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*The Cross Scythes, when it was also a bus terminus. The bus is a Daimler.
Can any of our bus experts help date this picture?*

Totley Residents' Anger over Road Repairs

"Why have we got cheap roads compared to everybody else?"

"Everybody else has had a re-engineered road! We've paid the same rates as everybody else!"

"Why is our road not being done? They're doing all the roads around us but not us, and we've potholes affecting our car's suspension!"

These were just some of the sentiments expressed by Totley residents at a drop-in session at Totley library with Amy representatives Claire Tideswell and Jillian Fairbrother on 16th of July.

Angry comments have been posted on Facebook by local residents, and the inboxes of the three councillors for Dore and Totley Ward have been bulging, as thin micro-asphalt surface treatments have been applied to many roads in Tot-

ley south of Baslow Road and in Bradway.

Unlike the treatment used in the rest of the city so far, which involves planing off the old road surface and putting down a layer, typically 35mm to 60mm, of hot tarmac, micro asphalt is used without planning, and is laid typically 20 mm in thickness; laid cold, it hardens by a chemical process. The surface is intended to last 8 years or so. Micro-asphalt surfaces do, by design, improve in the first few months, and the surface and colour settle down and the loose chip-pings go away.

But why are the roads in this part of Totley being treated in this way, when the roads north of Baslow Road were given the full conventional treatment?

At the drop-in session, Claire Tideswell explained that the process starts with

engineers assessing the state of each road by means of a 'condition survey'. It will be the case that some roads are assessed as not needing a full reconstruction, with the old road surface being planed off, and for such roads the micro-asphalt surfacing will be seen as appropriate. Everything will depend on the condition survey.

But, Claire explained, over the full 25 years of the council's contract with Amey, every road in Sheffield should have two treatments, "so the next time we come out to do the roads that have been micro-surfaced, they would get a full reconstruction. I don't think this has been explained before."

Totley Independent asked if this meant that the roads on the north side of Baslow Road that were given the full conventional treatment (*continued p.3*)



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Totley Residents' Anger over Road Repairs (from p.1)

this time around, will be revisited during the period of the contract and may get the micro treatment if required? It was confirmed that this was the case.

But, *TI* pointed out, a lot of people are commenting on how dreadful the roads look, with asphalt already crumbling away and chippings all over the place. In response, it was explained that with this treatment a base layer is put down, filling any defects in the highway including potholes, and then a final surface is put down. There will be some loose chippings but the teams come back and sweep these away. In the same way where there is a cul-de-sac where the surfacing machines cannot get to the very end of the street, this will look unsightly, but the teams will come back and deal with the remainder of that road surface manually. It is a two to three stage process depending on the condition of the street. The process involves less inconvenience and disruption, and it's a lot quicker.

TI pointed out the one of the main concerns of residents is that the surfaces seem to be very insubstantial, and the conclusion many people come to then is that it's a cost-cutting exercise, with people feeling that roads to the south side of Baslow Road, and Bradway, are getting a worse deal than the rest of the area – a feeling made worse by the fact that there have been such delays in treating the roads in this part of Totley.

It seems, from our understanding, that part of the problem is a flaw with the condition survey process. A scoring system has always been used to determine whether a road needed to be treated. The scoring system categorises roads. It seems that the whole road is surveyed and points awarded for the length that is bad, the width, and type of degradation as a percentage of the entire section of road. It's clear that an averaging process will bring up anomalies and the longer the road the more likely this is to happen!

Claire Tideswell denied that this was about cost-cutting, and explained that there are other zones where the same process will be used. Unfortunately, the work in some zones was delayed, due to the changing of contractors last summer, and it is understood that that this is frustrating.

It was noted that the target for Amey was that in the first five years they had to complete 70% of the roads in Sheffield. Was that target met? Claire confirmed that this target had been met. So this process was not something being done to speed things up to meet targets? No, was the answer.

Two residents asked why their street was not being treated at all, despite the fact that it had serious potholes, when all the other streets around them were being micro asphalted, and *TI* asked why this had not been picked up by the condition survey. The answer was that a road may have potholes in it but nonetheless may not meet the correct 'score' in the condition survey for a resurface. Did this mean that a certain number of potholes was acceptable? The reply was that it depended where and how many the potholes were, and how deep they were. It was suggested that surely any pothole is unacceptable? The answer was that if there are three or four potholes, that may not mean the road gets resurfaced – the solution might be simply to treat the potholes individually. It was also pointed out that there have been instances where the engineers' assessments have been changed by Amey's Network Manager with the result that resurfacing took place.

But even if Amey's reassurances about revisiting roads within the 25-year contractual period are accepted, many people are aggrieved that, after having been put at the back of the queue and then delayed another year, they are now being given a cheaper and lower quality treatment compared to the rest of the city – despite the council's firm commitment at the beginning of the contract that zones at the end of the first phase of resurfacing would be treated no differently to the rest in terms of standard of service and road treatment. This is clearly not happening. Why?

(Thanks to Cllrs Joe Otten and Martin Smith, and to Chris Morgan, for their contributions to this article)

Letter to the Editor

The state of the buses - again!

Several weeks ago I posted the message below on the Dore and Totley Community Facebook group. I have had no response at all, despite a phone call and two emails to First Bus Company. Their disgraceful 97 and 98 bus services along with their lack of response to complaints proves their blatant disregard for their paying customers. I am as loss as to what else to do? I have had several messages of support, along with suggestions to post on Twitter and contact Councillor Colin Ross. Please feel free to post any other ideas!

"Who is with me on a mass complaint to First buses for their abysmal 97 and 98 bus service ? I have just had to get on a 218 back from the bottom of London Road to Totley as not one 97 or 98 has turned up. Of the 5 buses listed on the board with the fifth one not arriving for 28 minutes I had little choice. I had to pay an extra fare as my £4 dayrider only covered First buses. Their single fare has also gone up to an obscene amount of £3. In the time I was stood waiting for a 97 or 98 about 5 75s and 76s turned up, about four no. 3s, and four no. 20s. Why cant we have the same service for the 97 and 98s?? Apparently, when others have rung to complain they have been told that most people in Totley have a car. In an age where we have way too many cars on the road already and people are being urged to use public transport this is a disgraceful response. We residents of Totley deserve far better".

Kathy Depledge

Dore and Totley United Reformed Church

Totley Brook Road

We have recently installed a defibrillator on the outside wall at the front of our church. In an emergency it can be accessed by dialling 999. The defibrillator is simple to use but we will be offering first aid training later this year. Please contact us if you would like a place on the training course.

As we continue to support Sheffield Health Action Resource for Ethiopia (SHARE), we have two events coming up.

Coffee morning: join us on Saturday September 22nd between 10 and 12 noon for refreshments with home-made cakes.

Dronfield Genquip Band: from Proms to Poppies on Sunday November 18th at 3pm. Tickets are £6 each and will be available by calling 07929 720977.

Christmas coffee morning: This will be in December (date to be confirmed) and if you would be interested in having a stall please contact Margaret on 0114 2311831 or Elaine on 07929720977.

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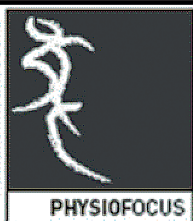
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Longshaw sheep dog trials will take place on the 30th and 31st of August, and 1st of September, on Longshaw Pastures in front of Longshaw Lodge, near Grindleford, starting at 7.30am each morning. This year, we have Mr Christopher Jewitt as our President.



On the 30th and 31st there will be open class sheep dog trials when many of the "One Man and his Dog" competitors will be taking part.

At 3.30pm on the 30th, subject to any unforeseen circumstances, there will be

a parade of local hounds, courtesy of the Barlow Hounds, Pennine Foxhounds, High Peak Harriers and the Ecclesfield Beagles.

Following the local class sheepdog trial on Saturday 1st September, the Longshaw Fell Race is to be run. Starting at approximately 10.30am, this is open to all adults and is entered on the field. Following the start of the fell race there will be a demonstration of dog obedience and agility.

Starting at 12.30 on Saturday 1st, the trials culminate in a double gather championship, which consists of the eight highest pointed runs from both Thursday and Friday, when the winner will take home the prestigious Longshaw Championship silver tea pot sponsored by Taylor & Emmett LLP.

Entrance charges are just £5 per adult each day, and there is no charge for children. Free parking. For further information please contact the Secretary, Mrs Sheila Humphreys, MBE, on 01433 651852, or email lsdta@talktalk.net.

This will be the 120th year of the Association, thought to be the oldest continuous sheepdog trials in England with the two world wars, and 2001 because of foot and mouth disease, being the only years when no trials were held.

There will be a licensed bar, hot and cold food and drink, and ice cream available. The magnificent array of trophies will be on display, so please come and join us for a day on the moors to see some of the wisest dogs in the world. We look forward to meeting you.

People Keeping Well

Small grants for local groups

Does your local group in Totley provide activities for older people? Or are you seeking to expand your activities to include older people?

If so, apply to Age UK Sheffield for a grant of up to £500 and the money could be with you by October.

The activity could range from coffee mornings to lunch clubs, from nature walks to indoor bowls. As long as your group is based in the local area and helps to get older people out of the house and involved with others, you can apply.

Age UK Sheffield is working with local community partners to expand opportunities for older people, supported by funding from Sheffield City Council.

To download a funding application form, visit: www.ageuk.org.uk/sheffield/activities-and-events/pkw/. Or phone us on (0114) 250 2850 and we'll send one out to you.

If you apply by the end of August, your application will be considered by the grants panel in September.

Jogging memories

Has England's World Cup excitement stirred some sporting memories for you? Whether it be the 1966 or 1986 World Cup campaigns, Olympic or Wimbledon highlights from yesterday, or your own triumphs or disasters on the pitch or in

the sports hall, come and tell us about them at our fortnightly Sporting Memories group at Totley Library.

The group meets on Thursdays from 10.00 -12.00 at the Library and is currently recruiting new members. Earlier this year they even had a visit to the National Football Museum in Preston!

If you're interested, e-mail: beth.wilson@wffchesterfield.co.uk



Totley History Group

Programme 2018

26th September: Ebenezer Hall of Abbeydale Hall by Ted Hancock. Ebenezer Hall was a silversmith, magistrate and benefactor but is often best re-

membered for his objections to the building of the Dore & Chinley Railway which cut through his estate. Totley Library, 7.30 pm.

24th October: A Harvest of Healing: the Historical and Medicinal use of Sphagnum moss, by Thelma Griffiths. Sphagnum moss has remarkable properties to hold liquid and to cure or stop infection. In a medical era before antibiotics the combination of the power to mop up copious quantities of blood and staunch open wounds, along with its healing powers, made sphagnum invaluable for helping the terrible injuries of war. **VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED.**


28th November. Open meeting, rearranged from a date in winter when the weather was too bad for us to meet. Sports, Social and Community groups! Everyone is invited to come and share their memories, photos and memorabilia from any group past and present.

Totley History Group presents...


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Totley Pharmacy supporting St Lukes

You may have seen St Luke's branding in our window recently and the notice announcing funds raised for St Luke's. A year ago we chose St Luke's as our preferred charity and our partners in a sponsorship deal with Sheffield United, with the aim of raising St Luke's profile. In an exciting season for Sheffield United with many television appearances and lots of media coverage, St Luke's profile has benefitted hugely both locally and nationally, which we hope will lead to increased donations. We are delighted to announce that a great season of sport fundraising from Totley Pharmacy, Sheffield United and also the McCabe family charity - The Scarborough Group Foundation - has raised over £7,000 for St Luke's.

These funds are to be used directly for patient care and will help them continue the great work they do for a cause that touches the lives of so many people across the whole of Sheffield. St Luke's serves the Sheffield people who need it most - those dealing with terminal illnesses regardless of age, cultural background, post-code or religion. While most people associate St Luke's with cancer, the charity but also supports people with a range of other illnesses including neurological conditions such as Motor Neurone Disease, HIV and end stage heart, lung and kidney conditions. In addition, it supports families and loved ones and carers through a difficult time, offering support and counselling - last year they cared for 5,300 relatives and loved ones. They also have 20 community nurses who visit and care for patients at their homes - last year they made 6,501 such visits.



As with everything that St Luke's does there is absolutely no charge for any of this. Since they receive limited NHS funding, they have to raise more than £6.4 million annually. Having visited St Luke's and seen the great work they do and the facilities they provide, it is with great pleasure that I can confirm we will continue our support for them next year, and I am delighted that we will also be renewing our partnership with Sheffield United to help St Luke's fundraising. We are honoured to be partnering St Luke's, an institution that shares our core values of providing the best care and going the extra mile for our patients. We also see ourselves as being at the heart of the community just like St Luke's. It's a wonderful Sheffield charity that cares so well for Sheffield residents. Without pressuring anyone, if you are looking to help a charity, perhaps you could consider St Luke's as your charity.

We hope that continuing our high-profile sponsorship of Sheffield United will help promote St Luke's and raise funds. To help this, we will again be holding auctions and draws for prizes, so keep an eye on our website and social media feeds for your chance to enter. With my Sheffield United Vice-President's hat on, I am very proud of the work the club and the McCabe Family do to support local institutions like St Luke's, and would like to thank them for their help. I would also like to thank Chris Wilder for his time and effort in helping promote the partnership.

We are also keen to continue our partnership as St Luke's and ourselves are aware that they do not have an obvious presence in the S17 region, and we are proud to help with our joint branding. We are looking to develop this further and will be launching a St Luke's donation station in our pharmacy. St Luke's are especially keen to establish a physical presence in S17 as they are aware of so many wonderful fund-raisers in the area. We would welcome your expertise in fundraising, so please pop in to see me at Totley Pharmacy if you have any ideas.

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Being a listed building brings with it certain rules, regulations and responsibilities. These are designed to ensure that historically significant buildings and features are preserved. In practice that means that any repairs and maintenance should be carried out with due regard to the age and character of the building. Often it requires specialist materials, so as not to damage the fabric or character of a building. Custodians of these historic places have a responsibility to make sure they take these regulations into account. There can be severe consequences for those who ignore these rules. Add into the mix, in the case of All Saints, the fact that the church lies within the Totley Conservation Area. That too restricts what can be done to the building, grounds and trees. Again this is in order to protect the area and often means that planning permission is necessary.



big responsibility and often a great deal of paperwork!

