there.

Sadly, most of the incidents reported are from unlocked vehicles. Patio doors are still the preferred method of entry for burglaries, so ensure yours have Anti Bump and Snap locks. If you're unsure you can contact a locksmith or your local Neighbourhood Watch coordinators. I can pass your details on to them if you do not know who your local contact is.

And it's probably worth repeating, now that the sun is here (for today at least), that if you're out in your gardens make sure the front of your house is secure, as you do not want unwelcome visitors helping themselves to your valuables while you are potting the annuals.

As mentioned above my email is adrian.tolson@southyorks. pnn.police.uk and my work mobile is 07787 881945. I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers

PCSO 8136 Adrian Tolson

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Regular events and meetings at Totley 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 FoGW Diary on p.10, or www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com **Councillor Surgery**, 2nd Monday of the month, 6.00–7.00 pm

Tuesday:

Basic ITC Sessions, 10am – 12 noon. To book, phone Heeley Development Trust on 0114 250 0613.

Baby Time 1-2 pm. Fun music session with songs, rhymes and musical i nstruments for babies aged 0 - 18 months. **Craft Group**, 2.00 – 4.00pm

Poetry Group, last Tuesday in month, 7.00 – 9.00 pm. *Please* note that this group cannot accept new members at present.

Wednesday:

Coffee Morning, 10.30 - 12 noon

Toddler Story Time, 10.30 – 11.30 Craft activities, singing and stories.

Health Walks, 10.30am Wednesday, Totley Library. One longer of up to one hour duration and one shorter walk, followed by refreshments from Totley CRIC. Contact Step Out Sheffield on 07505 639524 or email stepoutsheffield@gmail.com www.healthwalksinsheffield.btck.co.uk/

Totley History Group, usually last Wednesday of the month, 7.30. Talks on matters of historical interest. Check posters in library, the Independent Diary, or www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

Yoga sessions 7.00 – 8.30 pm, Wednesdays (except the last Wednesday of the month). For more details call Ann Zielonka on 0114 2361585 or 07929736966. Beginners welcome.

Totley Community Resource and Information Centre (Totley Library) presents a

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Tickets £7 (Library volunteers and Friends of CRIC £5)

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Tickets from Totley Library or reserve through the Library ticket hotline on 07480 576888

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It's Fun to Cook at Totley Primary!

Here at Totley Primary, we have been involved in a brilliant healthy eating initiative working in partnership with our school meals

provider, Taylor Shaw. With the national childhood obesity crisis again hitting the headlines, we jumped at the chance for our Y5 children to take part in the 'Fun to Cook' programme, in which children are taught the nuts and bolts of basic food preparation and kitchen skills.



Working with 8 children at a time for four consecutive weeks, our experienced school cook Amy along with Taylor Shaw staff (and our very own chef de partie, Mrs Rodgers!) have been coaching the group through the process of preparing a healthy and nutritious dish from scratch. Pasta Neapolitan, Apple Oaty Bake, Vegetarian Pizza and Spanish Omelette have all been on the menu and best of all, the children get to take a finished meal home to share with their families, along with accompanying recipe cards.

Alongside the practical elements of the course, children are also taught about making healthy food choices and discuss the ingredients they are working with in detail, including the science of how to prepare and cook them safely.

Feedback from the children and their families has been very positive, with the recipes receiving great reviews and, even better, many reporting increased levels of interest in cooking at home.

As part of our current expansion work, we will be gaining a state of the art new food technology room. This will mean that we will be able to integrate cooking lessons into our curriculum and give all children the opportunity to develop their understanding of this vital life skill.

Ben Paxman, Assistant Head Teacher



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Totley Show 2018 - Update!

I am pleased to announce that the musical accompaniment at this year's show will again be provided by the Rock Choir and the Seven Hills Quintet.

Tom Steele has taken over as judge for the Vegetable Section with the retirement of the previous judge. Tom has been a regular contributor and winner in that Section for a number of years. That leaves the section open for opportunities from other budding vegetable growers in Totley to enter and win some of the categories. Tom last year entered and won in one of the photography sections despite there being a huge increase in the number of entries. Tom seems to be able to turn his abilities in a number of fields.

We would like to encourage more entries in the floral section, especially in the category of 'three cut home grown flowers'. It is never easy to get flowers at their best in a particular week of the year whenever anyone has a local show, particularly with the English weather!

Mick Warwick, Chair, Totley Show

Councillor Surgeries Liberal Democrats:

2nd Monday in month 6-7pm, Totley Library, Baslow Road.

2nd Saturday in month, 10.30am to 12 noon, Dore Old School Hall, Savage Lane, Dore.

Contact details:

Colin Ross 235 1948 Email: colin.ross@sheffield.gov.uk

Joe Otten 230 3290 Email: joe.otten@sheffield.gov.uk

Martin Smith 0781 205 5346 Email: martin.smith@sheffield.gov.uk

Totley History Group presents ...





Friends of Dore and **Totley Station**

At long last new services from 20th May have been confirmed. Major changes are happening across the nation. New Thameslink services start to operate across London and are causing a major recast of the timetables south of Bedford. Further track improvements are to come but for the next 2 or 3 years at least our London services will be slowed down. New bi-mode trains may ultimately help, but we can expect difficulties in the meantime. That causes ripples across the nation. Network Rail's electrification work in the North West is badly behind schedule so diesel trains can't be redeployed onto other routes to lengthen trains, allow extra services, and replace the old Pacer units. Hopefully that will now start happening in December.

From May 20th Northern are to operate an hourly stopping service Monday to Friday on the Hope Valley line between Sheffield and Manchester, but not stopping at all stations. On Saturdays and Sundays they will stop at all. After the morning commuter trains have left, it will often be quicker to get to Manchester by going into Sheffield and changing onto a fast service. There are a few times when to get to the Hope Valley means going into Sheffield and coming back on the same train - that won't stop at Dore and Totley!

Dore and Totley is, of course, only 4 miles from Sheffield and you'd expect it to have a good commuter service. Thanks to stops from East Midlands and TransPennine Express it does but it's to Manchester, 40 miles away!

Peak hour services to Manchester will run at: 6.15, 6.25, 7.14, 7.19, 7.39, 8.13, then a gap until 9.21.

Return services from Manchester Piccadilly will run at: 16.38. 17.30, 18.00, 18.03, 18.33, 18.58, 19.03, 19.58, 20.03, 20.48, 21.03, 21.55, 22.03, 22.45 and 23.28. This includes hourly evening fast services by TransPennine Express from Manchester Airport as well as the Northern stopping trains.

In the other direction, with trains into Sheffield taking 7 minutes and cheaper than buses taking about 25 minutes, it's a different story.

Morning peak hour trains into Sheffield will run at 6.49, then there's over an hour until we get four trains in 34 minutes at 7.54, 8.03, 8.23, 8.28 - then 90 minutes until the 9.58.

Evening services out of Sheffield will run at: 16.21, 17.21, 18.21, 19.21, 20.21, 22.54, and 23.34.

Note that gap in the evening of 2 hours 33 minutes, and the frequency. morning Travellers returning to



Things were a bit different - and the local service better - back in 1938!

Sheffield from afar will avoid the long trek to find distant Platform 2C for an evening connecting train to Dore and Totley - Taxi! Or they could get the Northern service that skips Dore and Totley and change at Grindleford to come back on the next train from Manchester.

By December that big gap in the evening will have to be filled, but the disparity between the services in the opposite directions is crying out for more serious attention. Stations from New Mills into Piccadilly have a half hourly service in both directions all day.

Finally, for this month, there's currently an anomaly whereby you can book Advance tickets on the fast services which are

normally cheaper than fares on the slow stopping services. From 20th May Advance fares will also be available on the Northern stopping trains.

If you're a Facebook user, you can find and join us by searching for FoDaTS. If you prefer you may join by sending an email with your contact details to our Secretary; nj-barnes@ outlook.com. See our website at www.fodats.net

Chris Morgan, Chairman

Totley Yard Sale

The seventh Totley Yard Sale was held on Sunday 29th April to raise money to add to the takings of Totley Open Gardens. 20 people sold from their front gardens, and paid £5 each. In addition, a list of sellers with a map was sold to buvers.



In all, the event raised £145 which will be added to the total raised by the Totley Open Gardens weekend (see separate article in this issue of Totley Independent), on 7th and 8th July, and distributed to local community organisations.

Anyone who thinks they might want to take part in the next Yard Sale please email me your details and I will let you know what it's going to happen - probably Spring 2019.

Jennie Street - email jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk



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6.30pm Reflective Worship most Sundays. An emphasis on prayer and a quiet space for worship. Approximately an hour.

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

The 4th Sunday in every month is a "Cafe Style Evening Service" with a greater emphasis on informal interaction.

On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 9.30am, there is a special Toddler Praise event aimed at the under 5s and their parents/carers. This includes singing, storytime and letting the little ones loose with musical instruments.

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

Listen to Recorded Sermons If you are unable to come to Totley Rise Methodist Church on a Sunday morning, you can still hear the service as a podcast online. Just visit our website www.totleyrise.co.uk and click on the link for recorded sermons.

Focus Church A special church event for people with learning disabilities and cognitive difficulties. The service is a time for worship, creativity, fun and fellowship . . . and an opportunity for carers to chill. The services are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 3 – 4.30pm. If you are interested, please come along or if you would like to know more, please contact Sue or John Freeman on 0114 2366819 or email sueandjohn6@talktalk.net

A Community Church for All

Whether you are a lifelong follower of Jesus or just starting to wonder – everyone is welcome and visitors are completely free to try any of the different styles of service without pressure or to join those from around Totley who come along to any of the various activities during the week. Visit our Quiet Garden –our gift to the local community. Open from dawn to dusk, the Garden is a place of serenity and creativity and a special place for observing a variety of wildlife.

Summer Events

24th June: Family Fun Day – children's water fun and other organised activi-

ties

7th – 8th July: Totley Open Gardens. Visit our wonderful garden maintained by a dedicated team of gardeners and help raise funds for the Totley Open Gardens charities.

