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The moment the new extension was declared well and truly open! Left to right: Totley CRIC Trustees Chair Natasha Watkinson; library users Barbara France and Lionel Boniface who both cut the ceremonial ribbon; Project Lead Sue Hare

Library Extension Open!

For years, Totley Library - Totley's only community building - greeted its visitors with a sign in the foyer which read "We are sorry but this library does not have any public toilet facilities".

In practice, library staff accommodated those in need by allowing access to the staff toilets through the back office - but this was hardly ideal, and having to navigate around the front-desk and then ump-teen corners was no help at all to those using wheelchairs or pushing buggies.

Providing a toilet facility within the library which would be accessible to library users with disabilities, as well as to parents needing baby-changing facilities, became a priority for Totley Community Resource and Information Centre - the charity which manages the library with its army of volunteers. Through many fund-raising activities, Totley, Dore and Bradway residents dug deep in their pockets to support the project, and Totley CRIC was in a position to start serious planning for the new facility in October 2016.

The project took two years of planning by the Project Team, then two months of work by Crown Building Services Ltd. At last, the new facilities were opened on 24th November. The ceremonial cutting of the ribbon was carried out by Library users Lionel Boniface, a mobility scooter user, and Barbara France, who visits the library regularly with her grandchildren.

Totley CRIC Chair Natasha Watkinson said "It's been the fantastic team effort by all our volunteers and the wider community that has helped build this new toilet facility. All the money we've raised over the last few years - our fund-raising, the lottery, book sales, cake sales, plant sales, and so on - has gone towards building this fully accessible toilet." Natasha thanked the project team - Sue Hare, Howard Elliott, Carolyn Allcroft and Harry Armitage - and other trustees, as well as the builders, Crown Building Services Ltd.

Project Team leader Sue Hare added "the library should always have (*continued p.3*)

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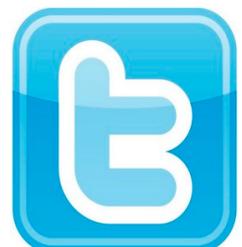
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Library Extension Open! (from p.1)

had an accessible toilet. The Disability Discrimination Act dates back to 1995 – nearly 25 years ago! It's not really acceptable to go to a public building and not be able to use a toilet or change a baby's nappy." Sue paid tribute to Crown Building Services for their work, and went on to thank architect Alex Wall who produced the initial plans; Brian Hodges who gave some initial advice about what was needed; Sheffield City Council, who were not able to help financially, but gave a lot of advice about the project and how to achieve it; Isabel Hemmings and Peter de Lange who advised on health and safety aspects, and Stuart Hastings who opened up the library for the builders early in the morning!

"In the project team", said Sue, "Harry Armitage used his knowledge and experience to keep an eye on the build; Carolyn Allcroft has been great in keeping the volunteers and the public engaged and informed as the project progressed and doing many tasks related to the day-to-day operation of the library during the build; and Howard Elliott who joined us just when we needed project planning, and we are grateful for his knowledge and expertise."

After he and Barbara had jointly cut the ribbon, Lionel said "this is a significant moment for Totley library. It will make the library more accessible and usable for everybody – children and adults. I am a volunteer but I'm also a user of the library and this is an opportunity to speak on behalf of library users to express our thanks to everybody - the committee of trustees and all the volunteers. This is not just a library, it is our community centre."

Barbara added "We moved into the area in the 1970s so when the library opened my parents and I used it, my family used the library, and I'm bringing my grandchildren to use the library so I have four generations in my family who have used Totley library - a big thank you to everybody!"

Traffic News

Dangerous wall, Baslow Road, opposite the War Memorial: This wall was reported to Amey when they were starting the road improvements work in our area three years ago. They passed it to the dangerous structures engineer to check out. It has now partially collapsed. I notified StreetsAhead with an email which was quite specific.

I told them that the wall was a dry-stone retaining wall, (with a coursed, jointed wall adjoining it), located on the A621, Baslow Road, Totley on the outbound carriageway, between Hillfoot Road and Lane Head Road. I received an acknowledgment emails, 'confirming' that the wall was on Old Hay Lane, and it was not of the correct appearance!

How can anyone get this so wrong? Fortunately, one of the staff called me and asked me to confirm where it was. He knew the area, had been out to where he thought it might be, knowing that their staff got some information wrong, before sending a note of it to them (though not my originating email).

I once rang about an urgent situation where their staff had left a deep hole in a road. The call-taker needed a house number, but there wasn't one at that location. I got her to look on Google Street view, find a well-known location, and then told her it was 'west of that'. The person asked me what I meant, as they had no idea what the points of a compass were, only knowing a compass as a thing to scribe a circle! Sorry, Amey, there are some fundamental problems here!