To many people Christian faith can seem like that. Lots of rules and regulations and restrictions. Undoubtedly being a Christian brings with it the responsibility to try to live as Jesus taught but Christianity isn't just about that. No one, whether a person of faith or none, is perfect, we all make mistakes throughout our lives, some of us even break rules. Jesus lived in the real world, among real people, with all the problems that brings. His role was not to condemn, rather to meet with people, whoever or wherever they were, listen to

them, talk to them, help them and pray for them. His responsibility was to share God's love and message of salvation. Christian faith is at its heart about our relationship with God, through the example of Jesus and it is available to anyone. Our responsibility is to decide for ourselves if this is what we want. Whatever the decision, paperwork is not involved!

We have recently started a sermon series on based on Holy Habits which is designed to develop discipleship and help us to live out our faith. Services are held every Sunday and Wednesday at 10am and everyone is very welcome. The Wednesday service is a shorter, said (no music) service lasting about 40 minutes.

All Saints are delighted to be able to help at the Totley Show again this year on September 15th. We will be providing the bouncy castle and children's games and look forward to seeing lots of you there. Thank you to all the hardworking people in the Totley Show Society for all they do to enable it to happen.

Rev Ali Creasey has been working as a self-supporting curate at Christ Church Dore and All Saints for the last two years. We are delighted to say that she will be licensed on July 15th by Bishop Pete and will be an associate vicar to both parishes with pastoral responsibility for the Sunday 10am service at All Saints.

Our vicar Rev. Katie Tupling celebrated the 15th anniversary of her ordination on 29th June. Katie has also co-authored two books which have recently been published. Congratulations from everyone at All Saints.



Liz Hayden, Churchwarden Totley All Saints.

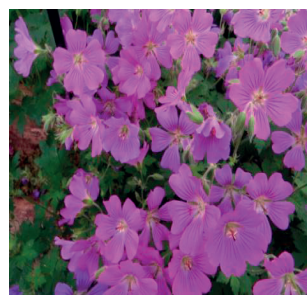


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Anyway – for those of you that did not manage to get to our summer concert, I am told by those that did brave the heat, that you missed a splendid evening. One gentleman came up to me and said that you go to the Lyceum and pay up to £70 and it is often nowhere near as enjoyable as his evening had been for £7. There was very wide variety of music from the classic, (Dvorak, Gershwin, Faure) through musical theatre (*Fiddler on the Roof*, *Cats*, *My Fair Lady*, *The Dancing Years*), to comedy (*Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud*, *The Boy I Love Is Up In The Gallery*, *Taylor, the Latte Boy*) as well as the wonderfully funny anecdotes from Anne Senior and more about Albert and The Lion from Alan Wade.

There will be more to come at the Christmas concert, which we hope to hold at 2.30pm on 22nd December in the Methodist Church, Dore. In the meantime five blokes and one lady are going to (hopefully) entertain some elderly folk in early July. It should be fun as we will surely be the smallest operatic group in the country. We intend to sing several numbers from G & S operettas as well as Flanders and Swann pieces with another couple of comic songs thrown in. I can't speak for the audience but I know I'll enjoy it.

Thank you to all who have supported us this season. It's a pity about England but you can't win 'em all and they did not disgrace themselves. Have a great summer everyone and we'll see you in December.

Derek Habberjam



Bridesmaids showing a leg in this year's 'Trial By Jury'.

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Totley Operatic and Dramatic Society

When I submitted my last TOADS update, Britain was in the grip of 'The Beast from the East', with blizzards, snow storms and treacherous roads. Today, as I write, Britain is in the grip of a heat wave, with temperatures regularly in the 30s, hose-pipe bans pending! The anomalies of the British weather! Someone should write a play about it!!



And now, as is our wont, TOADS' November play is in the pipeline. Rehearsals have started already. This play will be a murder/mystery, written by the master of the genre, Norman Robbins, entitled "At the Sign of the Crippled Harlequin". Set at Christmas-time in a hotel in the Peak District.

Our director this time is John Bettridge, making his directorial debut with this play. Many of you will know John as a very experienced actor through his many appearances in TOADS plays for over 30 years. We are in very safe hands. He is also my husband ... what more can I say!!

However, back to our last play ... 'Arsenic and Old Lace' was a lovely play to appear in and was very popular with our audiences, young and old. Our audience found a lot of humour to be had in the concept of two old ladies who cheerfully and methodically murder twelve old gentlemen and bury them in their cellar! Hmm! It was great fun, with a cast of eccentric characters.



We had great audiences, even on the Saturday matinee, which coincided with two slightly important events on TV – the Royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan, and the FA Cup Final! Actually, we were pretty fortunate that all the cast turned up, including me! But hey, what can you do!

The dates of the next play are Wednesday 21st November to Friday 23rd November at 7.30pm, and Saturday 24th November at 2.30pm. Please come along and support your very own local AmDram society, it will be lovely to see you.

TOADS meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Guild Room at St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South, and if you feel like treading the boards or helping out in any way please pop in and see us. AmDram is not all about the actors – there are numerous jobs that all contribute to the whole thing – we are a friendly lot and you would be very welcome. You can always contact me on 01246 460318, or visit our web-site www.toadsdrama.co.uk.

The venue is as always, St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Please call 0114 2351206 to reserve your ticket, or contact any TOADS member. Ticket price £6, or £5 for concessions.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Anne Bettridge



Friends of Gillfield Wood

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

September

Saturday 15th: Totley Show Come and visit us at this year's Totley Show and learn more of the conservation and the events past, present and future. The show starts at 1.30pm at Totley Primary School, Baslow Road.

Saturday 22nd: Walk Around Brown Edge. Join us for a walk around Brown Edge with archaeologist Stuart Nunn looking at things industrial and gaining an appreciation of the history of this area. We will be meeting in the lay-by off the Baslow Road (A621) and just down from the Peacock Inn at Owl Bar. This is an afternoon event starting at 1.30pm, the whole walk taking no more than 3 hours. Good walking shoes are recommended and sun protection if necessary.

Sunday 30th: 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.

Paul Hancock

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It's been a very busy time at Totley All Saints – but then, that's just how we like it! From visits and visitors to residential and special curriculum days - it's all been happening at TASS!

Out and About

There have been lots of activities, visits and residential this term all starting with the Y5 residential to the Oaks Activity Centre and ending with the Y6 residential to Thornbridge. In addition, our Y4s stayed over at Castleton just before Easter. Residential are a great part of our curriculum and allow children to experience a different type of learning away from home and school as well as foster independence and new interests.

Following on from all their work towards their SATs, the Y6s not only went on their residential to Thornbridge, but also visited 'Crucial Crew' to take part in different scenarios focusing on different aspects of growing up and including: personal, fire, road and bus safety, dealing with cyber bullying, performing basic first aid, and taking part in a mock court trial.

This was then followed – in the same week – with a theatre visit to see 'Awful Auntie'! The Y2s also got to go out to Anston Butterfly House and the Y4s went to Hardwick Hall.

Go Team TASS

The Y1, Y2 and Y3s took part in the Network Games at the beginning of the summer term competing in thirteen challenges with different schools in Sheffield. The Y5s have had squash lessons at Abbeydale Sports Centre every week and the Y4s took part in swimming lessons at Graves Leisure



Centre. Eleven Y5 boys and girls took part in the city-wide athletics event at Woodbourn Road in June. The quality of athletics was fantastic as well as the children displaying great sporting values towards their friends and their competitors. A particular 'well done' must be given to Samuel Giles, Guy Eckersley, Megan Hill, Alex Radbourne-Harris and Jessica Fields for coming in the top 5 in their events and qualifying for the city finals.

Megan Hill then went on to finish in 3rd place in the Long Jump and Daniel Eames managed to finish 4th in the 600m. Well done to everyone for doing us proud and thank you so much to all of the parents / carers who came along – plus Miss Saunders, Mr Johnson and Mrs Bell!

TASS Global Week, Green Day and Unicef 'Day for Change'

We recently had our Global Week where each class took a country and learned about various aspects such as arts, culture and food. The countries covered included: Australia (FS2), India (Y1), Russia (Y2), Mexico (Y3), Africa (Y4), North America (Y5) and Japan (Y6). Parents, carers and staff brought in lots of artefacts for the children to look at in order to get a real feel for the countries in question. They children had a great time and had special themed lunches as part of the school lunch menu.

The week culminated in our annual Green Day where our children were divided into their Merit teams and took part in various activities designed by the Eco-Saints. Parents and carers sent lots of 'rubbish' items for activities and we then sent a lot of those back home – all in the name of recycling of course!

TASS Musical Extravaganza

Our TASS Musical Extravaganza took place in July in the school hall with performances by the Y5 and Y6 cornet players, the choir as well as our guitar and piano students. All of the parents of our amazing musicians were invited, and parents had severe hand ache by the end of it due to all of that clapping!

Our version of the Totley Independent

The second edition of the Totley All Saints Totley Independent was published by our very own journalists, Lexy-Bee Reid and Alice Taylor. Once again, our Y6 girls worked tremendously hard to produce their paper and copies were sent out to each class so that they could catch up on what had been happening during reading sessions in class. We're very proud of the girls and the amazing results. Remember, you heard about them here first and who knows what they will go on to do in the future! Well done, girls!

Children's University Success

Three of our children attended the recent Children's University Gold Award Ceremony at Sheffield Hallam University for their efforts in accumulating hours in extra-curricular activities. Amongst the winners were Megan Hill (Y5) who is just the 13th child in Sheffield to have achieved the Gold Fellowship Award for putting in 1000 hours in at gymnastics.

Si Zhe Luo (Y5) achieved the Silver Postgraduate Award for 465 hours of participation in Chinese School and Martha McCann (Y4) achieved the Gold Award for 100 hours of participation in swimming, gymnastics, summer reading and road safety. Well done to them for all of their talent, effort and determination to do well! We're very proud of you!

TASS PTA Fun-d Raisers

The PTA Fun-d Raisers put on a fantastic Summer Fayre in June. For some reason, we've never had the best weather, but the team weren't phased at all. There were loads of activities for families to enjoy from 'hook a duck' to face painting, etc. plus a tea room and BBQ! Despite the bad weather having an impact on attendance, they still managed to raise an incredible £840.00 profit for our school! Our PTA Fun-d Raisers never rest and are planning separate discos for the infants and juniors later this term.

We're so grateful for all the hard work that they do in supporting the school and couldn't put on all of the added extras that make school life so special for our children without them! Thanks so much to Alison Richardson and Heidi Wilson (joint chairs), Diane Wilkinson (treasurer), and everyone who plays a part in supporting these events!

Future Plans

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

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

Karole Sargent, (Proud to be) Head teacher



Transport 17

As the song goes, "The wheels on the bus go round and round...." and much has been happening to ensure that this is true for Transport 17. Lots to chat to you about.

Saturday 16th June was our Summer Coffee Morning at the newly refurbished Cross Scythes which I have to say

looks really good. It was our first event with the new owners Scott and Ben, who were brilliant. They worked with us to accommodate our needs to make sure we had a successful morning. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them loads of success with their new venture. Scott, who used to be at 'The Hidden Gem', made scrummy cakes to go with coffee and tea which went down a real treat. Their great staff worked really hard to help us make the event a success. Thanks to them all and we look forward to working with them again.

We usually raise less at this coffee morning than we do at others, because people are away on holiday and it is also the season for a range of other fund-raising events which puts pressure on people's time and purses. So it's no surprise that this event is not as well attended. Also, 16th June 2018 must have been the only grey, drizzly, miserable morning in the whole of the summer so far - not very enticing to wander out. Despite all this we raised a fantastic £427! There was a lovely atmosphere and many people said how they had enjoyed it. A big thank you to everyone who came along.



Enjoying the coffee morning at the Cross Scythes

We continued our trend of having stalls that are a bit different. This time we had 'Find Totley's Treasure'. Strictly speaking it was a bit broader than Totley, as there weren't sufficient street names in Totley alone!!!! Dot Firth found the treasure on Mill Dale Road which was numbered 47 on the sheet. Congratulations Dot!! There was the usual raffle and we are very grateful to all the local businesses that support us by donating great prizes. A range of treasures were to be had on the 'As New' Treasure Trove Stall. Thanks to all who donated items for this. Deb Leonard was also there with Tropic Skincare. We very much appreciate the support Deb gives us. This time we met one of her ambassadors, Holly, who is at Pomade. Two great ladies, one great product and oodles of support. Once again Lynn Munro brought along some more of her beautifully hand knitted items and we thank her for her continued support. She says she just enjoys coming along - it's such a lovely morning.

The summer is a very busy time of year with lots of different fundraising events taking place and we are very lucky to be the beneficiaries of some of these events. Cakes and Cuttings, organised by the Catholic Church, raised £450 for us. The weather was glorious for the recent weekend of Totley Open Gardens. If my garden and our allotment are anything to go by, the recent weather will have presented plenty of challenges to the hard-working gardeners who open their gardens for

the event. Thanks to the Church, to TOG, and to all the garden lovers who support these events from which we benefit.

Tracey at the Shepley Spitfire hosted a 'Sparkling Summer Evening' event in aid of Transport 17 and Alzheimer's Disease. Local people had stalls selling a variety of items and there was an excellent raffle - a lovely evening. We'll be doing what we can to make sure these kinds of events are well supported in future. During the World Cup Tracey has been running a sweepstake when England have been playing and the profit from this is for Transport 17. Thank you Tracey!

Looking ahead, we have more events on the calendar. One of the T17 buses will be at the Totley Show in September, so you can come to have a look around and chat with us about our service and hopefully you'll be interested in volunteering for us! You'll also be able to enjoy our picture quiz of places around Totley - so get swotting on those local places and you may be our lucky winner. The stall in the hall will be the base for this, but you can also buy the quiz sheets from the bus. We hope to see you there!

For the past two years we have run a successful fundraising Bridge Drive at Abbeydale Golf Club. This year it is on Monday 22nd October, so any bridge players out there, please get in touch as we would love to see you there. Please contact Aileen on 2366013 for further information.