1st September: The Big Welcome – a social event to welcome our new minister.

Children's Messy Church We hold a Messy Church on a Saturday afternoon in 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 has 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. Come along and give it a try – you won't be disappointed!

Pushchair Club Every Thursday, 1.30pm-3.00pm. A place for Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers to come and chat whilst the children (0-5years) play in a Christian atmosphere. Contact Rachel on 07912 352543 or racheltrm@yahoo.com

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 0114 2369002.

Coffee morning 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, TRMC Centre. They may natter and chatter but they are certainly productive. This busy and friendly group has been a great success. They aim to include more people from the area, even the housebound. Housebound does not mean isolated. The group will happily provide wool, needles and a chat for those who can't travel to the church. Young people are also welcome as part of our community. There are skilful, lovely ladies ready and willing to help those new to knitting and sewing.

Many charities benefit from the group's work: Butterfly Wings (stillborn babies), Sheffield premature baby unit and the Christmas shoebox appeal. Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind have adopted knitted Ellie the elephant as their mascot and have given a certificate of grateful thanks. Members can knit/sew (a sewing machine is available) for their chosen charities.

Maxine, the organiser, says that all the ladies love coming. Men are also welcome. You can stay for as long as you like for up to three hours. We offer tea, coffee, biscuits and, most importantly, friendship.



Sheffield Citizens Advice Bureau Every Tuesday, 10 am-12 noon. No appointment needed. Drop-in free confidential advice service. Advice on legal, financial, employment, benefits and any other matters.

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Community Defibrillator at Totley Rise Methodist Church the Church has been fitted with a public access defibrillator. It is a portable device that can be used by a member of the public to help restart the heart when someone has a cardiac arrest.

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

The defibrillator is in a yellow box, attached to the Community Hall, reached via the church car park. It is easily visible from the main road.

For more ongoing events see this issue's Totley & District Diary, p.30.

Mean Streets

New readers start here: US private detective Harry Kerry is trying to make a living in a quiet English village near here, where Reg the greengrocer can't tell his apostrophes from



his parentheses. Harry has been trying to track down Jim Throttle, husband of Harry's client Elsie. After meeting local village big-wig Lawrence Crump, Harry briefly encounters Marta, an ex-girl-friend of his, before Marta is mysteriously driven away. Later, Harry sees Marta go into Reg's greengrocer's shop, but by the time he gets there to see her, she has again vanished. Then Lawrence Crump emerges from a store-room at the back of the shop. Harry hears a shot, and then the sound of a body slumping to the floor.....

The trouble was, the body was mine. The bang on the head was bad enough, but now I'd been shot in the leg. It wasn't too serious - some headcase with a pellet gun. But I was bleeding and it hurt a bit. Well, quite a lot really. OK, I told myself. Private eyes get knocked around a bit in these stories, but they always come out of it all right in the end. I reflected, too, on the fact that if we were in the USA right now, I could rely on the caring and sympathetic National Rifle Association to leave no stone unturned in hunting down the perpetrator, ensuring that he was brought to justice following his clearly reckless use of a firearm, and making sure no-one else could make such a use of a gun.

It was at that moment that I realised I was delirious. I shook myself down and got back to reality. A rather posh voice called out.

"Oh, I say, old boy, I'm awfully sorry!"

An elderly gentleman stepped down the stairs leading from the upstairs floor of the shop.

"I wasn't aiming to shoot you, I was hoping to stop Lawrence. Only without decent glasses, I don't see too well!"

Well, hello, Jim Throttle. Found you. And welcome home.

"Mr Throttle, you can't go around shooting innocent people."

"Sorry, old chap, can't stop to chat. I must get Lawrence Crump." And with that Jim Throttle left the building. Reg the greengrocer helped me to my feet. "Well", he said, "that's the strangest thing to happen since cousin Ada ran off with the window-dresser from Stoke-on-Trent."

"Some other time, Reg", I said. "Right now I need to get home and fix my head and this hole in my leg".



Back at the office, I poured myself a stiff orange squash which I found lying on my desk, next to a choc-ice. I couldn't figure out where these had come from. Then I realised that I must have bought them from that typist during the intermission.

It was getting late and I hadn't eaten. I picked up the phone and called the 'Manana' Spanish slow-food take-away on the High Street. I ordered paella, and they told me it would be ready in about a week. I sighed and switched on the television.

The national news was just ending. The announcer said "And

now for the news where you are... " and I was suddenly aware of a little guy next to me, with a camera labelled 'BBC' strapped to his head, pointing a microphone in my face.

"Hello! What's the news where you are, then?"

"What, here? In my office? There ain't no news where I am." "Well, I've been sent to get the news where you are."

"I told you, I'm here, but there's no news. If there was any news, I'd tell you about it."

"And all our viewers?"

``Look, I'm busy. OK, yes, if there was any news, I'd tell your viewers."

"All of them?"

"Yes, all of them!"

"But there's no news, then, where you are?"

"Nope"

There was a short pause.

He sidled up closer to me. "Well, you got any weather, then?" I switched the guy off.

The doorbell rang. I pressed the button for the front-door intercom. "Who's there?"

"Harry? It's Marta."

Marta! She's come to explain everything, I thought. I let her in, imagining again her dark hair and beautiful eyes as she climbed the stairs to the office. I thought of Paris. I don't know why. I had never been there.

"Harry, you're in danger!" she exclaimed as she entered. "I'm working with the International Grammar Correction Agency. We thought it was just a matter of a formal investigation into Reg the greengrocer's appallingly bad punctuation. But now we think Reg and his shop are just a cover for something else - something much, much bigger....."

To be continued.

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Diary for June and July

June

Wednesday 13th: Friends of Gillfield Wood practical conservation morning, run with the help of the Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am, Baslow Road bus terminus. Re-Gillfield Wood freshments, 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 where any late changes of venue will be published.

July

Thursday 5th: Wildflower Walk. This walk, led by Rebekah Newman, gives an opportunity to visit a wildflower meadow on the south side of Gillfield Wood. Rebekah did a very good walk 2 years ago looking at the wild flowers in the Wood itself.

Our thanks go to Mr Rosser at Fanshawe Gate Farm who is allowing us to park no more than 8 cars in his yard. This will mean car sharing for those who would like to visit the meadow, if numbers are high. To help with this please contact me (paulatfogw@gmail.com) if you have room in your car or if you need a lift. You can, of course, walk to Fanshawe Gate. The walk will start at Fanshawe Gate Farm at 6.30pm and last no more than a couple of hours. Good footwear is advised

Saturday 7th: Bird Walk 3. Please join Chris Measures for his third Bird Walk of 2018. We hope to see a few butterflies as well as see the summer birds.

We recommended that you wear good footwear and appropriate clothing. Bring your binoculars or cameras. Meet for an early start at 8am outside the Scout Hut, off Aldam Road. The walk will last around 2-3 hours. No experience necessary.

Sunday 22nd: 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 welcome and guidance given. Check our website at www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com where any late changes of venue will be published.

Wednesday 25th: Discovering the History of Gillfield Wood. Please check out the separate advertisement on page 5 of this issue regarding Totley History Group's evening walk and talk which is led by the Friends of Gillfield Wood.

Paul Hancock



Ask Your Pharmacist

Holiday season health

Hopefully by the time this edition is published, we will be basking in a roaring summer (perhaps written more in hope than expectation). While most of us enjoy the sunshine, we seem to think less of the health issues than during the gloomy nights of winter. However, summer does bring its own problems.

The obvious health concern on sunny days is to protect yourself from harmful UV light which causes skin cancer, so it is very important to apply sunscreen especially for children. Sunscreen should be applied frequently and at the right strength (minimum F30). Pop in for advice and a full range of options at great prices.

Another problem the summer brings is hayfever, a debilitating problem which can ruin summer for sufferers. Practical solutions can include keeping windows closed, wearing sunglasses and staying indoors, but these do not allow sufferers to enjoy nice weather. Fortunately, we stock a range of options including tablets, nose sprays, eye drops and liquids for children. We can provide these items for free using our Minor Ailments scheme.



If travelling abroad for your summer holidays, you will have to consider other factors too including packing a first aid kit. We can suggest what this should include. If travelling to more exotic locations you will have to consider whether your vaccines are up to date - we can check which you require for your destination. Make sure you check in advance as some need to be administered a certain length of time before arrival in the area.

Malaria is a serious tropical disease spread by mosquitoes. If it isn't diagnosed and treated promptly, it can be fatal. It's important to be aware of the symptoms if travelling to high risk areas. Symptoms include a high temperature (fever), sweats and chills, headaches, vomiting, muscle pains and diarrhoea. For most people, symptoms begin 10 days to 4 weeks after infection, although a person may feel ill as early as 7 days or as late as 1 year later.

Malaria can often be avoided using the ABCD approach to prevention, which stands for:

Awareness of risk - find out whether you're at risk of getting malaria.

Bite prevention - avoid mosquito bites by using insect repellent, covering your arms and legs, and using a mosquito net.

Check whether you need to take malaria prevention tablets – if you do, make sure you take the right antimalarial tablets at the right dose, and finish the course.

Diagnosis – seek immediate medical advice if you have malaria symptoms, including up to a year after you return from travelling.

We find that most people check what vaccines are required before travelling, but are more casual about malaria requirements. In 2016, there were 216 million cases of malaria and 445,000 deaths worldwide; since it is prevalent in over 100 countries we seem to be underestimating the dangers of malaria. So please ask us about the right medication to take. Both our pharmacists have completed training enabling us to supply malaria prevention medicines without a prescription, so getting the right medication could not be easier.

We get asked about all manner of options but there's no evidence to suggest homeopathic remedies, electronic buzzers, vitamins B1 or B12, garlic, yeast extract spread (such as Marmite), tea tree oils or bath oils offer any protection against mosquito bites.

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Totley Library Keeps Improving!