The Management Committee beetles away in the background to move Transport 17 along and to make sure that we serve the community for many years to come. I know I keep saying this but volunteers are a key part of Transport 17's success and we are always looking out for new ones. Our Management Committee is made up of volunteers and you may feel you would like to contribute some time and your experience to this aspect of Transport 17. Every little bit helps! If you are at all tempted to get involved, please contact Jenny via transport17@btconnect.com or 2362962.

We now have more of an online presence. We regularly update our Facebook page and hope that you have found us, liked us and are following us. Alongside this is our new website www.transport17.co.uk. At the moment, you need to type in the website address rather than putting Transport 17 into your search engine but more visits will help all these things to develop! The website is still in its development stage but is a very useful tool for us to communicate with people and for you to learn more about us. Also, you can now donate to us online so if you want to make a contribution to Transport 17 other than at an event you can do so by going to <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/transport17> for commission and fee-free giving. Jenny has done an amazing job for us but here too there is an opportunity to volunteer to help in moving things forward.

Our volunteers on the buses have been doing sterling work as always. They all look so cool in their blue shirts but I'm sure it's been hot work, out and about on the buses. Whilst the newly surfaced roads make for a smoother ride, the work to achieve that causes a whole set of other problems for the drivers. Access can become almost impossible in terms of being able to collect people to take them to their clubs. The volunteers recognise how important it is for the passengers they carry to have the opportunity to get out and socialize, and do all that they can to pick people up. Well done to you all for your efforts to try and make sure that nobody misses out on the events they attend. It is now holiday season, and there are often gaps to be covered as each volunteer disappears for that welcome break. But we manage to cover this and we have not had to cancel a journey! This is down to hard work in the office and volunteers stepping up to do extra sessions to cover. We cannot thank them enough for this.

Mike Finn continues to maintain the day to day operation of Transport 17, supported by John in the office. Mike's attention to detail, his pride in the buses and the service we provide is second to none. So as the summer break approaches I would like say a huge thank you to him from everyone for his dedication and commitment.

Together we all try and make sure "The wheels on the bus go round and round..." Thank you everyone!!!!

Sandra Longley (on behalf of the Management Committee)

Totley Scouts

What a busy term we have had at 215th Sheffield (1st Totley) Scout Group! All the sections have been making the most of the lovely weather and we have made sure we have got out and about as much as we can.



At the beginning of June the Beaver and Cub sections had two great days at Hesley Wood Scout Camp for a Beaver and Cub Fun Day. They got the chance to have a go at some of the more adventurous activities including the climbing wall, crate stacking, the cresta run and archery, followed by fun on all the inflatable activities. It was a lovely warm weekend and great fun was had by all the young people.

All the sections have enjoyed beautiful weekends camping. The Cubs went on the District Cub Camp in June at Walesby Forest Activity Centre. The theme of the camp was 'Shipwrecked', and the Cubs learnt lots of different survival skills including den building, fire signals, foraging and water purification, how to build rafts and much more. They had fun at the camp fire, took part in a couple of wide games and went home tired, grubby and happy at the end of the weekend.

The Beavers had an Egyptian weekend at the end of June. It was an extremely hot weekend but that didn't stop us making our own clay bricks, Egyptian clothing, Scarab Beetles that we hid around the campsite, our own little mummies hidden in matchboxes and much more. The Beavers got a chance to have a go on the Low Ropes course and the Cave



Maze. We also cooled off with a great water fight and everyone slept well after a busy day. For many of our youngest members this is their first experience away from home and they all did amazingly well.

Members from both our Scout Troops enjoyed another hot weekend a couple of weeks ago on camp. They took full advantage of some of the activities offered by the campsite and had a great time cooling off in the canoes, learning the art of axe throwing and having fun on a water slide. The Scouts will also be enjoying a week long camp at the beginning of the school holidays.

In addition to the camps the scouts have been orienteering around Fox House and took part in a river walk along Padley Gorge. The Monday Beavers had a lovely walk through the woods finishing up at the chip shop on Totley Rise where they were treated to some well-earned chips at the end, and the Tuesday Beavers finished their term off in style with a picnic in the park with parents and siblings. There has also been lots of water fun at our weekly meetings in this hot weather giving everyone a chance to cool off.

It is the time of the year when we say goodbye to some of our members as they move through to the next section and I am very proud to say that we have been able to give out lots of Chief Scout Awards. The Chief Scout Award is the highest award that can be earned as a Beaver, Cub, Scout or Explorer and we work very hard to try and ensure that the young people earn their award before they leave the section. Very well done to all our young people who have worked so hard to achieve them.



I would like to extend a huge 'thank you' to all the amazing leaders, assistants, young leaders, helpers and parents who turn up each week to give the young people such an amazing experience. Without them these activities and experiences just wouldn't happen. The summer break gives us all chance to re-charge our batteries and have a well-deserved break. We will all come back with renewed vigour in September and a full programme of exciting activities for the Autumn Term.

We are always grateful for help and extra pairs of hands. If anyone out there is interested in becoming a leader or helper with our lovely group please do get in touch - we would love to hear from you and you would be made very welcome.

Sue Bridgens
Group Scout Leader
hallamadccubs@gmail.com



Applications invited for Ward Pot!

Your Local Councillors have a small "ward pot" of a little over £3,000 available for local groups. We would encourage applications from local groups to this fund. It is available for activities such as support for improvements to the environment, groups helping vulnerable people and community engagement.

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What's on at the Library



Totley Library Looking for New Volunteers

Totley Library is run entirely by volunteers, all of whom are keen to help maintain a local library for everyone in the area. We are now looking for new volunteers to work in the library and also in support areas such as running the film club and cleaning.

Our library volunteers issue books, answer queries, organise books on the shelves and keep administration on track. You can choose shifts according to your availability in an online diary so it's flexible and can fit round your other commitments.

For our film club we need a couple more technicians operating our up-to-date digital equipment. It's really very simple and full training is provided. We also need more volunteers to help with front of house, selling tickets, refreshments and ice-creams. There are only three films per month (children, adults and over 65s), so with shifts being shared out it's not a big draw on your time and you get to see a free film thrown in!

Our cleaning volunteers work just one hour in the morning from 9.30-10.30am, so it's a quick way to contribute to the upkeep of Totley Library. Recently in the library an elderly gentleman was overheard saying "Since the library was taken over by volunteers it has been so lovely, clean and tidy." So, there you have it, it's not a thankless task.

The library is very sociable place to volunteer and many people enjoy it because it enables them to use and develop their skills and give something back to our community. If you are interested in finding out more please pop into the library or complete our volunteer registration form at www.totleycric.org.uk.

News on the Building Project!

We are delighted that we have now received the go-ahead to take forward the building of a new accessible toilet and store room for the library. Building work will start in the week starting 24th September 2018. There will be two parts to the project – the first is to build the new extension to the building, which will house the new accessible toilet and store room, and the second is to convert one of the old toilets into an extra storage area. We apologise in advance for any disruption there might be during the autumn as a result of these works. We will try to minimise the impact of the work on our library users, volunteers and neighbours, but we do expect a certain amount of noise and dust during the scheme!

The redecoration of the Children's Library is now complete, and I'm sure you'll agree it looks very bright and fresh! We have also completed the redecoration of the external paintwork of the library.

During the summer, we are expecting the Council to complete the external works on the Fire Safety improvements, with improvements to the fire escape route from the fire door in the Children's Library.

Library Lottery Winners

Congratulations to Wendy Mellor who won the first prize of £135.80, and to Jane Cosins who won the second prize of £33.95 in the Totley Library Lottery May draw. In the June draw, Andrew King won first prize of £134.80, and Stella Kelly won the second prize of £33.70 – our congratulations to them!

Children's Activities at Totley Library

Story Time

Our Story Time for toddlers and pre-school children which is held weekly from 10.30am on Wednesday mornings continues to be very popular. During the summer holidays older children (aged 5-11) can join our sessions, but **please 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:

Wednesday July 25th 10.30 -11.30am - Pirates!

Friday July 27th - Hunt for Mini-beasts, with a look at wild-life 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

Summer Reading Challenge

Don't forget we will be running our very popular Summer Reading Challenge at the library again this summer. 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 80 years of the Beano comic and is called Mischief Makers.



Library volunteers Barbara O'Connor and Carys Hamilton at the Totley Co-op promoting the Reading Challenge

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

Family History Events - we are planning to hold an event in the library to help people interested in researching their family histories. Talks will be given by Marianne Morgan of the Sheffield Family History Society to provide advice to help people interested in researching their family histories.

Details will be available via the library or the Totley Library website in the near future.

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>. Current listings are as follows:

Children's films

Sunday 16th September 2.00pm Peter Rabbit

Films for adults

Thursday 20th September, 3.00pm The post
Friday 21 September, 7.30pm Darkest Hour

For our list of regular weekly events and meetings see p.30.

Isabel Hemmings

The Totley Show Society is proud to announce

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; 2½tsp 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:

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	

FRESH PRODUCE SECTION

23	4 Eating apples	
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	
32	Longest runner bean	
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	

Official use only

Entrant number	
Total number of entries	

Total entry fee due	
Entry fee paid	

Holmesfield Church Walking Group

Millthorpe Rumbling Street Walk

On Thursday 30th August at 10am Robin Greetham will lead a walk starting from the Royal Oak at Millthorpe. We will go to Rumbling Street, Cartledge, then back to Millthorpe where we will have lunch [optional]. The cost of the walk is £3 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield Church maintenance fund.

If you wish to come just turn up on the day at the inn. The walk is about 5 miles long. If you have any queries please phone Robin on 01246 412767.

On The Beat



Greetings from the middle of the heatwave! Hopefully it will still be fine when this is published, but for the moment the weather and lighter nights are bringing their usual mix of good and not-so-good consequences.

At the time of writing we in Dore and Totley along with our neighbours in Whirlow and Millhouses are being hit with a spate of burglaries. Again, patio doors and eurolocks are the most common point of entry. I know I have banged on about this in the past but please check your door and window

locks or contact the Master Locksmiths Association to find someone who can. Don't forget that if you are part of our local Neighbourhood Watch you can also call on the expertise of your local representatives. If you identify that your locks do not meet the current standards please consider replacing them with locks with the "Secured by Design" logo. Currently "Ultion" locks are seen to be the best possible deterrent.

You can also secure patio doors with door bars to stop them being pulled apart and toughen glazing with window security film that prevents the glass being broken through.

Advice from the Secured by Design website states:

Do -

- if your budget is limited, focus on doors, locks, windows and perhaps a small safe for your valuables
- always identify two or three companies that provide the security you need, to compare quality and price
- choose a supplier by -

Looking for products with the Secured by Design Police Preferred Specification logo, as these meet our high standards, or by a recommendation from friends or a member of a nationally recognised organisation specialising in security



- check ID before allowing visitors into your home
- suggest areas of home security you would like to improve to your potential suppliers and ask for a written quote detail

ing the work and the cost. Compare prices with competitors before agreeing

- save money by using your DIY skills to fit approved products

Don't -

- ever discuss your security needs with doorstep or telephone callers
- agree to work without a written quote detailing the work and cost
- disclose personal information like health problems or high risk items including jewellery until you have decided on your supplier and believe it's essential for their work
- go to your bank or cash machine with an installer or salesman under any circumstances..
- pay for the work until the job is completed to your satisfaction. You can ask a friend or family member for a second opinion

We are keeping people informed on where and how burglaries are happening through our Facebook page "Sheffield West NHP" and the new SYP alerts system. If you have not yet signed up please go to www.sypalerts.co.uk for all the details.

As ever I can be contacted on 07787 881945 (during working hours) or by email on adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

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Language courses at St Johns

French:

Year 2: Tuesday 1-3 pm starting on 18 September 2018
Improvers: Wednesday 2-4 pm starting on 19 September 2018

Lower Advanced: Tuesday 10-12 noon starting on 18 September 2018

Italian:

Year 2: Thursday 2-4 pm starting on 20 September 2018
Improvers, beyond year 2: Friday 10-12 noon starting on 21 September 2018

NEW! German:

Discovering German: Thursday 7-9 pm starting on 20 September 2018

Enrol online at wea.org.uk or by phone on 0300 303 3464.

For more information, contact Sylvia May on 07958 940821 (inc texts), 01709 850011 (leave a message), or email sylviamay@gmail.com.

Totley All Saints School

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Gardening Tips for August and September

Phew! it's hot, and it looks like being that way for sometime. The temperature has dropped to 23c today (July 9th) but it's due to climb to the 30s over the next few days. Gardening is very difficult in these temperatures, and they are asking us to be careful with water - a double whammy for us gardeners, we do our best, late evening watering is the norm just now. We have just enjoyed a weekend of visitors to our garden as part of Totley Open Gardens. The weather was hot on both days, which I understand may have put a few people off; the football quarter final didn't help - the fellers stayed at home (England won) and so numbers were a bit down on last year.

The people who did come were very interested. Many who had not been before were surprised that we had a lovely oasis tucked behind the shops. The dierama plant drew a lot of attention - it did look good nodding away in the slight breeze! Its common name is angels fishing rods: it's a very fussy plant as it hates being moved, and prefers a sunny spot with a little shade where the soil needs to be moist but not soggy. It's a lovely feature plant well worth a try - I would buy a plant rather than seed because it takes quite a while to get established and to flower.

A new plant this year which caused a few comments is a biannual thistle. It was planted last year and it developed into a large - very large - prickly plant with no flowers. This year it flowered just in time for the open gardens - on hefty-looking stalks came yellow flowers about 2.5 inches diameter, protected below by a ring of spikes which makes it very difficult to deadhead - no nipping it off with fingers! Leather gloves and snips are the order of the day. The RHS seed packet said it was a thistle which thinks it is a sunflower, and I think it should have a health and safety warning added.

The two afternoons went very quickly, chatting to old friends and making new ones in between cups of tea and drinks of water. The golden eagle looked majestic in the sunlight. He didn't move much. He just looked down on the company with his beady eyes. A good time was had by all.

The colour in the garden is still looking good. Some of the hanging baskets are even better than the open days. We plant the flowers so that some flower a little later than others, which gives us a longer viewing time. The tomatoes are doing well. They like the sunshine, but are not keen on the very high temperatures. We picked some earlier than usual this year (June 27th - a record!) normally around mid-July.