We are delighted to let you know that Totley Library just keeps getting better! And that's not just our opinion! A recent survey found that the vast majority of users think Totley Library has improved over the last two years. In total, 71 users competed a survey in March, 77% of whom thought the variety of activities provided at the library was better, 72% said the appearance of the library had improved and 70% thought that both customer service and the quality of books was now better than in the past!

We are grateful to everyone who completed the survey to provide us with valuable feedback. It's only by hearing your views that we can make changes and improvements in order to meet your expectations. It was in response to a survey we ran in 2016 that we introduced our Orange Sticker Scheme and introduced many new books to our stocks, as concern had been expressed in that earlier survey that the quality of our books was less good than it had been. So, it's very encouraging to see that feedback on the quality of our books is now so much better!

We have also just received our book lending figures for 2017/18 and we have seen a 5% increase in book loans compared to the previous year. This is a really fantastic achievement as we had seen previously seen a decrease in books lent each year in line with the national trends. We are very grateful to all our volunteers who have helped to achieve this success!

New Books

As well as getting new books through our Orange Sticker scheme, we were delighted to receive a grant from Sheffield City Council to buy new books recently. We have therefore been able to order a lot of new titles, which are now arriving at the library. Our choice of new books was based on the feedback of users, and we have also included highly acclaimed and prize-winning books, which we hope will be enjoyed by our users. If you've not been into the library recently please come and see us and have a look at our new stock!

Building Works

Having received planning permission from Sheffield City Council to allow us to move ahead with the extension at the rear of the library, we are currently selecting a builder to undertake the work to provide the long-awaited new accessible public toilet and store room. We expect to move ahead with the building scheme over the next few months.

The internal fire safety improvements are now complete and, among other things, we now have a new fire alarm system and new fire doors. Work on the fire escape routes will take place during the summer. Thank you for bearing with us during these works, but we're sure you'll agree it's important that we make these improvements.

We will also be making other improvements to the library over the next few weeks, including redecorating the Children's Library and some external decoration and repair work.

Library Lottery Winners

The first prize in our March Lottery was Philip Spencer who won £128.20, with Christine Parker winning the second prize of £32.05. In April our winners were Harry Driver and David Willdig with winnings of £131 and £32.75 respectively. Congratulations to all our winners!

Children's Activities at the Library

Story Time for Toddlers and Pre-school children

Our Story Time for Toddlers and pre-school children, held weekly from 10.30am on Wednesday morning, continues to

be very popular. During school holidays we invite older children (aged 5-11) to join our session. However, due to the high numbers, we have decided that in future during the school holidays we will ask parents to pre-book places. Each week has a different theme and children can come along with their parents or carers to enjoy a story and related activities.

Summer Holiday Activities at the library

Children up to the age of 11 are invited to come and join in with activities during the school holidays. Plans for the summer holidays this year include the following:

Wednesday July 25th 10.30 -11.30am - Pirates

Friday July 27th - Hunt for Mini-beasts with a look at wildlife and nature in the park and Gillfield Woods

Monday July 30th 2pm-3pm - Mini Musicians with Jill Vincent from Broomhill Music - for ages 5-7 years

Tuesday July 31st - Art Workshop "We're All Works of Art" - for ages 6-11years

Please note that booking will be required for all of the sessions.

Summer Reading Challenge

We will be running the very popular Summer Reading Challenge at the library again this year. Children are encouraged to read six or more books of their choice - fact books, joke books, picture books, audio books - just as long as they are borrowed from the library - during the school summer holidays.

There are collectable incentives and rewards, plus a certificate for every child who completes the Challenge. Children can sign up at Totley library as the holidays begin on 21st July. This year the Challenge celebrates 100 years of the Beano comic and is called Mischief Makers.

The challenge finishes on Saturday 2nd September, but we allow flexibility if families are on holiday and children will still be able to collect their medals for a week or so after that if needed.

Other Events at the Library

Friday 29th June, 7.00 pm. Pie and Peas Supper followed by 'The Shepleys of Woodthorpe Hall', an illustrated talk by Dick Shepley on the history of the family from Victorian times to the current day, including events of the second world war and the Shepley Spitfire story.

Tickets £10 or £8 for Friends of CRIC. **Please note that to enable us to plan the catering, tickets for this event must be purchased in advance, and cannot be bought 'on the door'**. For more details please see the display ad on page 3 of this issue.

Friday 27th July, 7.30 pm. Folk music with the Beekeepers. Tickets \pounds 7 or \pounds 5 for Friends of CRIC. For more details please see the display ad on page 6 of this issue.

Totley Library Community Cinema

Details of our film showings can be found on the Totley Library cinema page on our website at:

http://www.totleycric.org.uk/totley-library-cinema.html.

Tickets include prize entry and cost \pounds 4 for adults and \pounds 2.50 for children. Current listings are as follows:

Children's films

Sunday 17th June, 2.00pm Coco Sunday 16th September, 2.00pm Peter Rabbit

Films for adults

Friday 22nd June, 7.30pm The Post Thursday 28th June, 3.00pm Dunkirk Friday 21st September, 7.30pm Darkest Hour Thursday 28th September, 3.00pm The Post

For our list of Regular weekly events and meetings see p.6

Isabel Hemmings

All Saints Church

Totley Hall Lane



Behind the painted smile

It seems that we only have to open a newspaper or switch on the TV or radio to be bombarded with news about the lives of "celebrities". Every move they make, what they wear, who they speak to or don't speak to, nothing, it appears, is off limits. Whether we like it or not, the culture of celebrity is well and truly established and shows no sign of abating. There is a perception in some people's minds that being rich and or famous is the answer to every problem. After all, they've got it all, money, status, power, what on earth could there be to worry about? If only we were in their shoes, how much better our life would be.

Reality and experience tell us a different story. How often have we heard of battles with drugs, alcohol, depression, gambling etc. in those we thought "had it all"? Seemingly confident and successful people who in reality are sad, afraid and lonely, in public wearing a mask and hiding their inner turmoil. People afraid to admit that in spite of appearances, behind closed doors, everything is definitely not ok.

But of course this isn't just something that happens to the rich and famous. Problems don't discriminate, they happen to all of us old, young, rich, poor, people of faith or none.

There is always....

A little truth behind just kidding A little emotion behind I don't care A little pain behind I'm OK A little need behind leave me alone We just need to look for the signs. healthythoughts.in

At times we can all look at the lives of others and see only what we think we see. The good job, the lovely home, the pillar of the church or community, the perfect relationship, the new car, the happy family. Many of us are very good at putting on a brave face and hiding our problems from others. How many times have you met someone and asked how they are and got the "fine thanks" reply, only to discover later that things were far from fine but the individual didn't want to share their pain? There is no reason, of course, why anyone should share their problems if they do not want to, but it is also important that none of us makes assumptions about others too. Do we always look beyond the outward appearance and consider that all may not be as it seems?

We may not know what is going on in someone else's seemingly perfect life but that doesn't mean to say that all is well. Kindness and compassion towards each other help us to feel connected and less isolated. A friendly smile, a warm hello or a few minutes spent chatting on the phone, it needn't cost the earth but it may mean the world to someone who is struggling to cope.

The great commandment that Jesus gave to his disciples was to love each other and to love their neighbours. Whether we are motivated by faith or not we may be the one person that lights a spark of hope in the life of someone who is wearing a mask.

Services at All Saints are held at 10am every Sunday and Wednesday. Children's groups take place during the Sunday 10am service (apart from the first Sunday which is an all age service).

The Wednesday service is a said service which usually lasts no more than 45 minutes. Everyone is welcome to attend either or both services.

Sadly, the planned "Its Springtime!" event at the library fell victim to some very un-spring like weather, and had to be cancelled. However, we were able to sell some of the crafts and cakes and were able to pass the proceeds on to the library.

There is a Monday drop in coffee morning held in the church hall lounge from 10am. It is open to all.

A parent and toddler group is held in the church hall on Wednesday mornings during term time from 10.00 till 11.30.

The church hall is available to hire for events and parties. Contact Beth Booth 0114 2365512 for details.

Liz Hayden, Churchwarden

Letter to the Editor

I came across some long-lost names on a website which brought back some memories.

I was at Totley C of E School from 1954 to 1958 (Junior 1 to Junior 4, Mrs Horsfield and Mrs Peacock) and the family left Sheffield in 1959 for the Fylde coast. My sister was at Totley County Primary till 1959.

Among the names I recall from the blog were Drury brothers, and Jeremy Woolhouse (a good friend in later years).

I can also recall many other names from Totley C of E including Jane Wilks, next to whom I was seated on my first day there, having arrived from Totley Brook Private School.

I would appreciate any time anyone could spare me to enable me to catch up on days I thought had gone forever. My contact details are below – I hope that someone may be in touch.

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Thanks and best wishes,

Michael Taylor



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Totley Show 2018

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

Saturday 15th September at Totley Primary School

Admission to the show will be 50p for adults and 20p for children We would be delighted to see you at the show and to receive your entries using the entry form overleaf

The Programme

- 8.45 Registration opens
- 10.45 Registration closes
- 11.00 Judging of classes
- 1.30 Doors open to the public
- 1.45 Official opening of the Show
- 2.30 Prize money may be collected
- 3.15 Last raffle ticket sales
- 3.30 Prize giving followed by raffle draw and auction of donated items
- 3.45 Collection of non-auction entries

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

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

How to Enter the Show

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

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

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

Notes:

Recipe to be used for Dundee cake class (use a deep 7" tin): 175g/6oz plain flour; 125g/4oz butter/margarine; 125g/4oz soft brown sugar; 2¼tsps baking powder; 1 rounded tsp mixed ground spice; 3 eggs, 125g/4oz raisins; 125g/4oz sultanas; 125g/4oz currants; 85g/3oz chopped mixed peel and chopped cherries; 40g/1½oz blanched almonds to decorate.