The broccoli has just finished. It did quite well. We had a few tasty dinners off it, and I have some tenderstem broccoli seedlings coming along. They will be planted out when they are a bit stronger. I must get the raised bed ready for them. Our best-ever sweetcorn is as high as an elephant's eye as the song goes, and it looks very healthy. We are looking forward to buttered cobs soon - delicious! We had our first picking of runner beans yesterday (July 10th) which was very nice. I've just planted a crop of French beans to add to our diet. They will hopefully be ready in about 6 weeks' time. We are eating the salad crops. My radishes don't like this hot weather. I might let them grow on as the roots are not filling out and the pods they produce later are delicious if picked young.

Lots of jobs to do getting ready for the open gardens, and the heat has put our maintenance requirements on hold. The barn doors need a coat of paint after a rub down: the sun tends to spoil the paintwork quicker in the courtyard as it faces due south. These jobs seem to come round sooner as we get older.

The lawn looks a bit worse for wear. An old gardener told me that grass grows by inches and is spoilt by feet (I wonder what that would sound like in metric?) and the hot weather has not been kind to the grass - brown patches everywhere. It will recover when it rains. I will let it grow long before cutting it, and when I do cut it the mower will be set high to help it to get stronger, and I will add a little grass seed to the fertilizer later in the year.

Don't forget the Totley Show in September! The schedule is in this issue of Totley *Independent*. I hope you will be entering some of your efforts in the various categories! There are lots of things to have a go at - photography, needlework, art, cakes.... I will be entering my Dundee cake so there's a challenge! There are lots of things for the children - computer prints, poems, Lego models, art, etc so please encourage them to take part! Medals are awarded in each category, and cups in each section.

I will be judging the fresh produce section. I look forward to seeing a fully-loaded show bench, challenging my judging skills. Don't forget to stay to the end as Rony Robinson will be selling off the goods which the exhibitors have left for the auction, where lots of bargains are to be had. Christine's lemon curd is really special, not to mention my Dundee cake! I look forward to seeing you there, and meeting friends old and new. Enjoy your gardening!

August

Flowers: Continue dead-heading to give a continuation of blooms; lightly prune bush and standard roses - cut back to about 2 leaves all stems which have flowered, give the beds a dusting of Tonks or other rose fertiliser and work it into the top layer of soil.

Tie up the taller perennials - if we get a bit of wind in summer, they are soon broken down. August is the time for cutting dried flowers for winter decoration. Tie the stems up in bunches and hang them upside down in a cool airy place. Give flower beds a regular feed of compound fertiliser as this will keep them growing and flowering. Sweet peas need a layer of mulch and a good liquid feed.

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



Dierama (Angels Fishing Rods)

show in September! Cucumbers grown in frames outdoors will need regular watering and feeding- and keep stopping the runners (side shoots). Remove any caterpillars as soon as they appear on cabbages and other brassicas; keep runner beans mulched and well-watered, especially during hot dry periods (we hope).

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

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

Prune raspberries as soon as they have finished fruiting, cutting them down to ground level. Retain six of the strongest

new canes from each plant for fruiting next year and tie them onto supports.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: As usual keep the greenhouse well ventilated and any seedlings which are coming along should be shaded, especially if the sun is very strong. Cuttings from most greenhouse plants can be taken now: geraniums, fuchsias, busy Lizzies etc and keep them shaded. Geraniums do not need a lot of water to start with. Late August begonias and gloxinias will have finished flowering. Their water supply should be gradually reduced so that they ripen the corms and go to rest. Restart old cyclamen around the second week of August. Clear off the old foliage and soil and repot in the smallest pot which can accommodate the roots comfortably. Keep them in a shady spot, water moderately at first, but spray the corms daily with tepid water to encourage them to make new growth. If you want to have narcissus by, or even before, Christmas, pot up bulbs now.

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

September

Flowers: Keep up with the dead-heading of plants. Remove summer bedding plants which are finished, and prepare any spare beds for spring planting. The earlier you can get wall-flowers, primulas etc. in, the stronger the plants will be to survive the winter. Lift and pot up geraniums, fuchsias and other tender plants you want to keep over the winter. They need to be kept dry-ish and in a frost-free place.

Tuberous begonias need to be lifted and dried off to keep indoors. Make sure you remember to water regularly any newly planted plants. Plant out spring flowering bulbs, narcissi, lilies, daffodils etc. These can be planted at any time during autumn, but early planting gives better results (hold tulip and hyacinth for a bit longer - end of October). Pot up bulbs for early flowering - hyacinths, tulips, narcissi ixias, should be potted up now in bulb-fibre and bulbs should be almost touching one another and barely covered with the fibre. Stand the containers in the coolest place available and keep as dark as possible for 8-12 weeks. Keep checking that they are kept moist (not wet) and dust with flowers of sulphur if slight mould is showing. Rambler roses can be pruned now - cut the growths of those which have carried flowers to ground level and remove from trellis; tie back the new growth made this year. Cuttings of lavender can be put in now. They are easy to root in a sheltered place outdoors in a shallow trench in soil and plenty of sharp sand.

Check the supports of taller plants, to reduce the growth of those which have finished flowering (not too much). Take cuttings of penstemons now, use nonflowering shoots, put



Penstemons

them in a sandy soil round the edge of a pot and place them in a cold frame or COLD greenhouse. If you have planted

winter flowering pansies, pick off any flowers to encourage the plant to grow stronger.

Vegetables: This is a busy month for harvesting. Make sure you pick all runner beans before the first frosts. This also applies to marrows, courgettes and all squashes. Stake up brussels sprouts and plant out spring cabbages. Cover the curds (white part) of cauliflower with a turned over leaf to protect from frost and keep them white. Onions which have finished ripening can be tied up (like the French do) and hung in a cool frost-free place. Peppers and tomatoes sown outdoors should be picked or given protection. You must have heard that to encourage ripening of peppers and tomatoes, place them in a tray, put them in a drawer with a couple of ripe apples, and don't forget which drawer you have put them in! If your onions are a bit late ripening (brown skins) turn the tops over to expose them to as much light as possible.



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

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

Trees, Fruit and Shrubs: Pick all fruit as it ripens, order new bushes, trees or canes as required, choose late flowering varieties if you live in a frost pocket. Prune the shoots on all espalier and cordon trained trees, apply or renew grease bands on trunks to catch winter moths as they climb up the trunk (the caterpillars from their eggs feed on the blossoms in spring). Cut out fruited canes of summer raspberries and tie in the new growth. Autumn varieties are pruned next spring. Finish planting summer fruiting strawberries by the middle of the month.

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

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

The end of the month should see the end of the tomatoes. Clear away the finished plants ready to accommodate the plants coming in to over-winter. The nights will begin to get much colder, so watch carefully the ventilation: side vents should be closed for the winter, and shading washed off the glass to give maximum light at this time.

Spraying and damping down should be discontinued gradually. Pot on primulas and calceolarias. Cyclamen seedlings planted earlier should be ready for pricking out. The ideal time for potting is when they have 2 or 3 leaves each.

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

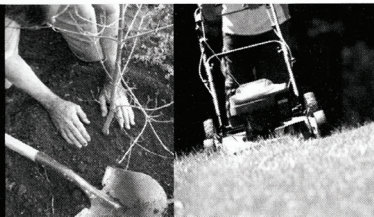
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Mean Streets

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, and receiving a strange note, Harry encounters Marta, an ex-girl-friend of his, who warns him that he's getting into a dangerous situation. Harry manages to find Jim Throttle, who accidentally shoots Harry in the leg, then shoots off in pursuance of the mysterious Lawrence Crump. Harry is musing on these bewildering events and wonders what Marta meant by her warning.....*



Marta and I were on a train to the airport. Marta was due to leave in order to file her report on Reg with her employers, the International Grammar Correction Agency.

"What do you mean, Marta, when you say I'm in danger? I'm a private detective, danger goes with the job. On this case already I've fallen downstairs and banged my head and then been shot in the leg!"

Marta shook her head. "No, Harry, it's worse than that. Remember - we've been watching Reg and his greengrocer's shop for some time, and noticed that some interesting types of people have been visiting there, sometimes during the night, and when they do, Lawrence Crump is always around."

"Lawrence Crump? But you must know that he's a respected big-shot around these parts. He's chairman of the village committees for this, that, and just about everything other."

The train stopped at a small village station, and I noticed several posters on the platform advertising local village shows, well-dressings, galas, that kind of thing. It was that time of year - late summer - and these were the sort of events Crump was heavily involved with. The train pulled away from the station. I looked at my watch. The airport was about 30 minutes away. "Let's get a drink, Marta".

At that moment, an announcement came over the speakers: "Good afternoon, this is your chief steward speaking" went the disembodied voice. "The buffet car is not open. Will all customers please note that this is not a typing error, whereby 'not' has been accidentally substituted for 'now', although that is a common phenomenon among the word-processing classes, and not easily picked up by the Spell-Checker™. I mean it. The buffet car is not open."

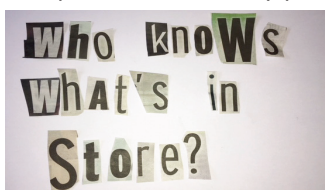
I rubbed my eyes and wondered what kind of world we were living in. Or maybe just what kind of world I was living in.

"One of the things that puzzle me, Marta," I said, "is why you sent that note about something being in store. It was only on a hunch that I went to the storage depot and found you there. Pure chance! Why didn't you just call me?"

"I didn't send you any note, Harry. We met at the storage depot because I'd been following you. We needed to know how friendly you were with Reg. That day, I saw where you were heading and just got to the depot before you did."

"But if you didn't send this note, who did?"

I fished the crumpled note out of my pocket and showed her.



"So you assumed the note was about a store - the self-storage depot?" she asked.

"Seemed possible," I said. But I could see that this line of en

quiry was a red herring stuck up a cul-de-sac. It was obvious Marta knew nothing about it.

At the airport, I saw her to the departure lounge. We embraced, Marta promising she'd be back after a couple of weeks. I sighed as I watched her enter the security check area. I knew her promises of old.....

Later that night, back at the grubby little office I called 'home', I felt tired. This was partly due to Marta having gone. But there were other reasons, too. Lately I'd lost one or two things, which bothered me - a shopping list, the list of clothes I'd sent to the laundry, and a list of things I needed to do when this case was over. I guess I was tired of feeling listless.

I switched on the TV. There was a live broadcast of a rugby union match, described as a 'friendly'. As I watched, two huge tattooed rugby forwards aggressively brought a tray of tea and sandwiches for the opposing team, whose enormous muscular hardmen viciously responded by offering their opponents glasses of sweet sherry. No, I thought. Even if it is a friendly, this game's too rough for me.

It was a warm night. I decided to get some fresh air. Out on the street, over by Reg's shop, I could hear voices. The shop was in darkness, but the sounds seemed to be coming from outside. I had a hunch I might be about to get some answers, so decided to investigate - there's no time like the present!

I crept round to the back of shop and peered into the yard. There was Lawrence Crump, and another guy carrying a large box.

"Get a move on, Boris", hissed Crump. "Get those marrows inside. I've got a customer coming who wants a guaranteed first-prize, and he'll pay a small fortune for it!"

"Take it easy, my friend." The second voice definitely sounded foreign. "These marrows have come a long way from the farm in Moscow. We don't want to damage them now!"

"Damn right, we don't," retorted Crump. "I've got a queue of bent gardeners from all over the region, waiting to buy prize marrows to enter in their local village shows. They must be in perfect condition or I don't make any money!"

Unbelievably, I had stumbled on an international marrow-trafficking operation. The corrupt Crump and his Russian cronies were selling large specimens, very likely to win prizes at local shows, to unscrupulous local growers. More than this, it was clear that Russia was seeking to influence the result of these local competitions. Jim Throttle must have discovered the racket - it must have been him that sent me the note - and of course, the 'store' in question was the store above Reg's shop!

And that's about it. I managed to call the police in time for them to turn up from the local cop-shop and catch Crump, Boris and a bent customer red-handed. The only marrows they'll be seeing will be growing in the prison garden.

Elsie paid me for finding her glasses and her husband. Reg was an innocent party - he was just used by Crump as cover. Marta hasn't come back - yet. As for me, I'm just carrying on looking for cases. If I get another interesting one, maybe I'll tell you all about it.

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Bird and Butterfly Walk

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7 July 2018: It is always special to stand in a clearing early in the morning, particularly a warm sunny morning: waiting, watching and eagerly anticipating the next movement, be it bird or butterfly. This was where we found ourselves, in a clearing on this July morning, a group of twelve of us, keen to get the Bird and Butterfly Walk off to a good start.

Different birds were calling; strong and soft calls coming from within the bushes that surround the clearing and from the trees behind. The loud ringing notes and trills from a Wren were accompanied by the short repetitive song of a Dunnock. And then the fluted plaintive call of a Bullfinch was heard and within seconds a beautifully marked male Bullfinch perched above our heads for all the group to see. It was a perfect specimen with bright red underparts, black crown and thick bull-neck. One member of the group could not resist a muffled "Wow!"

Then a member of the group said that she thought she had just seen a Jay in an Oak tree. Although slightly hidden the bird's head and beak could be seen poking out from behind



Jay

the leaves in the centre of the tree, its streaked forehead showing above its pinkish grey-brown face and the distinctive black moustache stripe could also be seen. Not all the group were able to find this secretive bird but they were rewarded when another Jay flew low across the clearing, its conspicuous white rump showing perfectly for all to see. Excitement rippled through the group - not a bad start.

Then, while two Starlings were seen to fly over nearby rooftops a small group of Swifts were spotted hunting insects high in the sky. It is a real pleasure to watch Swifts skimming effortlessly on curved-back wings across cloudless skies; such freedom. In contrast, our attention was then drawn to some butterflies flitting amongst and over the long grass by the side of our footpath. A majority of these butterflies were "Whites", Green-veined and Small White, almost continuously on the wing. One butterfly did however land in front of us, it was a "Brown", a Ringlet. It remained still with wings closed for several minutes allowing close inspection. The Ringlet is a gorgeous butterfly with dark smoky-grey wings with conspicuous white edges, and on closed wings the eye spots on the underwings are easy to see and admire. A good story too as this butterfly has extended its range in the UK and we are now seeing it in large numbers around this area and the north.

Continuing our walk alongside Totley Brook, it brought back memories of the Kingfisher that had been seen fishing in the deeper sections of water earlier in the season, but with the prolonged hot weather and lack of rain, the brook is now very low although it was still managing to flow freely and it was shimmering beautifully in dappled sunlight. On entering Gillfield Wood we did notice that it was much cooler and



Ringlet butterfly

quieter, the tranquillity being enhanced by the sun shafting down through the canopy with the ceiling of leaves above us turning that lovely light transparent green colour. Only the gentle cooing of Woodpigeons and the fine contact call of active Blue Tits broke the silence.

Our gentle stroll then took us out of the wood and as we climbed the hill to Woodthorpe Hall a Common Buzzard was seen floating over nearby fields on slightly upturned wings, perhaps hunting for prey or just rising to catch a thermal to take it up even higher. And then a little further on we had Swallows flying low over a newly mowed field whilst a Nut-hatch was heard calling from the grounds of the Hall. Here we also managed to get a fleeting view of a Song Thrush as it shot by us and over a high dry-stone wall giving us the opportunity of comparing this rich brown-backed gentle bird with the larger and much paler Mistle Thrush that we had seen in flight earlier. As if on cue the recurring notes of a Song Thrush were heard from a nearby copse. It has certainly been good to hear so many Song Thrushes singing this year from our wooded valley, be it early morning or in the evening.

Then, as we stood there, someone mentioned that they were watching through their binoculars some Red Deer up on the moors. Sure enough, considering the distance, perhaps a mile away, the find proved to be correct. Through the telescope the deer were brought much closer, and despite the heat haze, a little clearer for all to see; they were walking in the bracken on the edge of Totley Moor. A great find to add to the enjoyment of the morning. These walks are great opportunities to meet, chat and enjoy the nature that surrounds us and to ask questions and share wildlife experiences, especially on a lovely day such as this one.

Pressing on we then found ourselves on Fanshawe Gate Lane listening to a bird making a harsh clicking call, much stronger than a Robin's call. It proved to be a female Blackcap and we were able to watch it feeding in a bush. Occasionally it



Blackcap

moved out into the open so all could see its rich red-brown cap above the eyes and its dark grey back. Then a little further along the lane another warbler was heard singing, it was a Chiffchaff. It was not the first Chiffchaff we had heard this morning but certainly it was the loudest. Like the Blackcap, a migrant leaf warbler of the Phylloscopus family, both species undertake long journeys to the UK and Europe to breed. Hopefully they both found the weather here to their liking this summer, but it will not be long before they are heading south again to perhaps spend their winter in Africa - such an incredible achievement for such small birds, just eleven centimetres (approximately) in length.

With Robin and Blackbird being added to our sightings we then encountered a Kestrel, a female hovering over the fields



Kestrel in flight

near to Fanshawe Gate Hall. Hopefully it has had a successful season rearing young nearby and was finding enough small mammals to feed the fledglings in such dry conditions. This bird appeared again a little later, circling just above us so that we could see in good light the barring on the underside of the body and in the fanned tail, and the distinctive black band at the end of the tail. One could not help but wish that all birds of prey were that obliging and easy to identify.

As we entered the wood again a Speckled Wood butterfly suddenly appeared and landed in front of us on the leaf of an Alder tree, settling in the sun with wings open as they do.



Speckled Wood Butterfly

These butterflies can be encountered along woodland rides and in glades but feed on aphid honeydew from the leaves in the woodland canopy. So with Meadow Brown and Large White butterflies putting in an appearance amongst many other butterflies as we walked down through the fields on the south side of the wood it was nice to add another species to our count of butterflies.

Retracing our steps outside the east end of the wood we managed to see a solitary Long-tailed Tit perched in the same bush in which we had seen the Bullfinch two hours

earlier. Our attention had been drawn to the bird by its high trilling call, but as soon as it appeared, it flew across the path into deeper cover. Then our second Nuthatch of the morning was heard calling. After a quick search of a tall Willow tree, we were able to see the bird with its long pointed bill, blue-grey back and pale underparts. Normally a very active bird, this one was taking a moment to perch on a long thin branch to preen and call out its presence.

And so we reached the end of our walk. Twenty-five species of birds had been seen and heard, and with the great sunny weather continuing throughout the walk it had enabled plenty of butterflies to be found on the wing to add to the interest and enjoyment of the morning. Shame the butterflies will not put in an appearance when the next Bird Walk takes place - but then it will be in November! Nevertheless we hope you will join us, you will be made very welcome!

Chris Measures

Remember you do not have to be a member to come to events run by The Friends of Gillfield Wood. The events are advertised on the FoGW website and within the diary in this publication. No experience is necessary; just come along and enjoy.

Friends of Dore and Totley Station

Looking forward and looking back, old services and a new canopy

Previously we've mentioned a canopy to provide more cover between the two wings of the existing station building. It wouldn't cover everyone waiting for the 7.14 (see below) but would be better than beneath the conifer at the entrance. A concept design was provided by Northern almost a year ago and a detailed plan should be provided before you read this. If all goes well it could be in place before Christmas and we may have two traditional lanterns as they did at Glossop last year (see photo, right). This will be the culmination of 3 years of lobbying by FoDaTS, more of which we hope to tell next time.

The long awaited hourly weekday Northern train service duly began on 20th May but we several don't stop here towards Manchester leaving gaps of 2 hours or more. That's worst if you miss the 20.21 when the next isn't for 2 hours 33 minutes. For now it's best to take the 97/98 bus from a stop in town, or during the working day the half hourly 218 from the Howard Hotel opposite the station. At times a ride to Grindleford to get the train back would be quicker than waiting 2 hours for the next direct train! If you're feeling fit the walk to Dore & Totley takes about 70 minutes. There are taxi options. We've tried all these and hope to convince the train operators to bridge some of the gaps by May 2019.



The ticket machine – TVM - a comedy of errors

Regular station users will know the ticket machine was troublesome. We've been asking for two new machines for ages, but finally got one on the 31st May. The planners were going to put it in front of the big gate at the entrance until we pointed out it wasn't a fence and had to open – oops! Similar problem with the swinging gate if positioned by the flower trough. It's too big to face the same direction as the old one, so now faces due east. The huge screen is fine on a dull day, but acts as a mirror, making it all but impossible to read the screen on sunny days until after mid-day!

But that's not all. In the recent hot and sunny weather it has suffered from sun stroke and black-outs. It shuts itself down and closes. It's not a tropicalised model and needs a bigger cooling fan. In the meantime, pay on (*continued page 24*)

the train, or if collecting tickets remember there are two machines at Dronfield. Or use an App and have the ticket on your phone. Sometimes you just have to laugh or you'd cry!

Dore & Totley as a destination

Dore & Totley is also a destination station. Stop here for the Industrial Hamlet, Ecclesall Woods, Beauchief Abbey, Abbeydale Park Sports Club, the miniature railway, Sheffield Round walk and Chatsworth House. Yes, really. If you see people looking a bit lost around the station they may have been directed by an App to travel from Manchester to Dore & Totley to catch a 218 bus to Chatsworth. Many appear to be of Chinese descent and are working or studying in Manchester. A group encountered recently were on a 20-day tour of Britain - the following day was to be Edinburgh. If you meet any visitors please make them welcome and help them on their way, possibly extolling some of the things they may be missing hereabouts.

Annual passenger survey

Observations of commuter trains were made in July 2017 showing emphasis towards 40 mile distant Manchester, rather than to Sheffield, a mere 4 miles away. This year's spot check in June was primarily to see what difference the recently revised timetable has made at our little station. June is busier than July so a lot should not be read into the numerical increase.

324 passengers boarded trains before 9.00 (2017 267)

59% went towards Manchester (2017 61%) - 41% went towards Sheffield (2017 39%)

56% used 4 TransPennine Express trains (2017 50% on 3 trains, new train at 6.25)

25% used 4 Northern trains (2017 22% on 3 trains, new train at 7.57)

19% used 3 East Midlands Trains (2017 28% on 3 trains)

The busiest train was the 7.14 where 92 boarded the 6 carriages. By the end of the year most TPE trains should have 6 carriages. Our station platform is only 4 carriages long so that's difficult as the train is made up of two 3 carriage units without a connection. Doors can only be opened safely in one coach of the rear unit requiring the train to have two conductors. Loading and unloading here can often take 2 or 3 minutes, a problem that won't be resolved until we get the second platform and the existing platform is extended.

Looking back 80 years, some comparisons

Today there are 27 trains into Sheffield from 6.50 until 23.28 with a maximum gap of 90 minutes. In 1938 there were 38 trains into Sheffield with a maximum gap between them of 66 minutes from 6.19 until 23.19. 80 years ago we had trains at 8.25 and 8.27, now it's 8.24 and 8.28. Then there were 4 tracks into town, but now there are only 2 so trains can't run as close together - and we only have one track through our station. No wonder we don't get so many trains.

Looking forward

So, I hear you ask, when will we have that new second platform? It's vital if we are to get better services. Clues come from varied sources. The new East Midlands franchise starts next autumn. The Liverpool - Norwich service is only included until December 2021 when the Liverpool - Nottingham section will be split off and given to Northern or TPE. When the second track is ready for use there should be a third fast service between Sheffield and Manchester, probably provided by either TPE or Northern. Our current best information is that work may start next year, but probably won't be completed until 2021.

If you're a Facebook user, you can find and join us by searching for FoDaTS. It's a very active group. If you're not on Facebook and would like more information please send an email to our Secretary; nj-barnes@outlook.com

There's lots of information on our website at: www.fodats.net

Chris Morgan, Chairman

Under the Trees Woodcraft

Over the last year, the 'Under the Trees Woodcraft' project has shown local people how Sheffielders have worked the city's woodlands for centuries.

"We've been inviting people to come into the woods to try different woodcraft activities, and offered training to people who might volunteer in future," said Viv Scone from Under The Trees Woodcraft. "And we've run open days like this to help people learn about our woodland heritage."

The Heritage Lottery Funded project has seen 100 people learning skills like coppicing, carving, weaving and tool handling. Several new banners have also been created for future education work.

Craft sessions have been held for voluntary groups, local scout groups and for the Help for Heroes charity for service people injured in conflict.



Under The Trees volunteer with a visitor

"We held six sessions where Help for Heroes people came to Ecclesall Woods to try woodwork crafts, and these were people with post traumatic stress and recovering from battle injuries," said Viv. "They said it had been great therapy in an absolutely fantastic place and had been both relaxing and



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stimulating at the same time."

The project also ran 'pop up bodger' sessions in Ecclesall Woods where walkers might casually encounter craftspeople carving or using a pole lathe by a footpath.

Under The Trees Woodcraft ran alongside the existing craft courses at the Woodland Discovery Centre which are proving ever more popular with people travelling from all over the UK to learn how to make stools, walking sticks, and garden sculptures, and pick up skills about everything from basket making to bronze smelting.

Although the courses carry a fee, many of the people who keep them running are volunteers, and Viv and Under The Trees colleague Nadine Grundy are pleased that many new volunteers have come forward during the year of the project.

"It's been about passing on skills, and many people are now taking away what they've learned and using those skills in their own gardens," said Nadine.

Heather Hunt of Sheffield Women's Conversation Club has taken part in several woodcraft courses, and said "You can easily buy a wooden spoon for a pound, but if you come here and make one over a couple of hours you feel really special because you've made something beautiful with your own craft and skill. I'm not surprised these things are making a comeback."

The crafts of the Outdoor City's woodlands are not likely to die out while volunteers like Viv and professional woodworkers like Nadine Grundy are busy teaching newcomers of all ages the skills of centuries past.

"The more we can make use of our outdoor spaces, and the more people can coexist and get what they need from them the better," said Viv.

The team are also asking for tool donations: if you have any old woodworking tools, the Ecclesall team can sharpen them for future use by volunteers, community groups and charities.

"This HLF project is now finishing, but we now have lots of resources and materials and volunteers and we'll continue to do our bit to keep people interested in the woods, their history and all the new things coming on," said Viv. "Because nothing here stays still, it's always changing."

For more information: www.sheffield.gov.uk/discoverycentre

David Boeking, National Trust

Sizzling Open Gardens weekend!

The driest, hottest spell since weather records began, and the Totley Open Gardens event on 7th and 8th July was held during this time! Cap that with Wimbledon and a certain football match on the Saturday, and this year the eleven gardens that opened had fewer visitors on both Saturday and Sunday than in previous years.

This made a dent in overall takings and the final sum, including the takings from Totley Yard Sale in April, was £2,325. This money will be shared out between the following groups as follows:

£650 to Transport 17
£650 to Totley Library
£900 to Cherry Tree Services
£375 to the Totley Scout Hut
£135 to Beavers

Teas and cakes were provided in two gardens by Linda Prosser on The Quadrant, and by Totley Methodist Church. Teas were as popular as ever, and provided some respite from the sun!

Two new gardens opened in 2018 and we are expecting another two or three new ones to open in 2019.

Take a look at the photos on page 9 of this issue. If you would like to open your garden next year, contact me on jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk or Tel. 236 2302 or 07527 929592. We don't want perfect gardens - just something to please or inspire people who visit.

Jennie Street

Totley Show 2018

Saturday 15 September 2018

The show will take place as usual at Totley Primary School. This year, it has been extended by 30 minutes due to the increased popularity we enjoyed last year.

Please bring your exhibits between 8.45 am and 10.45 am. We recommend that you bring your entries in as early as possible - last year we had a rush in the last 30 minutes so that we had to overrun by 15 minutes!

Last year saw a 30% increase in entries and a 25% increase in people coming to view the exhibits in the afternoon. It is hoped that we can maintain those numbers and possibly have a small increase.

There is an entry form in this issue of the Totley Independent where you will see that we have introduced a new class in the Children's section. We went into one of the local schools back in November 2017 to ask for ideas, and have added one of their suggestions, which is 'a cake, any recipe'.

We introduced this category in the Domestic section last year and the children asked for that category also to be included in their section. We became aware that a lot of children watch the baking programmes with their parents, which has given them the enthusiasm to produce their own creations!

The show will be opened by our own Rony Robinson, who will also close the Show with the auction. There will be two Junior Vice Presidents - one from each of the local junior schools - to help present the prizes.

We will be entertained again by Seven Hills Quartet and the Rock Choir (pictured below), who have been very popular in previous years. And there will be, as usual, a bouncy castle outside with games for the children, all free.