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

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

Totley Show 2018

Entry Form

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

Name	
Home phone	
Mobile	
Address	

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

FRESH PRODUCE SECTION

HANDICRAFT SECTION

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

DOMESTIC SECTION

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

FLORAL SECTION

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

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Entrant number
Total number of entries

4 Eating apples 23 24 4 Cooking apples 25 8 Blackberries 26 5 or more mixed veg/ salad 27 3 Courgettes 28 5 matching runner beans 29 5 Tomatoes 30 1 Cucumber 31 Heaviest marrow Longest runner bean 32 33 3 Eggs from own hens

ART & SCULPTURE SECTION

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

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION

41	Black and white	
42	Totley Life	
43	Wildlife	
44	Landscape	

WOODWORK SECTION

45	Wood turning	
46	Open woodwork	

CHILDREN'S SECTION (up to 14)

47	Vegetable animal (up to 8)	
48	Vegetable animal (9-14)	
49	3 Decorative buns (up to 8)	
50	A cake any recipe (9 to 14)	
51	3 Biscuits (up to 8)	
52	3 Biscuits (9 to 14)	
53	Decorated gingerbread man	
54	Egg cup flower arrangement	
55	Painting or drawing (up to 5)	
56	Painting or drawing (6-8)	
57	Painting or drawing (9-11)	
58	Painting or drawing (12-14)	
59	Lego model <25cm ² (up to 8)	
60	Lego model <25cm ² (9-14)	
61	Colour photo (up to 14)	
62	Open any medium (up to 8)	
63	Open any medium (9–11)	
64	Open any medium (12–14)	
65	Handwriting (up to 8)	
66	Handwriting (9-11)	
67	Handwriting (12-14)	
68	An original poem	

Total entry fee due	
Entry fee paid	

Gardening Tips for June and July

I think I should join a circus troupe. I am becoming really good at juggling at the moment. Due to the recent weather the jobs in the garden and elsewhere have mounted up and I am having quite a performance deciding which jobs to throw in the air (that is, put on hold) and which are to take priority. With the open gardens in mind, the garden is uppermost - we can't have people coming round to look at an untidy garden. I hope we can make it interesting and inspire some beginners to take gardening more seriously, not just mowing the lawn and cleaning the BBQ. We have one or two ideas that make life in the garden easier. I look forward to meeting and chatting to the visitors on July 7th and 8th.

We are putting a few plants together which will go to the library plant sale, though it will be over by the time you read this. I hope those who bought plants, cuttings, etc. are enjoying your purchases. I know that all of the plant donations are usually good quality, and the other factor is that you are helping to keep the excellent activities in the library going on.

I am not doing anything extra in the garden in regard to the other great Totley activity, the Totley Show. I won't be worrying about whether my marrows are growing big enough, or if my leeks are nice and white. Why, you ask?! Because I have been asked to judge your offerings in the fresh produce section, so please come along with your goodies to make my job worthwhile. The schedule is in this copy of TI. I'm sure you veg and fruit growers will be able to find one or two things you can bring along to make things difficult for me to decide who gets the magnificent fresh produce shield, and the first prize certificates in each category.

Today (May 7th, Bank Holiday) it's 23 degrees in the garden, and 100+ in the greenhouses. I have just painted the shading on the outside of the them, and this usually lowers the temperature by about 10 degrees. The tomatoes don't like these high temperatures, so I will be damping down to keep them happy. I suppose the heatwave will not go on for much longer - a few days is our usual summer. I don't think we are tempting fate by removing the bubble insulation; I can remember having a frost and snow in June, but it only lasted a few days.

I have planted a bed of sweetcorn again this year. They will enjoy the sunshine. I've put in the same variety as last year as we had a very good crop - it's bred for this climate, sp I hope it's not too hot for them.

We have just come in having spent a good day in the garden (still quite warm, with a little drop of rain as we finished, which was nice and we didn't have to water outside). Christine has done very well with her hanging baskets and tubs, - we try to use the compost from the previous years. She really enjoys sifting through the reclaimed soil looking for any wildlife which is not required. She loves to spot vine weevil grubs: they are pretty little things, pale cream with little black noses, easily spotted against the dark compost. they are taken out and given to the robins. The compost is stored in bags along with a small amount of vine weevil killer (just in case we missed any) and will be used in a couple of months time, either in the compost bins or for potting outdoor specimen plants. Meanwhile (apart from watching Christine drooling over vine weevil grubs) I have been nipping the top growth off the plant seedlings, which encourages them to bush out and develop into sturdy plants: fuchsias, antirrhinums, French marigolds and geraniums all benefit from this procedure, which is a bit tedious but worthwhile doing.

We have moved lots of plants outdoors so that they can harden off ready for planting out. We hope that the weather stays reasonably fine so that we can avoid having to move them in and out of the greenhouses. If frost is forecast then the cold frame will have its lid on, and other plants covered with fleece or bubble wrap, and any really vulnerable plant will have to be moved and squashed into the crowded greenhouse. It's all part of the joys of gardening....

One important thing to remember in hot weather is not to cut your lawns too short. If you do it will find it hard to recover later. Some gardeners recommend leaving the grass box off the machine ss that the cuttings act as a mulch and keep moisture in the soil. I am not keen on this idea, as it means a bigger job removing the thatch later.



Don't forget the Totley Open Gardens on 7th and 8th July, and also make preparations for the Totley Show on 15th September. I will be making my Dundee cake (second prize last year!), Christine will be making her famous lemon curd - this is well worth bidding a good price for at the auction of both these efforts at the end of the show. If you want any tips about exhibiting at shows drop me a line, or better still pop into our garden for a chat.

June

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

Aphids and greenfly can be troublesome, so regular spraying will be necessary to keep them under control. Don't forget to give your plants a good feed now and again - it will pay dividends in helping plants. As alpine and rockery plants finish flowering, trim back the growth to keep plants neat and compact. Sow seeds of winter-flowering pansies in seed boxes and put them in a frame, then when they are large enough they can be planted out in the garden.

Dead-head peonies after flowering and cut back oriental poppies. Lift and clean spring bulbs, store in a light, airy shed.

Pinks can be propagated now by means of cuttings. Select healthy looking none-flowering shoots, 10-13 cms long (4 to 5 inches). Pull them out at a joint (this is termed "piping") and insert these pipings firmly 5cms (2 inches) deep and about 10 cms apart in sandy soil, preferably in a frame but a shady border will do. Keep them well-watered, shaded from direct sunlight.

Sow biennials such as Canterbury bells, foxgloves, pansies, violas and sweet Williams in frames or cloches.

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

Plant out winter greens, including brussels sprouts, broccoli, kale and savoy. Stake up peas and beans.

Plant outdoor tomatoes when they have been hardened off. Choose a sunny spot - a border at the foot of a wall or fence

with a southerly aspect will be best. Soil should be in good condition but not too richly manured. Let them set a few fruit, then feed with tomato fertiliser.

Plant out runner beans 20cms (8 inches) apart, and provide a stout take or cane for each plant.

Plant celery, set plans that are 8cm (3 inches) high or more. I find the self-blanching type less time-consuming. Plant out marrow plants - they will be ready in good time for the Show. I plant mine in well-rotted compost between 2 bales of straw. This keeps them off the ground and holds the moisture, which they love. Let's see if you can beat my whopper of last year.

Pinch out broad beans when they have set 3 clusters. This may prevent an attack of black fly. You may be able to lift a root or two of early potatoes for an early taster - keep earthing up.

Sow a further crop of parsley and stump rooted carrots. Make a sowing of french beans in a sheltered place. These will crop in September (just right for the Show) and continue until the first sharp frost.

Don't forget to water and feed - don't just spray the tops, give them a full soaking. This should last and prevent surface rooting which make the plants susceptible to drought conditions. Keep hoeing to prevent weeds taking hold.

Plant out leeks for winter/spring. Sow chervil and dill in a sunny spot to be ready in late summer.

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit: As with all plants, keep well watered and weed free. Remove dead tips of cotoneaster and cherry.

Pick the poisonous seeds of laburnum, especially if there are children around. Give azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias and hydrangeas a feed of sequestrine especially if they are yellowing.

Keep an eye out for pests and diseases and deal with them as soon as they are seen.

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

Prune deciduous shrubs like cleutzia broom and mock orange after flowering. Keep raspberries moist at ground level by mulching with straw or strawy manure between the rows.

Keep the young shoots of blackberries and loganberries tied up. Peg strawberry runners which have been earmarked for propagation into posts.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: For plants, watching temperatures is the order of the day, damping down if the weather is hot and giving plenty of ventilation. Early June nights can be treacherous, so watch the weather forecast.

Keep plants well watered and fed. Take out side shoots on tomatoes and feed with fertiliser when the first truss has set. Pollinate flowers using a fine brush - or a cottonball on a stick will do nicely.

Watch out for white fly. I use yellow sticky cards placed strategically around. They are very effective. If they get really bad, use a whitefly smoke cone. You will need to repeat this every 5-6 days to give effective control.

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

Pot up rooted cuttings taken in May. Watch out for aphids etc and treat when seen. I find plant pins very effective.

Take stem cuttings from geraniums, busy lizzie, fuschia, heliotrope, kalanchoe, plumbago and peperomia. Take leaf cuttings from African violets, rex begonias, echeveria and gloxinia.

Lawns: Cut, water, keep clean regularly. Trim edges, it really makes the garden look smart. New lawns should be gently

rolled and lightly cut over. Apply lawn feed if you haven't already done so. Apply selective weedkiller when weeds appear. Prepare ground for new lawn areas to be laid in autumn. That should keep you busy for a while.

July

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

Tulips, hyacinths and other bulbs will now have completed their growth and may be lifted and cleaned. Lay the bulbs in shallow trays in a cool dry place. July is a good month to plant Madonna lilies. Plant them about 8" apart and 2" deep. Lilies prefer a sunny positioning in good but not freshly manured soil.

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



Vegetables: Thin out vegetable seedlings sown last month before they become overcrowded. Cut globe artichokes as hey become available – don't leave them on the plant too long. Continue to plant winter greens. Keep them well watered. Leeks need to be blanched by drawing earth around the stems or wrapping them with roofing felt or similar. They should be just right for the Totley Show in September! Have you tried letting a few radishes run to seed? The pods they produce are quite delicious if picked young.