Please come and support this great community event with the local talent exhibited, the stalls, entertainment and refreshments. We are sure you will enjoy your day.

If you would like to support us in any way, either by helping on the day or providing raffle prizes, we would love to hear from you! Please e-mail me at the address below.

Mick Warwick, Totley Show Chair
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Walking the Dog....

Little Dogs Have Big Ears...

Jack's overheard a few things in the recent Totley heatwave, with folk leaving their windows open and walking about in the fresh air...

But did Jack overhear you? (And what were you talking about when he did?)

Has it got out? No. It's gone now, I think .

*

It was nice and cool in there where we stopped. But we got chocolate all round my lips.

*

'You can go to Nottingham from Bakewell?'

'Aye. This is all changed mind you, int it?'

'Aye. They're pulling everything down.'

'Aye.'

'And what they put in its place is no better.'

*

It might be a hollyhock? They last longer. It does look nice though, probably with the weather?

*

Out out! Out out out! He's in my kitchen eating Barney's dinner. Out out out out!

*

Don't rush darling!

*

She said. 'They won't be there in the morning.' But I said, 'I'm taping them down and if they're not there, well they're not.' They were of course.

*

All right then pal. You can ring me pal, when you're finished pal, all right pal?

*

Best years of my life? Hope not. I even went to Ireland for a bit.

*

Hello love you all right? Been to the doctors and he supplied me with some codeine. Not taking them yet. I'm going to the optician. One thing after another.

*

I leave him the morning after. Surprise myself. That's his theory, that, so you don't get caught.

*

I have to be very careful not to get a pink ticket.

*

Croatia, who needs them? That's why we're out.

*

Are you ready for this. Wait. Not that. It goes like that. You ready? It might spin. See? It was so cute. Sorry. Your go? That were good that.

*

What's a herbarium when it's at home?

*

A real wash! I want to wash something so I can dry it.

*

Has he broken it? Let's have a look? Oh no, I'd leave it for now.

*

'Take your trousers off too!'

'All right, but I'm not used to being asked so early.'

*

I can't understand why he can't understand. He got it ages ago. He brings up things and it's over a year now.

*

And I've got me boots on

*

Three o' clock? He'll be giving it some already.

*

I asked Ben to e-mail it to Adam and Ivor.

*

Yes, but will you tell me about your open air swimming pool first?

*

£4? £4? It was £2 the last time I come on it.

*

I don't like those trees. Are they new?

*

Another skull in the graveyard!

*

She's got leaves hanging out of her bottom again.

*

I had mine out.

*

Tell you what, you call me and I'll tell you where you are?

*

What you've got to think is what it's going to cost. Do a list of your priorities.

*

'You have to have two for that.'

'Two pizzas?'

'Yes you have to have two. The second one's free. Then you get both your pizzas and these four bottles of beer for five pounds. If you only have one pizza, you can't.'

*

No bouillabaisse for you pal!

*

I've squeezed it and it's still not working?

*

'There's lots of females around. I can't let him off.'

'He's not been done then?'

*

'Can't take my mind off of you?'

'Yes.'

'Help yourself?'

'Oh yes.'

'Kiss me honey?'

'Yes.'

'Only the lonely . '

'Oh yes, I like Roy.'

*

Even the cat's come in!

*

'Downsized you see. It's a one bedroom flat.'

'Where's it situated?'

'Next door to the doctor.'

'Handy that.'

'And the working mens club's next door see.'

'I can imagine.'

*

I've had enough of it now haven't you?

*

**Jack Robinson
Rony Robinson
(And you)**



Mrs Wileman – This is Your Life!

As the 2017/18 school year draws to a close, there is an 'end of an era' feeling in the air here at Totley Primary School as we prepare to both say goodbye to Head Teacher Mrs Wileman, and look forward to the opening of our fantastic expanded school in September.

When Mrs W came to our school a decade ago, it wasn't in the best of shape to say the least. Although it may be hard to imagine now, the school at the time was in Special Measures and there were major improvements which needed making. Starting out in Y3, Mrs W bolstered the teaching team and introduced our whole school panto trips which have since



become a highlight of the school year! She then moved onto the role of SEN co-ordinator, whilst teaching in Y5. Having been trained as an infant teacher, working with 9-10 year-olds hadn't been in the grand plan but it ended up being one of her favourite year groups of all.

2012 saw her promotion to the role of Assistant Head Teacher and the introduction of a new topic-based approach to the teaching of the wider curriculum. We still use this 'learning challenge' approach, with children being given the opportunity to ask questions and steer their own learning as much as possible. 2014/15 was a big year for Mrs W, as she took on the day to day running of school while Mr Stewart was out on Trust duties. The year culminated with the school's 'outstanding' Ofsted judgement and results in the top 100 schools nationally.

Following this, as Head Teacher, Mrs W has had to focus on dealing with the demand for extra school places in our corner of Sheffield. Keeping school running smoothly in the face of planning a major expansion project and building work has been a challenge but, through increasing leadership capacity within school, this has been possible and standards have remained high. And now it's off to Hillsborough Primary for a new challenge: a bigger school in a very different part of the city. So a massive thank you and good luck for the next

chapter of your adventure in education. We'll see you again in the Autumn term for the grand opening of the expanded school! In the meantime, if anyone needs any advice about architecture, planning processes, tree roots and value engineering, we'll send them in your direction!

Ben Paxman, Assistant Head Teacher



Creative outdoor activities for families

For kids who are creative, adventurous and enjoy exploring outdoors. Growtheatre is running its fun-packed, creative outdoor family sessions in Ecclesall Woods again this Summer.

Hosted by a range of extraordinary and enchanting characters, you will be invited to join him or her on a journey or quest and help them out!

These family sessions promise to be full of entertainment, adventure, theatre, making and building, games and Forest School skills. They also encourage the adults to have fun with their children at their own pace!

J.G. Graves Discovery Centre is at the Ecclesall Woods Sawmill Site on Abbey Lane and was opened in 2012. Part of Growtheatre's remit is to make work that is inspired by local spaces and as such, the venue and the surrounding picturesque woodland is the perfect indoor – outdoor place. It is hoped that the kids and their adults will relish exploring this wonderful location.

Family Sessions Details

- Woodland Discovery Centre in Ecclesall Woods, Abbey Lane, Sheffield S7 2QZ
- Suitable for families with children of all ages, £5.00 per child (under 2s are free with a sibling)
- Booking Essential, to book please visit <http://www.growtheatre.org.uk>
- For more details, please contact Rachel Newman 07745 465 391 or rachel@growtheatre.org.uk

Forest Bandits: Thursday 9th August 10.00 – 12.00 or 1.30 – 3.30

Become an outlaw of Sherwood Forest! Make a bow and arrow, build a hideout, go scouting, ambush baddies and rescue your fellow outlaws!

Superbugs: Thursday 16th August 10.00 – 12.00 or 1.30 – 3.30

Save the woods from DOOM! Join a team of Superbugs - create top secret bases, fantastic disguises, develop super insect powers and much more!

Time Travellers: Thursday 23rd August 10.00 – 12.00 or 1.30 – 3.30

Calling all time travellers, wherever you are! Join us on an adventure through time to the dark ages and beyond!

Curious Creatures and Marvellous Monsters: Thursday 30th August 10.00 – 12.00 or 1.30 – 3.30

HELP! Curious creatures and marvellous monsters are loose in the woods! Come and help round them up - use magic to conjure up imaginary beasts and create a safe haven for them.

Running for Fitness

Running is an activity that has increased in popularity for several years. It is predicted that over 2 million people run at least once a week in England (Sport England, 2016). However, it is likely that 2 or 3 times as many people run on a regular basis.

There is a multitude of ways to take part in running - from fell running, ultra-marathons and athletics, to park runs, jogging and road running, anyone can take part.

Whether you are a person who is running competitively or for social and fitness reasons, or you want to take part in an event to raise money (and win of course!), running is open to all; you just need your feet and a space to do it.

Unfortunately, injury can be a pitfall of running and it is estimated that 70% will sustain an injury at some point, even if it is just a minor strain. Injury is always a risk in running due to the large stresses put through the body every time a step is taken, which could be around 10,000 steps in a 10km run. The most common areas of injury are knees, foot and ankle, the lower leg and hip and pelvis. Various methods can be employed to reduce injuries, including wearing appropriate footwear, having a sensible training regime, good warm up and cool down regime and incorporating exercises that stretch and strengthen muscles used in running.



A very useful strategy is to have your running technique analysed by an experienced therapist. This way you can have your stride mechanics, impact levels and upper body position assessed. You will be advised of any beneficial changes which should hopefully reduce risk of injury and potentially improve performance.

Andy Okwera of Activ Physiotherapy says "We provide a service to runners in our clinics where we assess strength and movement in muscle groups and areas that are involved significantly in running. We then assess your running technique through video analysis in our gym or outdoors."

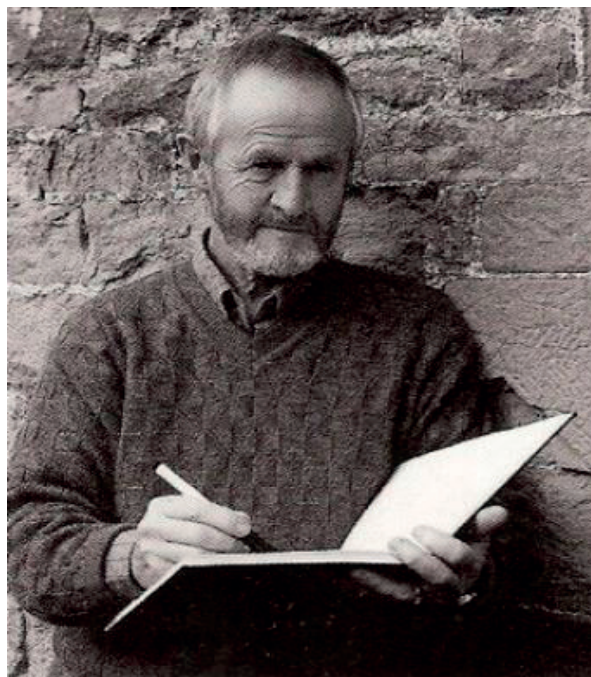
The new Activ Runfit service has been well received. "We have had positive feedback so far from a variety of clients including competitive athletes, recreational runners and more recently a lady who was prevented from being able to continue running as part of her fitness regime due to a knee injury".

Although there is the risk of injury from running, as there is for any physical activity, the benefits of running outweigh the risks. There are many benefits of running from weight loss and boosting your mood to a reduced risk of illness such as heart disease and stroke.

Contact Activ Physiotherapy if you would like more information or you have any questions. Phone 0114 2352727 or email mail@activphysiotherapy.co.uk.

The Future of The Brian Edwards Archive

Brian Edwards' Archive, containing many aspects of the history of Totley, has been available for researchers to access at the Library, but has recently had to be moved due to the lack of space.



His family is keen that this valuable and interesting resource should remain accessible within the community. Totley History Group will remain its custodian, but access to it will be changing.

Our intention is that much of the content will be available on a searchable memory stick, to be borrowed from the group on request.

Totley History Group has also accepted a kind offer to index the collection, which when completed will list the whole archive, including those items too large or bulky to be digitised. This should make referencing the original collection much more user friendly.

Full details will be published in Totley Independent as soon as possible. Meanwhile anyone wishing to access the archive during this transitional period can contact us via either of the following routes:

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Organic Gardening

When the weather eventually improved in the spring, the trees, shrubs and plants came to life. Almost overnight there was a mass of wonderful fresh green. The new Crab Apple, Wild Cherry and Blackthorn all blossomed and the Holly and the Hawthorn were growing strongly. In April, the spreading patch of delicate white Wood Sorrel flowers looked lovely on a small bank in front of a dry stone wall under the Alder trees.

Large bumble-bees were checking out the hedges for nest-sites. The hedge-bottoms are a haven for wildlife when plant debris is allowed to build up. Garden cuttings and some of the lawn clippings etc can be disposed of there to rot down naturally, and Greater Stitchwort and Sweet Woodruff can be planted in, or in front of, the hedge.

Small bees visited the established favourites of Greater Celandine and White Deadnettle, but there were less bees than last year. The main cause of the decline of pollinators is the use of pesticides in inorganic, intensive farming, but the many pesticides on sale in garden centres will be adding to the problem.

Now is the time to plan for next spring, and source native spring-flowering trees, shrubs and flowers that are produced in this country.

While the Marsh Marigold bloomed well by the ponds in early April, two of the ponds were affected by green slimy weed. The local Wildlife Trust helpfully suggested adding native Ramshorn Snails and using barley extract enzyme which seem to be working.



Hazel Arch and the Blue Tits' box

From May onwards, there are numerous wildflowers that will support wildlife. They need to suit the soil type and conditions of the garden. My clay-based soil is now a healthy, living loam after several years of organic gardening. Native plants do not thrive well where chemicals are applied.

The following plants are good for sunny areas: Tufted Vetch, Marjoram, Betony, Greater and Lesser Knapweed, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Field and Small Scabious, Red Clover, Hemp Agrimony, Dandelions (Yes . . . Dandelions!), Rock Rose, Meadows Cranesbill, St John's Wort, Self Heal, Garlic Mustard (a biennial) and Purple Loosestrife (in damp areas).

In semi-shade, Red Campion, Welsh Poppies (yellow), Hedge Woundwort, Foxgloves, Nettle-Leaved Bellflowers and Tutson (a small shrub) thrive well.



Small White Butterflies.... a special moment!

Ivy (non-variegated) supports lots of life. It is good cover for protection and nesting birds and it flowers late, supporting pollinators for a longer season. Like Holly, Ivy also supports the Holly Blue Butterfly that lay their eggs on the leaves in autumn.

It has been a very hot summer. The soil is dry and cracked, but I will not be watering the garden, even from the water butts. The flowers are fine and I am interested to see how they fare in the heat. If they die back, I shall wait to see if they grow again next year and whether any seeds germinate. I shall not water the lawn either - it will recover.

Our water supply is very precious and the author of a book on environmental issues points out that it is not good to have planters or hanging baskets as they need regular watering. I am not a fan of planters, preferring a more natural look, but I do have one with chives in which can withstand long dry spells.