Gather herbs for winter use, mulch and spray runner beans.

Trees Shrubs and Fruit: Thin out apples, pears and plums if the crop is heavy - the fruit will develop better. Black-currants will benefit from a feed of high nitrogen fertiliser such as nitro chalk. Cordon trained apples should be summer pruned to keep them in shape and check their vigour.

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

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

Greenhouse primulas, caceolarias, and cinerarias sown in June will need pricking out into trays or boxes; earlier ones can be put into pots.

Keep a wary eye open for greenfly etc. and deal with them before they get out of control.

Lawns: Set the mower high in dry weather and remove the grass box so that the cuttings act as a mulch to keep in the moisture. Let's hope we have the weather to sit out on the lawn, perhaps have a barbie or a picnic....or just lay back with a glass of something! Lovely.....

Cheerio for now

Tom

Walking the Dog....

It's only a game. And it's only for ever.

Rony?

What, Jack?

You know when the football season starts again?

It never really stops these days, Jack. Though once upon a time when we had proper summers and winters -

Yes, but when it does, can I support a football team please?

Dogs don't support football teams, Jack. **Please?**

Well I suppose you could support - Wolves? Or Doncaster Rovers. Or -

But I live in Sheffield, so I want to support a Sheffield team?

Well, there are two Sheffield teams to choose from, if you don't count Sheffield.

What are the two Sheffield teams I can choose from if I don't count Sheffield?

One's Sheffield United and they are called the Blades and the other I'm afraid is Sheffield Wednesday, and they are called the Owls.

Which one shall I choose?

I'm not allowed to be biased. You have to choose for yourself, like everybody else born in Sheffield. But once you have chosen you can't ever change, unless you are Derek Dooley.

Can't you help me just a bit?

Well, do you like red, which is a lovely colour. Or blue?

We dogs are colour blind, especially Manchester Terrier crosses.

You can keep Manchester out of it, please. Football was invented in Sheffield in 1857, and the first football team ever was called Sheffield ,and the second one ever was called Hallam. Like the radi-?

Yes, and like the radio, Sheffield was first and best. But that won't help you, Jack, because, as I have laboriously explained, you still have to choose between Wednesday and United, because Sheffield, who were the first, are now Dronfield. Next question?

Are Wednesday called Wednesday because they play on Wednesdays? No.

Why not?

Because if they played on Wednesdays they'd have no one to play with.

Why are The Blades called The Blades?

Because Sheffield is famous for our spoons and we appear in Chaucer. Like Chaucer school?

No.

Why not?

I've no idea why Chaucer School is called Chaucer School, Jack but for this issue of the *Independent* we are concentrating on football, and not silliness.

Soz.

Right. So. At first, after football had been invented in Sheffield, Wednesday were called the Blades, but then they moved from Olive Grove to-

Olive Grove is where there's that mountain for when it snows, and where the yellow men hide in their vans before coming out to cut down our trees without even asking us dogs?

Yes, but in those days Olive Grove was a very old football ground, only it wasn't very old then. And as I was trying to say, Jack, Wednesday played there before they went to Owlerton and stopped calling themselves the Blades. What did they call themselves instead?

The Owls.

Why?

Because they played at Owlerton, however much they now pretend they play at Hillsborough, so they sound posher. Meanwhile Sheffield United, now playing at Bramall Lane, became the Blades instead.

Because they are sharper than Wednesday? I mustn't say.

Why not?

Because there might be some Wednesdayites in Totley who can read, and they might come round and get me... But I can say this. Bramall Lane is the oldest football ground in the world still in continuous use.

Does that help me choose my team?

No. What will?

Some people try to follow their family's team? Yours is the only family I've ever known. Well, my dad lived at Wadsley and he was a Wednesdayite, even if he looked like Jimmy Hagan. So shall I be Wednesday? My mum came from Woodseats. And she was United. Because she came from their side of town? No. Because of the cricket. Your mum and dad must have been like Romeo and Juliet? They were.

But there again, your great niece Bronwyn, who goes to All Saints, is a Blade because I've seen in her kit on her grown-up bike in Green Oak, and she's got her name on a brick, and her dad Eric's a bit of a Blade too. So -

So? My son Goronwy, her second cousin, who went to Totley Cowsheds, is an Owl, after his granddad who came from Wadsley. ...So how do we choose?

Howard Holmes, has researched the football divide here in the city that invented football. Even he can't explain how we choose. He says it doesn't depend on which team is doing better, or where you live, who your parents are, whether you are posher, higher or lower achievers, older, younger, happier, better- looking, better at football, boys or girls -**Or dogs?**

Or dogs. And that's the final whistle. So you must now choose, Jack. But remember two things? It's only a game. And it's only for ever.

Rony Robinson (Blade) Jack Robinson (Owl)

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Now it's `rummuting'!

Sheffield's running boom is leading more and more workers to leave the car and bus behind and commute in their trainers instead. Local runners say the Outdoor City is ideal for 'run commuting' or 'rummuting,' because they can choose commuter routes through parks, off-road trails or even along riversides.

"You can actually fit your training in on your way to or from work," said Kate Scott from Dore. "And the run home gives you a fabulous feeling of freedom and release from the work day. It's a brilliant destressor!"



Running commuters: L to R: Matt Barton, Jeni Harvey and Laurie Harvey in the city centre

If you're a runner, why wouldn't you rummute, said Amy Earnshaw. "It's so easy. You've done some exercise and all you've done is come to work."

Laurie Harvey reckons there's no cheaper way to travel into the city centre. "You just need footwear and a bit of gear you might have anyway."

Members of the booming Steel City Striders running club said they're seeing more runners commuting anything from 3 to over 50 miles a week, and added that run commuting makes them more alert when they get to work, and less likely to take days off sick.

And once you've put on your shoes and stepped out the door, rummuting is simple, they say, as long as you plan ahead by dropping off your work gear on a cycle or bus journey earlier in the week, for example.

"Attitudes are changing as more and more people embrace the idea" said Jeni Harvey. "Running is cheap and practical. You set off and know nothing can get in your way, not a traffic jam or a broken down tram. You're in charge."

For more local running info see: www.theoutdoorcity.co.uk/run/

Tips for Runners

Plan Ahead - cycle or take the bus with your gear once or twice a week, and change at work on running days. Keep shoes, coat, shirts, make up and washing gear at work. *Plan Your Routes* - check footpaths and parks, but think

about streetlights too in winter. Run Home - if there are no washing facilities at work, try

running home instead.

Training - you can fit in training like intervals or speed sessions or even clock up Strava segments en route.

Ideas for Employers

Set Up Lockers - for clothes, make up, washing kit and footwear. Provide Showers and Drying Facilities - showers or other facilities to freshen up and somewhere to dry kit on rainy days. Be Supportive - don't shake your head at muddy colleagues! What about getting vouchers from a running shop instead, or invite a trainer in to help people get started?

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Totley Library Plant Sale

Gardening Team member Fiona Smith said "a huge thank you to all who contributed their time, plants, cakes, books, gazebo, tables etc to the successful planning and running of the plant sale. We were really fortunate with the dry warm weather, so could have the book stall and refreshments outside on the lawn, along with the plants. We raised over £1000 at the sale which is a great contribution to the running costs of the library - thank you!"





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Rights Respecting Schools Award

This year, we have been continuing our journey from the UNICEF Recognition of Commitment and managed to achieve the Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) in April! With support from UNICEF and with thousands of schools across the country, we have been working to embed children's rights into our ethos and culture. Amongst the events this year, we've had a Fairtrade bun sale, we've hosted the 'Right Click' ESafety Parent Workshops in partnership with BT, taken part in the Shoe Share project and done work for Waste Week and World Water Day.

The Silver Award recognises a school's achievement in putting the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond. Children and adults at TASS have been learning about the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child in assemblies and in the classroom led by Mrs J Brown (Y2 class teacher) plus our TASS Rights Respecters. We're very proud of what we have achieved and will now be working towards the Gold standard!

Maths Week Math-e-magicians!

We're very grateful to our wonderful PTA Fun-d aisers who very generously agreed to fund our visit from the Happy Puzzle Company earlier this term. The children had to cooperate in teams to solve puzzles using their mathematical thinking skills. They also had to persevere and show resilience if they



didn't solve their challenge straight away. We worked hard all week investigating different challenges and, in our Celebration Assembly on the Friday, one child from each class was awarded a certificate and prize for being our Star Math-e-magician! The winners were:

- FS2 Grace Horton
- Y1 Daniel Wilson
- Y2 Bronwyn Shaw
- Y3 LJ Dastoor
- Y4 Thomas Davies Y5 — Lily Winslow
- Y6 Rafi Day

Visitors and Extra-Curricular Activities

We like to provide our children with a wide variety of experiences and as a result have various visitors and extra

aspects to really get them engaged. Visitors this term have included the History Van, Viki Beadle from Train Tram, Mike Warren, a Christian storyteller, Saints Alive Puppets who perform in assemblies, plus Richard Mills - a sports coach who comes in every Monday to deliver workshops and afterschool clubs. Our after school and lunchtime clubs include the Baily Cup, Catch Coaching Dodge Ball, Football, Bench ball and Lunchtime clubs; plus Choir, Chill Zone and Adventure Clubs. We also offer a wide range of music lessons including: piano, guitar and all of our Y5s learn the cornet together – yes, that's a lot of noise with 30 children at once!

In terms of visits this term, thirty children from Y3, 4 and 5 went to see and hear the Halle Orchestra play at the Sheffield City Hall. The Halle Orchestra ranks among the UK's top symphonic ensembles and performed a programme entitled 'The Natural World.' The concert was presented by Tom Redmond and included audience participation, singing and activities designed for the children to become immersed in the music of famous composers such as Smetana, Debussy, Sibelius and John Williams.



In addition, our Y1s visited the Old Victorian Classroom in Barnsley as part of their 'Totley Time Machine' topic. The day was very strict, involved blackboards in place of work books, and even the odd cane — but apart from that, it was also great fun! Maybe we at TASS need to go back to a few of the old practices...

We have even more visits planned for the coming weeks and particularly want to reward all of our Y6 for working so hard at getting ready for their SATs. As a result, they'll be going on their residential, going to see 'Awful Auntie' at the Lyceum, attending Crucial Crew and the Digifest. Amidst all of that, they'll also be getting ready for our production of: Pirates of the Curry Bean!

As ever - It's all happening at TASS!

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

Karole Sargent (Proud to be) Head teacher

Pianist Wanted Dore and Totley

United Reformed Church

The church, on Totley Brook Road, is looking for someone to help them by playing the piano for occasional services on Sundays at 10.30am, and at your convenience.

If you can help, please phone Ann Rook on 07985 958 502





2018 has got off to a characteristically busy start with lots of activities, both indoors and out. Our first taste this year of field walking at Whirlow Hall Farm was carried out by 17 hardy members of the Time Travellers on a bone chilling February afternoon – we waited until after lunch by which time it had warmed up to 3 degrees. At least it was dry! It was a very rewarding session as we picked up another handful of flint blades and fascinatingly, a gunflint possibly dating back to around 1800. We also collected some sherds of medieval pottery and perhaps best of all, a copper penny token dated 1812 and inscribed "Hull Lead Works". This had been issued by JK Pickard, a wealthy merchant and barrister from Hull, who apparently had a taste for the high life of London, sometimes mixing with royalty! Unfortunately, a bit of a gambler, he was made bankrupt in 1827 and died in 'reduced circumstances' in 1843.

Coming indoors and Lyndsey Haynes gave a fascinating talk informing us that medicine and cures are as old as the humans that practice them and have been shaped by the needs of the times. We looked back at the origins of medicine, saw its progression to the treatments that we know today and questioned which methods were the most successful. In late March, Time Traveller member and Sheffield academic Dr David Clarke gave an excellent talk to a capacity audience about Celtic Art and the use of carved heads. It turns out that there are lots of examples of these in all sorts of places as well as museums, on buildings, in walls and probably many more lying about waiting to be discovered. Carving faces onto stone is a tradition that has been around for a very long time and is still practiced today. The purpose of carved heads is up for debate - many people feel that they are to ward off evil spirits. Several Time Traveller members paid a very enjoyable visit to Elsecar Heritage Centre just after Easter and we also recently made a return to the Iron Age Hillfort at Wincobank Hill. Our AGM in April featured local historian David Templeman who this time told us about the origins of some old Sheffield street names. It seems that the strong links with trees in this city is a long standing one as some of our oldest thoroughfares referred to Fig Trees and Sycamores!

We have got lots of things lined up for the rest of spring and summer. One of our more novel activities at Whirlow Hall Farm is to assist in the construction of a replica Iron Age Roundhouse! This will be a fascinating step back in time to discover ancient building techniques and try our hands at 'wattle and daubing'. In addition, we are arranging some archaeological walks over the nearby prehistoric moorland including a look at the area around North Lees Hall, with its Bronte links. It's been a couple of years since we last went to Creswell Crags so we plan to have another exclusive 'behind the scenes' look there again. Finally, plans are in place for our annual archaeological excursion to North Wales and in September will be touring Chester Castle, town walls and amphitheatre, Caernarvon Castle, Conway Castle, Beaumaris Castle plus a range of prehistoric sites on Anglesey.

Trade Tokens: You may have read that the Time Travellers made an unusual find of a copper penny token whilst field walking at Whirlow Hall Farm recently. It turns out that quite a few rich merchants minted their own coins, or 'Trade Tokens' over time. The key difference from 'real money' was that a coin would be minted by a government and a token was issued by a company or individual. Initially they were intended for having a limited usage, typically being exchanged for goods within a merchant's own outlets. Whilst never being accepted as official coinage, over time these became more widely accepted as 'currency'. They were generally produced at times when there was a shortage of normal coins and so it was a response to enable trading to

continue. It was also an opportunity to advertise a company and some have become collector's items. The period around 1811 to 1815 coincided with the Napoleonic Wars when few coins, especially low denomination were minted. Tokens have been around for centuries, the monasteries used them and many different types are in use today.

Gunflints: A gunflint was found by a member of The Time Travellers at Whirlow Hall Farm at the very start of one of our field walks in February 2018. A gunflint is a piece of flint that has been shaped or knapped into a wedge shape that fits in the jaws of a flintlock. When released by the trigger, the spring-loaded hammer moves forward, causing the flint to strike a piece of steel called the frizzen. At the same time, the cover to the pan which contains the gun powder opens. As the flint strikes the frizzen it creates a spark which falls into the pan and ignites the powder. Flame burns through a small hole into the barrel of the gun and ignites the main powder charge, causing the weapon to fire. A single flint could produce enough sparks to fire between 50 and 100 musket or pistol shots.



This type of flint has a characteristic black colour and will almost certainly have come from the chalk quarries at Brandon, near Thetford in Suffolk. From 1792 Brandon was the centre of the gunflint industry for over 100 years. At its peak in 1813, 14 Brandon Flint Masters produced over a million flints each month and notably supplied the British Army at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. During the latter part of the 19th Century most of Brandon's gunflints were being exported, still in their millions to Turkey, Africa, China and South America.

If you are interested in finding out more about the programme of activities that the Time Travellers have lined up for the next few months then log on to our website at www.thetimetravellers.org

Glynn Burgin



Dore and Totley United Reformed Church

SHARE - Sheffield Health Action Resource for Ethiopia

At Dore and Totley United Reformed Church we support a different charity each year. For 2018 our charity is a local one, SHARE. This charity was established in 2000 by Professor Solomon Tesfaye of Sheffield Teaching Hospitals and Dr Gebre ab Barnabas, an old friend who was head of the Tigray Health Bureau.

Health professionals from Sheffield visit Ethiopia and have set up various initiatives in the Tigray region since 2000. These include Infection control, dental health, clinical education, laboratory medicine, medical engineering and diabetes. SHARE have also established Elshadai Children's Village to support children who are orphaned or who are not able to have parental support for other reasons.

The health care professionals give their time for free, meeting their own travel costs so that money raised can go directly to providing equipment, training staff, giving educational materials and much more. The partnership has now been formalised with a Memorandum of Understanding and later this year professionals from Ethiopia will visit Sheffield as part of a skills exchange.

You can find out more at www.ShareSheffield.org.uk. If you would like to sponsor a child, email sponsorachild@ ShareSheffield.org.uk for more details.

We have the following fund raising events to support SHARE:

Sunday June 10th: Lunch at 12 noon, after the morning service

Saturday September 22nd: Coffee morning with stalls

Sunday November 18th: 3 pm Proms to Poppies concert with the Dronfield Genguip Band.

For more details contact Elaine Ferguson on 07929720977.

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Recently Spotted...



Totley Litter Picking Group (all ages) in action despite freezing weather on Saturday 28th April. Community minded people caring for the local environment. 12 bags collected in just over an hour!

People Keeping Well

Are you aged 50 or over? Interested in local activities and meeting people?

A number of new groups have been established in the Totley area through the work of local charity Age UK Sheffield and local volunteers. The groups are all open to new members.

• Sporting memories group - join us fortnightly at Totley Library on Thursdays from 10am-12 noon for some laughs, a great quiz, and discussion around current sporting events. Feel free to bring in your sporting memorabilia to show. Open to anyone aged 50 or over. Sessions on Thursday 7th and 21st June, then fortnightly.

• Life stories - if you're over 50 and would like to work with others on group art and craft projects, make friends, and create your own memory book, you'll love Life Stories. This runs on Saturdays as a 12-week block. Please contact Age UK Sheffield on (0114) 250 2850 for more details.

• Target fitness classes - weekly classes focused on balance, flexibility and strength. Every Monday at the Totley United Reformed Church, from 2.0-3.30pm.

• Table tennis - every Friday from 7-9pm at Bradway Community Hall.

You can just turn up to any of these activities (except Life Stories) and get involved.

Age UK Sheffield has also started a small grants programme (up to £500) to groups in Dore and Totley to support activities for older people. For more information, contact steve.chu@ageuksheffield.org.uk.



Totley History Group

Programme 2018

27th June: The History of Chatsworth Gardens by Rachel

Parkin. The gardens have evolved over more than 450 years with major contributions from "Capability" Brown and Joseph Paxton. 7.30pm, Totley Library

25th July: Discovering the History of Gillfield Wood. Meet at 6.30pm in Totley Hall Lane for a 2 hour walk, approx. 2 miles: a walk to uncover the industrial part of the wood and adjacent fields.

Please note that there is no meeting in August.

Organic Gardening

After a most miserable winter, it was good to see some signs of spring even if it was later than normal. The Winter Aconites came first, but were affected by the cold and snow. They will come again next year. The Wild Primroses followed and stood up to later snowfalls. By late March/early April, Lungwort started to flower and the Lesser Celandine patches had increased and looked delightfully natural around some rotting and moss-covered logs. The Wild Daffodils had also spread and were stronger than when they first flowered. These were followed by the wonderful Wood Anemones and Wood Sorrel. I do wish the council and people who plant bulbs in the grass verges outside their houses, especially along country lanes, would plant the native varieties. They would look more natural and be better for the insects that depend on them.

Under the trees, the leaves that had fallen and others I had collected and spread there had disappeared, having rotted down well with the help of worms and other organisms and so returning their nutrients to the soil. It seems such a waste and a shame that so many are shovelled into "green bins" rather than being allowed to complete the natural cycle of every ecosystem.

The wild native Bluebell flowers from April to June. It is a lovely violet-blue colour with slender stems, arching flower-heads and a delicate but lovely scent. Ecclesall Woods is one of a few ancient woodlands that still have large numbers of these flowers, but they are being hybridised by the bigger and less delightful Spanish imported variety, which are straightstemmed, non-arching and scentless, and widely grown in gardens. When they were first introduced, many of us were ignorant of the damage they would cause to the balance of nature, but we know better now. Overall, and sadly, the best thing for gardeners to do is to remove any Bluebells from their gardens and keep doing so as some of the bulbs produced by these plants will still emerge, possibly years later.