Wildlife has fared quite well, but no hedgehogs in my garden; and no bats (not enough insects round here!). Despite the pondweed problem, there were lots of tadpoles, but one of the frogs provided a good meal for a patient heron!! There are lots of newts, too.

Birds are everywhere. Blue Tits produced a good clutch of young in the newly-fixed bird box on the Alder tree. When they fledged, there was good cover from nearby Hawthorn and Hazel trees to give them protection. It also provided a cooler area during the hot spell. Young Blackbirds, Starlings and finches enjoyed bathing in the water dish and the young Greenfinches found insects among the debris in the flower-beds which I don't clear away. I had planted some "good for birds" Common Sorrel. It's not at all showy, but in late June, young Goldfinches clung to the fragile stems to get at the seeds - one of those very special things to be able to see. They should have Teazel seeds to feast on later. After several years, House Sparrows are back again - wonderful!

It was a very pleasant surprise to have more bees than last year from July onwards, mostly on the Betony, Rock Roses, Field and Small Scabious, but most varieties of flower were visited at some time.

There were more butterflies around too. In June a Large Skipper was attracted to the Rock Roses and a Meadow Brown was around in July. Large and Small Whites were attracted to the Betony and Scabious flowers and several female Orange-Tip Butterflies were around and landing on Ivy leaves where, hopefully, they have laid their eggs. A Speckled Wood was also around.

Our wildlife needs our native wildflowers with which they have evolved over huge periods of time. There is increasing scientific evidence that more cultivated trees, shrubs and flowers are causing health problems for our insects which is contributing to their decline. We really have to start appreciating the natural wonders of nature; if we keep trying to mould and manicure it, there will be a heavy price to pay. Cultivated and foreign imports can look spectacular, but "all that glitters is not gold".

Marian Tiddy

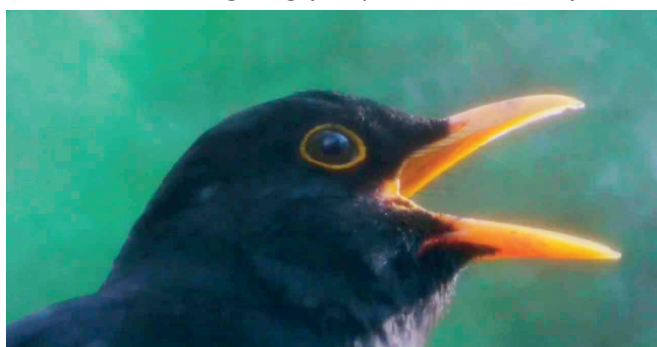
Birds on the street...

*"In springtime, the only pretty ring time
When birds do sing, hey ding a ding a ding..."
Shakespeare, As You Like It*

During nesting season, some of us in Dore and Totley have been carrying out a survey of breeding birds – not in the woods or on the moors, but on the streets where we live. This is being done in other parts of the city too, all under the guidance of an ecologist. This is partly to find out the value of street trees to birds, which we think has never been done before.

Locally, two of us have carried out the survey – once a week for ten weeks – on part of Green Oak Road, Aldam Road and Aldam Way as these all have big mature street trees. These roads are also near Gillfield Wood and Green Oak Park, so the proximity of these habitats – as well as street trees, people's gardens, hedges and grass verges – are important to birds too.

I know a lot of my neighbours, but what was interesting was getting to know the local birds, their songs and where they were likely to be hanging out – lots of goldfinches around the cross roads of Aldam and Green Oak Roads for example, a blackbird with a boring song (compared to its fellows) near the



Blackbird with a boring song?

junction of Green Oak Road and Mickley Lane, a more tuneful one at the top of the alder on Aldam Way. The latter was often engaged in a singing slanging match with one further away.

We have yet to properly analyse our findings but a few observations seem to be interesting....

Aldam Road had the most birds. This is also the road with the most densely packed street trees and intact grass verges. Green Oak Road has more street tree gaps and is of course much busier with traffic. We wondered whether these factors would affect the birds – though backing onto the river you might expect more than we found.

Garden hedges were found to be enormously important – particularly for house sparrows which nationally are in decline. Holes in gutters were also often nested in by sparrows and starlings. Starlings are a 'red listed' species, though previously really common.

For some reason they are doing pretty well in Totley.

Not nesting on those streets, but flying over them, were those marvellous Summer visitors, the screaming swifts which are also in national decline. They love to nest under gutters on the Laverdene Estate, but where people are doing up roofs and gutters with new soffits there are fewer and fewer places for them to nest. The significant reduction in the number of insects all over Europe will also affect them, so the proximity of trees on Aldam and Green Oak Roads (which encourage these populations) will be important.

We found – saw or heard – around 30 different species in all. No surprises perhaps, but these included buzzards and sparr-

owhawks. A peregrine falcon was spotted by other surveyors on Chatsworth Road! We were surprised to see swallows on a carport at the junction of Aldam Way and Green Oak Road.

Various neighbours on these roads told us of other birds they were seeing or hearing in their gardens – jays, woodpeckers, bullfinches, lesser redpolls – especially where their gardens backed onto the wood.

We will be analysing the surveys properly, but in the meantime we'd like to encourage you to do all you can for birds. As well as putting out food, this includes:

- Keeping your garden hedges – especially important for sparrows, blackbirds and dunnocks. Please try not to cut them in the nesting season – just a quiet bit of a trim with the shears if you must!
- Not damaging your grass verges by parking on them. Birds love to poke about in them.
- For the same reason – and for attracting pollinators and helping prevent floods, please don't pave over all of your front garden. Grow flowers!
- Provide nest boxes where you can. Laverdene dwellers could look at getting swift boxes as these birds are struggling. They seem to love to nest here, not only because they seem to find the space below your original gutters suitable, but also because they have a good clear space to fly in and out.
- If your houses have been reroofed and soffitted on Green Oak and Aldam Roads, then special starling boxes could be welcome. If you don't mind leaving holes then they and the sparrows would also thank you! Swift and starling boxes are relatively expensive but easily made. Boxes suitable for sparrows and tits are very cheap.
- Tell the Council you would like to keep your street trees! But then I would say that wouldn't I?

Do get in touch (email goldssally@googlemail.com) if you are interested in what we have been up to or have anything to add.

Sally Goldsmith and Chris Brewster

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 instruments 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 stepoutssheffield@gmail.com www.healthwalksinnsheffield.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.



Starling - doing well in Totley!

Northern Battle of Britain Monument Appeal

As a resident of Totley, I felt privileged to hear Richard Shepley's recent talk at Totley Library about the origins of his family, about World War 2, and the up-to-date happenings of his industrious and illustrious family.

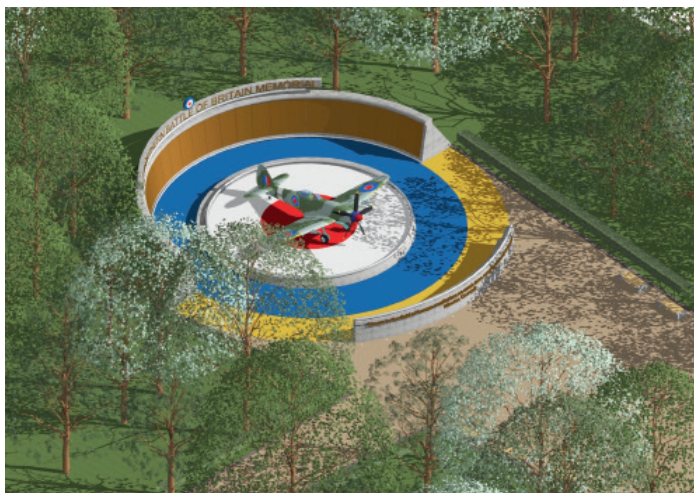
Richard's talk was fascinating, but it did emphasise the reality that some families are prone to misfortune and tragedy whilst serving their country and just simply trying to live their lives. I am grateful to Richard for introducing me to the audience at the end of his talk in my capacity as a trustee of the 'Northern Battle of Britain Monument Appeal' (registered charity no. 1159134)

We are tasked with trying to bring to Doncaster a national memorial to commemorate the Battle of Britain for the 80th anniversary in 2020, to honour and commemorate Winston Churchill's 'The Few'.

The memorial is to be constructed and hosted by South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum in Doncaster. The Museum is sited on the last fragment of WW2 – RAF Doncaster – home of 616 Squadron Royal Auxiliary Air Force who flew Spitfires in the Battle of Britain. I am an honorary member of the Squadron Association. All the trustees and museum members are unpaid volunteers.

We are reminding groups and communities that in World War 2, an initiative to capture the imagination of the ordinary person in the street, to feel they could contribute to the war effort – to collect sufficient funds to replace 'state of the art' Spitfires (like the 'Shepley' Spitfire) that were shot down in action defending the country from invasion by Adolf Hitler's aggressive Nazi nation of Germany in 1940.

It is the hope of the group to raise sufficient funds to purchase a full-size replica Spitfire, to be placed centrally within a 'Revetment' (Blast Pen) in the form of a 'Roundel' (the identity mark on the fuselage and wings of British aircraft) displaying the allied colours of yellow, blue, white and red. The Spitfire will stand on its undercarriage, placed directly over the red spot in the centre of the roundel. The backdrop to the memorial will have the names of the 'few' (2937 airmen) engraved in stone or other suitable material. To the front and at the entrance of the memorial, Winston Churchill's immortal words will be displayed: 'Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many, to so few'. We have planning permission for the intended site in an adjacent wood. For security, the memorial will be accessible to the public (at no charge) during museum opening hours only.



Aerial view of what the memorial might look like

There are presently only two national memorials to the Battle of Britain, at Capel-le-Fern on the South Coast between Dover and Folkestone, and on the Victoria Embankment in London. School children wishing to study the subject and visit these memorials would require at least two days travel (with overnight costs etc.) to visit one of these, whereas a new memorial placed centrally in Doncaster would be accessible by school groups from a one-hundred-mile radius, within a day.

However, the original concept of the monument, first introduced to the museum in 2012 by the late Bill Bond, MBE (who died 2017, R.I.P.) was to be a 'very grand education tool' based on the three-propeller-bladed hub of a Merlin engine, linked together by a scene of aerial warfare, and cast in bronze, costing upwards of an estimated amount of £600,000 to complete – it would be a very difficult task to try to raise such money in today's financial climate.

We have therefore rationalized the project and decided that a replica Spitfire would have greater appeal to our visitors, and would be more likely to be achieved based on the 'Shepley' principal of 'collective funding'. It is estimated at £250,000 to complete – a replica Spitfire costs about £70,000 or more depending on cockpit fittings. Then there are the ground works and engraving of 2937 sponsored names, etc. And unveiling by royalty has to be arranged.

To be equally effective in educating younger generations of the consequences of failure and victory in the greatest air battle ever fought during the Battle of Britain – from 10th July to 31st October 1940.

Frank Donnelly, retired chairman, South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum and treasurer of Northern Battle of Britain Monument Appeal. Tel 0114 236 2789

If you wish to support this project, please send donations to Northern Battle of Britain Monument Appeal, c/o Frank Donnelly, 'Tranquility Base', 12 Overcroft Rise, Totley, Sheffield S17 4AX, South Yorkshire.

Donations may also be sent via: MYDonate (Google)

Holmesfield Flower Club

Wednesday 15th August, 7.30 pm: Evening workshop entitled "Present Wrapping" with tutor Karen Kay. This is a departure from the club's usual flower arranging workshops. Venue: Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield, S18 7WZ – ample parking.

Non-members are most welcome to join in or just come and watch – visitors £4 (includes refreshments). Contact Sandra on 01709 541187 or Diana on 0114 2377601 for further details and a list of materials to bring nearer the date.

Wednesday 17th October, 7.30 pm: Demonstration of flower arranging by Sue Spencer (NAFAS Area Demonstrator) entitled "A Rhapsody of Flowers" at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield, S18 7WZ – ample parking.

Tickets available at the door: visitors £8, members £4 (includes refreshments). The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. All are welcome.

Diana Holland, Holmesfield Flower Club.

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.

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Totley Rise Methodist Church

The Church on the Rise!

9.00am Early Services (1st and 3rd Sundays). A quiet, traditional service lasting about 45 minutes.

10.30am Mid-morning Service every Sunday. An informal and contemporary service with a monthly Communion, usually lasting approximately 1 hour 15 minutes. Prayer ministry is available after every service.

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

3pm - 4.30pm Focus Church (2nd Sunday of each month) is a special church service 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. For further information, please contact Sue or John Freeman on 236 6819 or email sueandjohn6@talktalk.net

Visitors are warmly welcomed.

No evening services are planned during summer holidays.

Welcome for a new minister in September!

We look forward to welcoming a new minister, Gail Hunt, and her husband, David, a Methodist Deacon, to our community in September. Gail's ministerial appointment will include both Totley Rise and Dore Methodist Churches. A barbeque is planned for Sunday, 2nd September following Gail's first service with us and all attending the morning service are invited to attend. Gail and David come to us from the Nid Valley circuit, a combination of churches in Harrogate and Knaresborough. Gail and David have two grown daughters who also live in the North with their families.

Totley Open Gardens a Blooming Success!

We were delighted to participate in the Totley Open Gardens event again this

year, on the 7th and 8th of July. The summer's beautiful weather meant that our gardeners had plenty of opportunity to help our garden be at its best and we value this opportunity to showcase our Quiet Garden as a community resource open to all. We were very happy to contribute £565 from admissions, plant sales and refreshments to the six local charities that this event supports. The TRM community showed our love for tasty cakes with over 30 cakes donated for the event!

Tuesdays at TRM

Every Tuesday there is a lot happening at TRM:

Prayer meeting 9.30-10am in the church. We focus on prayers for the community, for the world and any situations needing healing and the touch of God's hand.

Coffee morning in the church Lounge from 10-11.30 offers folks an opportunity to get to know others better, discover common interests and catch up on the many happenings in our church and Totley communities.

Citizens Advice Bureau 10 - 12 noon in the TRM Centre, No appointment needed. Drop-in free confidential advice service. Advice on legal, financial, employment, benefits and any other matters of concern.

Knit, Natter, Craft and Chatter in the TRM Centre runs from 12 noon - 3 pm with a light exercise session offered from 12-12.30. This busy and friendly group has grown a lot, demonstrating great appeal in our local community. Young and old, men and women are all welcome. The group offer tea, coffee, biscuits and most importantly, friendship for up to three hours.