Other woodland problems include Ash Dieback. It is now spreading across Derbyshire. One of two Ash trees near me has health problems but from fence damage, and they are now being monitored. The Woodland Trust and other environmental groups are conducting experiments to find resistant Ash trees and so hopefully ensure their survival in this country in the future.

Other problems are caused by Grey Squirrels. They do a lot of damage to trees and have displaced our native Red Squirrel from most of this country. The Vincent Wildlife Trust has re-introduced Pine Martens from Scotland into mid-Wales as



Pine Marten

they predate on the Greys but not on the Red Squirrels. Initial findings are looking promising and it is hoped that Red Squirrels will, in time, become established. This reintroduction programme can then be rolled out to other parts of the country.

A third problem is garden escapees! The winter issue of the Woodland Trust magazine, *Broadleaf*, shows a picture of a wood with a huge bright-red-flower-bearing shrub. It looks

totally out of place: a rhododendron. It is smothering all the natural plants which should be growing there and the area is devoid of the native wildlife which is dependent on them. For many reasons, many environmental organisations are urging us to grow native trees and flowers in our gardens rather than introduced species or cultivars which are spreading from gardens and causing untold damage to our woodlands and other ecosystems.

A lot of wildlife is suffering through loss of habitat and/or the effect of pesticides and other chemicals used on farmland and gardens.

The number of hedgehogs has dropped significantly as a result of intensive farming and slug pellets in gardens. Keeping an area more wild, with piles of different-sized logs/sticks, together with twigs and leaves, so that they can find shelter and make a nest, will encourage them to use your garden, but they need to be able to move through adjacent gardens and just a 5" square gap in fencing will allow them through. From April, which is the best time to clean out the hedgehog house, you could put out water, but never milk. I like to put out soaked mealworms rather than cat or dog food, but these would be fine as an alternative. Hedgehogs predate on slugs, so you will have little damage to your plants if you encourage hedgehogs into your garden. Perhaps some of you saw the Channel 5 programme on hedgehogs with Steve Backshall on 12th April, where Brian May talked about his hedgehog rescue centre and the best things to do to help them.

Bees are also dwindling in numbers and need native trees and flowers for the best pollen and nectar. It's good to let Ivy grow up walls or tree trunks, and quite thickly, as birds will find cover in it, but the flowers bloom late, so it is a wonderful support for bees later in the season.



Seventy-five per cent of honey world-wide has been found to contain traces of pesticides that act as a nerve agent on bees and affect their brain function. This is causing real concern for their survival. This further reinforces the argument for helping our bees by using alternative ways of controlling pests everywhere. The insect biomass world-wide is down by 75% which is catastrophic. Gardeners are urged to grow native plants organically and to keep any weeding down to the absolute minimum . . . if any.

If you want to use a fertiliser or put compost down on your garden, home-produced compost is the best. Otherwise use an organic product but do check before buying any organic compost or fertiliser - make a note of the website or the manufacturer and get in touch with them to make sure that they are only using organic garden waste for that product as I have found in at least one instance that they may not be and I alerted the garden centre. You can only be really sure if the item displays the Soil Association logo.

The cold weather brought lots of birds to the feeders; lots of blackbirds - one with a large bright yellow beak and I have been told it would have come from the continent. Also four sorts of finches, some siskins, a woodpecker and a pied wag-tail, together with other regulars.

January is the best time to put up new bird boxes as it gives the birds time to look for the best site for their nests. It is very important to put a box at the right height for the species for which it is intended and it should be placed with the entrance facing between north and south-east so the hatchlings don't overheat on warmer days. Do check the positioning of your existing bird-boxes before the (*continued p. 27*)

Organic Gardening (continued)

hotter weather comes!

Several wildlife organisations are now working together to bring areas back to their natural state in order to support all wildlife - plants and animals. They are all certain that intensive farming is causing real problems and more sustainable ways of producing our food need to be developed and put into practise. The Soil Association is certainly involved and a recent letter to members made the following statements:

"Despite a partial ban on neonics in place in the UK since 2013, a new study has just found almost a quarter of British honey samples are still contaminated, and alarming further new research shows common fungicides are linked to steep bumble-bee declines."

"The chronic effects on people eating food contaminated with toxic chemicals remains scandalously under-researched. Scientists at a recent public health conference raised worries about the impacts of even very low doses, stating "there is no safe dose" of pesticides. Yet there has been a dramatic increase in the number of different chemicals applied to three common UK crops (onions, wheat and potatoes). Clearly there is strong cause for concern, especially for children and for farm-workers and countryside residents at direct risk from spraying."

We have done so much to upset the balance of nature in the way we live and use land - in ignorance of the effect - but everything links up and if we are not mindful of this we are creating problems both for the present and the future.

I am looking forward to watching my native wild flowers bloom through the summer and hope there will be more bees and other pollinators than last year which was disappointing.

Marian Tiddy

Letter to the Editor

Speeding on Main Avenue

Dear Editor,

I'm getting in touch with regards the speeds at which some drivers insist they must go when driving on Main Avenue (also likely other roads in the area) and what can be done about it on a local level?

I was going to suggest a 'name and shame' page of number plates to be printed in the magazine, however I doubt there would be the page space.



It has got to a level now that is terrifying, as we have a 16 month old who, one day, will be playing outside. I am also concerned about the well being of others, obviously, as I feel it is only a matter of time until one of these reckless drivers causes injury.

I have contacted the council; however, I feel they're a little reluctant to act until something happens.

I often curse the state of Main Avenue (another contentious issue) but regard this as a blessing in disguise as I certainly believe we would have more drivers breaking the speed limit/law if it were to have a better surface.

I write this as I have just seen a yellow transit van `fly' up at what had to have been 45-50mph.

Best regards,

Tom Reynolds

Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Another show season over and a very happy one it was. It was really gratifying to see a number of young people in the audience who, from the feedback I've had, thoroughly enjoyed it. The shows were as good as ever and the whole cast had a good time with some excellent comic moments in both *Trial by Jury* and *The Sorcerer*. It is also so nice to work with an orchestra. Far be it from me to write a review, (Mary Titterton of NODA wrote a nice little review to our committee) but I'll leave the show review proper to Jonathon Smith, a young man who had never seen a G&S operetta before and who sent me the following:-

"My first G&S, a birthday treat, was at the Montgomery Hall on Wednesday evening. The 'first night' of the presentation by the Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society.



The finale of 'Trial by Jury' with the Judge, Usher, Defendant and Counsel all getting their evil way.

Trial by Jury - what a super start - a short operetta set within a courtroom, with a lively but ancient male jury and a more interesting public gallery. The plot was clearly outlined in the excellent programme. The stage was a mass of movement and lively tunes. Enter the judge, and a good judge too. The defendant Alex Hayward-Brown was well cast, being confident and singing well, the plaintiff, Rhianna Burnage was lovely and got her just reward.

Overall my first G&S was fun, lovely tunes and super lively singing.

After the interval we had the performance of *The Sorcerer*, I found the overture a bit dull but things livened up with the dialogue and singing. The characters were powerful especially Judy Savournin as Lady Sangazure whose stage presence is almost overwhelming. I loved her ability to poke fun at herself. Poor old Hercules, Derek Habberjam has seen better days but I am sure will be back for more.

Overall a great evening, full of fun, laughter lovely costumes and talent. Many thanks, I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Jon Smith"

Thank you Jon. I get the impression this will not be the last G&S you will go and see. Next year you will be able to see the only opera from Gilbert and Sullivan that comes close to Grand Opera. But don't be put off. It has its share of comedy especially in "Were I thy bride" and has some of the best music Sullivan wrote with one of the best double choruses from any G&S operetta and one of the best known songs in Jack Point's "I have a song to sing-O".

Our next outing will be the Summer Concert in Dore Church Hall on Saturday 7th July at 7.30pm as part of Dore Festival. The programme will include songs from *Cats*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and some standards, and you can bet your bottom dollar that there will be plenty of fun and frolics in it. I think we might try some quite difficult chorus work if we get enough rehearsal time. If you've never been to see us in action before why not come along and see what you've been missing! You will be able to get tickets (£7 each) from me, (tel: 0114 2362299) and I guarantee that you will go home (or to the pub) singing something from the evening. We look forward to seeing you there and enjoying a convivial evening of music and more on (hopefully) a warm summer night.

Derek Habberjam

Sheffield report highlights need to protect wildlife and wild spaces

A new report - Sheffield State of Nature 2018 - has brought together a wealth of information on Sheffield's many natural assets. As well as showcasing the city's impressive array of natural habitats, the report highlights a pressing need to do more to protect local wildlife whilst recommending ways to achieve this. The report reveals that:

• Over a third of Sheffield is covered by sites that are designated (i.e. protected to some extent), with the amount positively managed or in a favourable condition for wildlife consistently increasing. Over 100 Local Wildlife Sites, however, are still in need of better management.

• An impressive 16% of Sheffield is wooded, far higher than the UK average of 10%, and over 90% of Sheffield's residents have access to a large area of woodland within 4km of their home.

• Sheffield's woodland birds are doing well but farmland birds represent 4 of the 5 most severe declines in local bird species, mirroring a national trend.

• 26 out of Sheffield's 31 fish species have recolonised or been reintroduced to the city's rivers and otters have returned to the Don, thanks to tireless efforts to improve its water quality.



River Don

• There is a need to better understand how local wildlife and habitats are faring in the long term. Despite having a wealth of information, gaps in the data make it difficult for us to identify and report, with confidence, changes over time. Many areas of additional priority habitat are known but unmapped, and so unprotected, leaving them vulnerable to degradation.

• Ongoing collaboration between local groups, landowners and land managers – as well as cementing the value of wildlife to the public – is key for the future protection of Sheffield's wildlife and wild spaces.

The new Sheffield State of Nature 2018 report - the first of its kind and the exciting culmination of the two-year Nature Counts partnership project, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund – represents the coming together of many organisations and individuals to show what we know – and don't know – about Sheffield's wildlife and wild places. The project's aim has been to explore, celebrate and challenge our knowledge of the local environment to produce a snapshot of how nature in Sheffield is faring.

The report was developed through the Nature Counts partnership – a collaboration of Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust, Sheffield City Council Ecology Unit, Museums Sheffield (Weston Park Museum), the University of Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam University, Sorby Natural History Society and Sheffield Bird Study Group.



Otter

The report showcases the wide variety of habitats that Sheffield boasts, from moorlands and uplands in the west, through to grasslands and farmlands, rivers and reservoirs in the district's centre, to a wooded and green urban landscape in the east. This mosaic of habitats has the potential to support a rich diversity of species.

A key finding of the report is that over 36% of the Sheffield district is covered by sites that are designated (i.e. protected to some extent) with 25% protected at European level. Over 99% of Sheffield's Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) are in 'favourable' or 'unfavourable recovering' condition, higher than the UK figure. Over half of Sheffield's Local Wildlife Sites (LWSs) are in positive conservation management, but over 100 are still not. There is some uncertainty surrounding the future protection of our European-protected habitats and support for the management of farmland habitats post-Brexit.

Sheffield supports over a third of South Yorkshire's woodland, despite covering less than a quarter of the area, and 1,256ha of ancient woodland can be found across the district, 92% of which is protected to some extent through site designations. Rivers are central to Sheffield's ecology and draw wildlife into the heart of the city. The report reveals that 26 out of 31 fish species have recolonised or been reintroduced and otters one of the UK's most elusive mammals have returned to the Don thanks to the efforts of many people, and organisations, who have worked hard to reverse the negative impacts of Sheffield's industrial past on its waterways.

It is clear from the report that local threats to wildlife mirror many national

trends, such as habitat loss and fragmentation, pressure from development and non-native species introductions. Such threats are all too real with the near-disappearance of priority species such as white-clawed crayfish, turtle dove and water vole. The report recommends the development of targeted conservation action plans for these key indicator and priority species. Promoting the value of local wildlife and raising awareness of habitat and species management among landowners and land managers will be critical in achieving this.

The report also highlights a need to develop strategic plans to minimise the introduction and spread of key invasive non-native species and their impact on local native wildlife and habitats, through effective management as well as raising awareness with the general public. This includes suitable wildlife gardening and the creation and management of urban greenspaces, coupled with the need to carefully balance recreational demand with the provision of undisturbed areas for wildlife.

Producing the report has also highlighted just how many people have come together in an effort to understand and protect Sheffield's wildlife and wild spaces. The River Don is now an impressive natural resource, coaxed back to its former glory through tireless restoration and conservation efforts; and stunning ancient woodland sites thrive as a haven for both wildlife and people.

Despite these efforts, there is still a great deal that is not known about Sheffield's natural environment and the wildlife it supports. Many areas of habitat, e.g. grassland, are known but unmapped, and so unprotected, leaving them vulnerable to degradation.

Improving and increasing habitat connectivity across Sheffield using landscape features such as woodland blocks and wildlife corridors, through actions such as the restoration, protection and management of hedgerows, rural road verges and field boundaries, is a key recommendation of the report.

It is hoped that that the Sheffield State of Nature 2018 report will be a catalyst for nature conservation across Sheffield

Sara Blackburn, Nature Counts Project Coordinator and editor and lead author of the report, said "There's a huge appetite for citizen science in Sheffield. For example, nearly 500 people helped us map the distribution of hedgehogs across the city and over 20 dedicated people helped us collect over 120 field signs of otter along 24km of the river Don, helping to inform this report.

"Despite these efforts, local threats to wildlife, such as invasive species, remain and there's still lots we don't know about Sheffield's natural environment. The challenge now is supporting people to record, monitor and protect Sheffield's key species and habitats, and to promote the active conservation of wildlife for future generations."



Transport 17

Well, it hardly seems two minutes since I was writing about the launch of our new bus on the 10th March. Just two months, but still quite a lot to talk about. We have had our AGM, a management committee meeting,

and a fundraising committee meeting, and the Transport 17 team have been busy doing what they do so well - more of all of this to follow.

At our AGM Mike Finn reported on what, overall, had been a successful year. Sadly 3 of the clubs we serve have had to close which will have quite an impact on Transport 17. The search is now on for other clubs or organisations that might benefit from our services. Grant support from the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority continues as before. Fundraisers, volunteers and those who support us, in particular the Cross Scythes and the Catholic Church, were thanked for all they do. Particular thanks were paid to the volunteers for covering the void when Mike Finn fractured his wrist.

Felicity Revill paid tribute to the commitment of our volunteers and the support of Friends of Transport 17 and she thanked committee members for their continued hard work in helping to run Transport 17 and raise much needed funds.

Jenny Nuttall was appointed as secretary. Libby Ireland and Joan Kennedy were appointed to the management committee. New faces and fresh ideas. They all have a wealth of experience which will help Transport 17 to operate more effectively and to address the ever increasing regulations, issues, complexities and demands that face us. We are already feeling the benefit of their contributions.

In the last article I mentioned that we now have a Facebook Page which we are making more and more use of. We hope it will help to keep you up to date with all we are doing. It has meant that we can also lend our support to other local organisations by posting information for them as they have so kindly done for us. So please look us up, like us, share us and follow us. Jenny Nuttall is now busy setting up a website for us as well. This will have a link which will enable you to make donations directly to Transport 17. It will also be another opportunity for people to know more about Transport 17 and the valuable work it does. More news of this to come when it is up and running.

We are busy getting ready for our next Coffee Morning at the Cross Scythes on Saturday 16th June from 10am until noon. I am awaiting the draft of the poster from Gail Wyman as I write this article so please look out for them around and about. We have decided on a summery treasure hunting theme this time, with a Strictly Summer Raffle, As New Treasure Trove Stall and a Where's Totley's Treasure Game. Once again Deb Leonard and Holly, one of the other local Tropic Skincare Ambassadors, will be bringing their wonderful products along and supporting us. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any 'as new' goods for our stall, please drop them off at the T17 office before 15th June (between 9 and 12) where they will be gratefully received. Hopefully it will be a lovely sunny day to match the theme!!!!!

There are many ways in which you can support Transport 17. However, are you aware that you can demonstrate your support for the organisation by becoming a shareholder for a nominal sum of £1.00? There is no financial benefit from this. You would be invited to attend at least one meeting a year which would usually be the AGM. This gives you an opportunity to have a voice in the organisation, helping us to maintain the quality service we provide and also to help to move the organisation forward. The Friends we refer to are all shareholders in Transport 17. We are looking for new shareholders so If you would be interested in doing this please contact John Savournin in the office at 172 Baslow Road or telephone 0114 2362926.

We are delighted that Mike Finn is now back at the wheel of the buses. Over the 6 weeks that Mike was out of action we managed to cover every scheduled journey, so all our thanks go to the volunteers for stepping up and helping out. Ian Hodkinson came back to help out with the driving when he could. Many thanks Ian. Jenny Nuttall did a number of trips and John Savournin also turned out, so many thanks to them too.

Recently we have gained 3 new volunteers which has been fantastic but we always welcome more volunteers to help. Do you have some spare time? Do you think you might like to volunteer? You may ask, what does the volunteering entail?

Volunteers tend to work set days that suit them each week but step up and help out when others are unable to do their shift for whatever reason. Other volunteers help out on a more ad hoc basis, providing cover when others aren't available. Some volunteers are drivers and others are passenger assistants. We have ladies and gentlemen. The day usually starts around 9.30 at the office where the list of



of passengers for the day is collected. The journey plan for each bus varies, and finish time varies depending on the nature of the schedule but all are finished by around 3.30. The assistants help the passengers onto the bus and then into the club and then the reverse on the return. Sometimes a journey involves having lunch at the club. Other journeys involve a return to the office, and volunteers choose to have their lunch in the office or pop home if that's more convenient.

The passengers love the interaction they have with the assistants and drivers. On the whole it is the same passengers and volunteers each week and it is this continuity which enhances the relationship between them. Having new volunteers coming on board means they develop and add their own personal relationships to the mix both on the buses and between the volunteers. We are always pleased to welcome new faces as it helps us to move forward and make sure that we survive.

What then do our volunteers say about what they enjoy? The comments that crop up most are that it gets them out and about from home, it puts structure into their week, they enjoy the social interaction, the people they serve and the people at the clubs and they feel they are giving something back to the community.

So, if that sounds like something you would enjoy and you have some time to spare we would love it if you would join us a volunteer. Whether you can offer a number of hours each week or can spare time to cover shifts when others are unavailable, we'd love to hear from you. Alternatively, you may enjoy the fund-raising aspect more or even helping to run the organisation. Whatever your interest, there will be a role for you. Please pop into the office or give us a call to find out more at the Transport 17 Office, 172 Baslow Road on 0114 2362926.

Thank you as always for your constant support.

Sandra Longley (On behalf of the Transport 17 Management Committee)

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WED 27th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP "The History of Chatsworth Gardens", a talk by Rachel Parkin. Totley Library, 7.30 pm.

JULY

THURS 5th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD Wildflower Walk led by Rebekah Newman. Starts at Fanshawe Gate Farm, 10 am. For more details see p. 11.

SAT 7th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD Bird Walk 3 with Chris Measures. Meet 8am outside Scout Hut, off Aldam Road. For more details see page 11.

SUN 8th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES Abbeydale Road South. Annual visiting loco event and free exhibition of members' model engineering work. 1pm-5 pm (weather permitting). Car park closes 5pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com/ WED 11th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated Talk by Ann Beedham "Some Sheffield Notables". Visitors Welcome.

TUES 17th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Maureen Taylor, "A Visitor from the 16th Century". Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10 am. SUN 22nd FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD Practical Conservation morning run with the help of Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am, Baslow Road bus terminus. For more details see page 11.

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