They may natter and chatter, but they are certainly a productive group who knit and sew for a variety of local charities, which include Butterfly Wings (still born babies), Sheffield premature baby unit and the Christmas shoebox appeal. The Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind have adopted Ellie the knit ted elephant as their mascot and have given a certificate of grateful thanks to

the group. Members can knit/sew (a sewing machine is available) for their chosen charities. Maxine is the organiser and is also keen to help housebound folks be involved. The group will happily provide wool, needles and a chat for those who can't travel to the church.

Tuesday Ladies meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8pm in the 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 236 9002.

Room Hire We make our facilities in the TRM Centre available for a variety of purposes, from community groups such as Probus, to Brownies, Rainbow Guides, language classes and birthday parties. There is the large church hall with a stage, and room hire also includes the use of kitchen facilities and audio-visual equipment if required. Please contact the caretaker, Dean Duke, for more information or to make a booking on 236 0389 or email Dean on deano1972@sky.com. Or visit our website for a booking form and details of room sizes and charges.

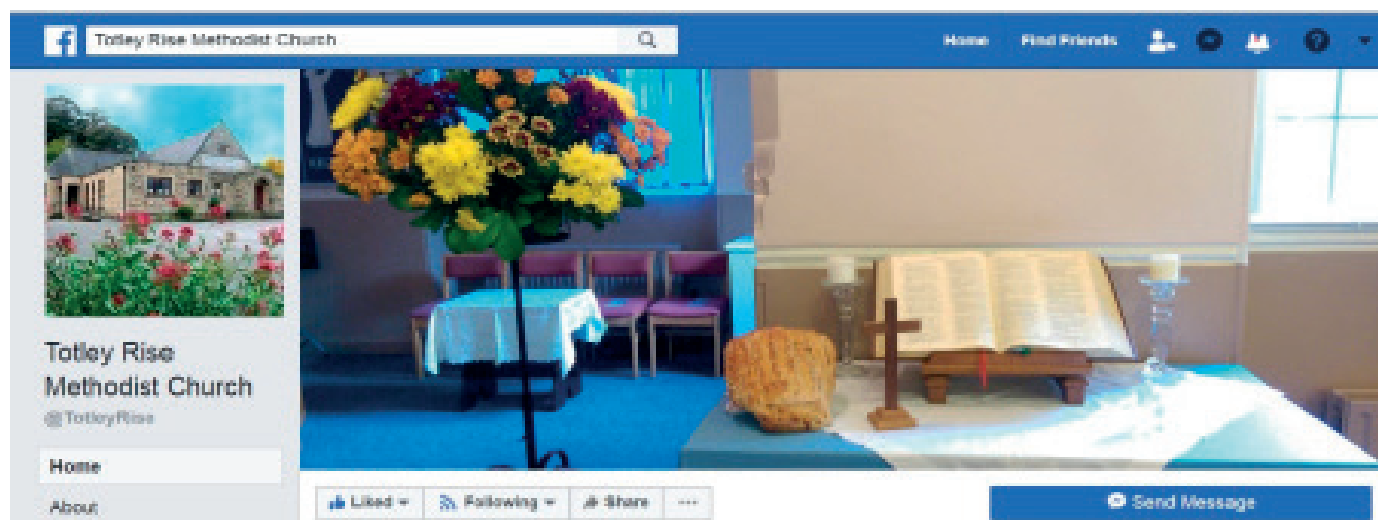
Community Defibrillator at Totley Rise Methodist Church

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.34.



Our Facebook page gets daily updates of events and is a way to send a query or ask for further information. It also contains a link to our website, www.totleystirise.co.uk which publishes our Sunday notices and offers a link to a recent recorded sermon.

The Story of Totley Rise Post Office

As the Post Office on Totley Rise moves premises into the newsagents it is interesting to look back over the 130 years of its existence.

There had been a post office on the corner of Hillfoot Road in Totley from the 1860s, developing from an initial postal delivery service provided by the Sheffield - Bakewell mail coach and Totley's first postman, Joseph Baxby.

Following the opening of Dore and Totley Railway Station in 1872 and the building of substantial residential properties in the Baslow Road area meant businessmen were moving here. A request had been made for a more local post office service, then with the arrival of the Midland Railway Company to build the Totley Tunnel (1889-92) it became an urgent necessity. This was at a time when virtually all communication between businesses, friends and family was sent by letter, or more often in a short sentence on the back of a postcard. There were up to six collections a day and three deliveries, and it has been said that a card posted in the morning might be expected to arrive at its destination the same evening! For a more urgent message there was the Telegraph service that received and delivered telegrams.

'Totley Rise Sub Post Office' was given its license and name in 1889 and was initially run from the top shop, no.71 Baslow Road, coincidentally to where it has just returned. At that time this was John Gill's grocery store and beer off, one of the shops to be established on The Rise just a few years earlier when nos. 67, 69 and 71 were built specifically for that purpose.

In 1900 the post office moved into no. 63, Selby and Mary Wolstenholme's drapery shop, but finally settled at no.67 in 1908 where Miss Fanny Booker combined her role as sub-postmistress with running her confectionary shop and refreshment rooms. This is where the Post Office was to remain for more than a century.

As the sender and receiver of telegrams Miss Booker would have been the first in Totley Rise to hear of important events relating to the local residents, her discretion being essential... perhaps the joy of a grandchild's safe arrival was news that would soon be shared, but one suspects there would be many private and sad messages too.

Was she the first to hear of the death of a soldier, one of Totley's sons fighting in WWI? Having to pass the sealed envelope to the telegram boy for him to deliver, a family's life changed forever.

On a more practical note we have the certificate of insurance she took out in 1915 covering any illness or accident that might befall her 'One Messenger' in the service of the Post Office.



Circa 1910: Looking remarkably like it did when it closed in July

His wage was declared as £20 per annum and the insurance premium 4/- (20p).

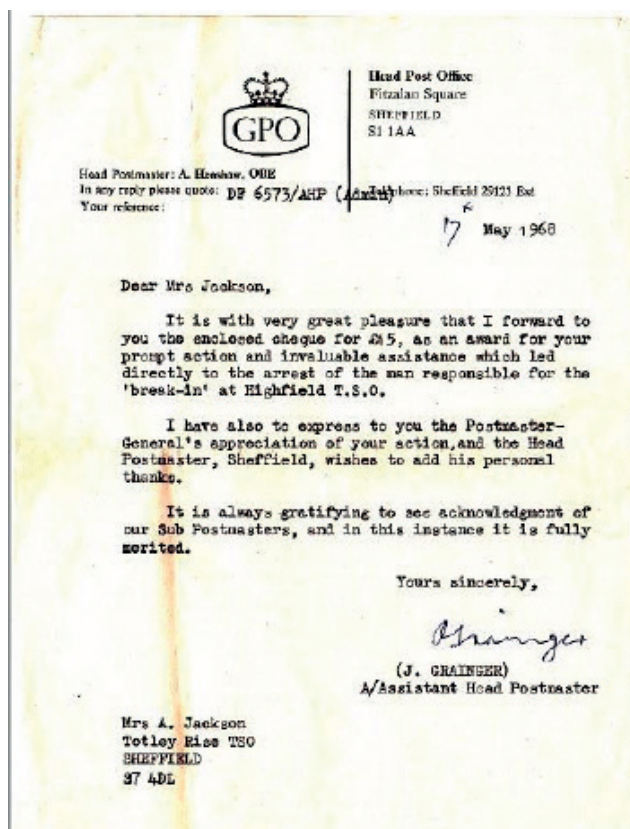
When Fanny retired in 1931, Ernest Jackson took over as postmaster and was to run the business for more than fifty years. His wife Annie worked behind the counter, having first come to Totley Rise as Miss Booker's assistant. She had worked in Calver, Banner Cross and the Moor post offices and brought with her a glowing reference. She was able to run the service at Totley Rise during the hiatus between Fanny's departure and the formalities of Ernest's appointment being completed. She and Ernest also married in 1931 but it was

business as usual on the following Monday, finding time for their honeymoon only some twelve months later!

Hours of work were listed in his terms of employment. They were long and spread over the full week, to include a half-day on Saturday and from 9.00-10.30am on Sunday. Presumably that was to do with the Sunday collection needing sorting. The post office was also a sorting office at this time, ceasing only in 1950 when rapid growth in Totley's housing had meant the volume of mail became too great for the sub post office to handle.

In 1968 Annie received an award from Sheffield's Head Postmaster, acknowledging her part in helping the police to catch a man who had robbed Highfield Post Office. She had realised that he was cashing stolen postal orders and immediately contacted the police. As a result he was apprehended shortly afterwards and given a prison sentence of three years for the theft of over £15,000 in cash, postal and money orders.

By the time she retired she had worked in sub post offices for an amazing sixty-five years.



Annie Jackson's letter of thanks from the Assistant Head Postmaster

Jim Webb was the postmaster to take over in 1982, making changes to the layout of the shop and concentrating on the sale of cards and stationery. In Ernest and Annie's time it had sold an eclectic mix of essentials, from pots and pans to hairnets.

And so to the final postmaster and postmistress at no.67, Lindsay and Kathy Garrad, who came in 2002 and have just passed the baton to the newsagent, Mr 'Kaj' Kajeaban.

Let's hope our Post Office is never taken away from us, a misfortune that has befallen so many other communities in recent years. Bank there, get your cash there, get your holiday money, pick up your on-line orders there. Use it as much as you can to show the powers that be that we still need our Post Office in Totley Rise.

Pauline Burnett

TOTLEY & DISTRICT DIARY

- MONDAYS** **COFFEE MORNING**, All Saints Church Hall, 10am-12noon. Transport usually available on request. Tel 236 0872 before 9.45 am.
TAI-CHI, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 11.30am-12.30pm.
RAINBOWS and GUIDES, All Saints Church Hall, 5.45pm-9pm.
SLIMMING WORLD, Abbeydale Sports Club, 5.30pm and 7.30pm. Tel. Ang Ibbottson on 07772 241711.
- TUESDAYS** **PILATES**, The Old School, Dore, 9.15-10.15am. Phone Teresa Tinklin 07906 312372.
BABY TIME, Totley Library, 1-2pm. A fun music session with songs, rhymes and simple musical instruments for babies aged 0-18months
COFFEE MORNING, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am-noon.
KNIT, NATTER, CRAFT & CHATTER, Totley Rise Methodist Church, 12 noon - 3.00pm.
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU Drop-in, free, impartial and confidential. Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am-noon.
CRAFT GROUP, Totley Library, 2pm.
JAZZ IN THE AFTERNOON, 2-4 pm, Totley Rise Methodist Church Schoolroom. A weekly afternoon of all forms of recorded jazz, plus discussion. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.
- WEDNESDAYS** **PILATES CLASSES**, Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 9.00-10.00am and 10.15-11.15am. Contact Caroline tel: 0781 722 0324, email Carolinenorth1@me.com, www.pilatescarolinenorth.co.uk.
COFFEE in the Library, 10am-11.30am.
STORY TIME in the Library, 10.30-11.30am. Craft activities, songs and a story for pre-school children. Call in at the Library for more information.
TODDLER GROUP, 10am-11.30am, All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Katy Maclean 07790 411893.
HEALTH WALKS, 10.30am, Totley Library. Contact Step Out Sheffield on 07505 639524 or email stepoutshfief@gmail.com www.healthwalksinnsheffield.btck.co.uk. For more information see Totley Library item in this issue.
MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING, All Saints Church Hall, 8pm-10pm.
CHILDREN'S FITNESS CLASSES for pre-school girls and boys aged 2-5. Wednesday mornings 9.30 - 10.10am, Abbeydale Sports Club. Free taster sessions. See www.minimovez.com or call Steph on 07838 818743.
- THURSDAYS** **BELROBICS**, United Reformed Church, 9.15-10am, email: jenny@belrobics.co.uk or tel 07816 850132.
NCT COFFEE GROUP FOR DORE TOTLEY & BRADWAY, 10am-noon, for mums & babies/toddlers, various locations. Phone Lucy Street 07837 000405 or email: lucy@streetr.plus.com for further details.
ROCKCHOIR, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd, 11.30 - 1pm. See www.rockchoir.com or call 01252 714276
PUSHCHAIR CLUB, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 1.30-3pm. Tel. 07912 352543 for details.
PILATES CLASS run by qualified Pilates Instructor/Physiotherapist for all abilities and ages. 1.30 - 2.30pm at the United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road. Call Emer on 07792 422909.

AUGUST

- SUN 5th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES** Abbeydale Road South. 1pm-5 pm (weather permitting). Teddy Bears' Picnic - all proceeds go to Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity. Bring a picnic and meet Theo the Bear! Car park closes 5pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com/
WED 8th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated talk by Jeff Jacklin "Life in NHS - It Only Hurts when I Laugh ". Visitors Welcome.
SUN 19th 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 10.
SUN 19th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES Abbeydale Road South. 1pm-5 pm (weather permitting). Car park closes 5pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com/
WED 22nd TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated talk by Prof. Charles Sterling "The Answer Lies in the Soil". Visitors Welcome.

SEPTEMBER

- SUN 2nd 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 12th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated Talk by Melvin Cook "Waterways of the Russian Tsars". Visitors Welcome.
SAT 15th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD: Totley Show Come and visit us at this year's Totley Show and learn more of the conservation and the events past, present and future. The show starts at 1.30pm at Totley Primary School, Baslow Road.
TUES 18th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Sue Coggin, "Royal Society for the Blind Awareness Talk". Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10 am.
SAT 22nd FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD Walk Around Brown Edge. Join us for a walk around Brown Edge with archaeologist Stuart Nunn. Meet in the lay-by off Baslow Road (A621) just down from the Peacock Inn at Owl Bar, 1.30pm. For more information see page 10.
SUN 16th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES Abbeydale Road South. 1pm-5 pm (weather permitting). Car park closes 5pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com/
WED 26th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated Talk by Mike Ogden "A Palace by a River". Visitors Welcome.
WED 26th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP "Ebenezer Hall of Abbeydale Hall", a talk by Ted Hancock. Totley Library, 7.30 pm.
SUN 30th 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 10.
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