Baslow Road Pedestrian Activated Crossing: The permanent lights are working and the extensive parking restrictions, with RED lines, will be in force when this edition hits the shops. Whilst the temporary lights were in use, I saw one car drive through on amber, which changed to red as it went through, indicating it had prior knowledge to prepare to stop; and another came out of Main Avenue and the lights changed to red before it got to them, but it still went through. Beware!

Parking Enforcement: A word of warning. Sheffield City Council is using a vehicle fitted with an on-board camera to help enforce against drivers who endanger children and flout

the law close to the school gates.

Using automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) technology, the camera can be used by council officers for cars that are parked in bus lanes, those that are parked on School Keep Clear zig zag lines outside school gates and on bus stop clearways across the city. They can also be used on new red routes on which vehicles are not permitted to stop, and which extend to stopping for loading or unloading, and to boarding or alighting from a vehicle except for licensed taxis and the holders of blue badges.

The ANPR camera car will drive past schools, bus stop clearways and bus lanes recording video footage of any infringement it detects. The enforcement vehicle has been seen in Totley. It has cameras on the roof and does not need to stop to issue a ticket - it drops through your letter box!

Roger Hart, 07831 305881

Totley Open Gardens

Totley Open Gardeners held their bi-annual social event on 17th November to plan next year's Totley Open Gardens and to present cheques to the organisations from money raised at the July 2018 weekend. The social was held at the home of Mike and Gillian Woolley, which was especially appreciated since Gillian is still recovering from a nasty car accident in April 2018.

The money raised for local organisations this year was:

Cherry Tree Support Services	£900
Transport 17	£650
Totley Library	£650
Scout Hut Fund	£375
Friends of Gillfield Wood	£150
Totley Beavers	£136

Dates for your Diary: Totley Open Gardens will be on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July, from 1pm until 5.30pm.

Jennie Street

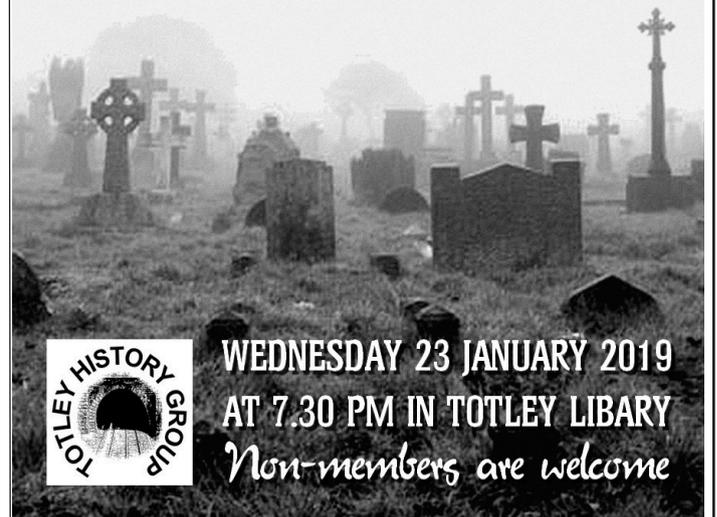
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Totley Show 2018

A Report from the Chair of the Committee

It has been a challenging but very successful year for the committee of Totley Show. At the beginning of the year we had to form our own Society (Totley Show Society) with the demise of the TRA. This meant we had to set up our own constitution and bank account, managed by our treasurer. Then in the spring we had to review our classes, knowing that we had had a 30% increase in entries last year. Do we change any or just leave them all the same. We decided to change a few of the classes and add a few more.

In the summer it was into full swing, getting the sponsorship organised with our main sponsors, who were: Totley All Saints Church, Hamnett Wealth Management, The Cross Scythes, The Shepley Spitfire and Totley Rise Methodist Church.

This was followed by visiting local shops for donations for the raffle. The shops that supported us, this year, were, in alphabetical order, Totley Co-op, Ironing Parlour, Liberty Foods, Looby Loo, Luxury Gap, Rendezvous, Totley Pharmacy, The Gin Wagon, Totley Deli, Totley Rise Card Shop (previously the Post Office), Totley Rise Greengrocers, Totley Rise Newsagents and Post Office, Totley Tails and Whiskers and 195 Headlines.

We would encourage you to support our local shops, who in turn support your community. The main prize this year was a hamper of food and goodies donated by Totley Co-op.

Then we came to the week prior to the show, with the news that Dore Show had been targeted and at least 10 dud £20 notes had been used, which not only affected the Dore Show, but several of the stall holders. All of these are charities so it is disappointing to find that people target an event like this which is a 'soft touch'. Discussions took place between myself, the treasurer and members of the committee on how we deal with the potential issue at Totley Show. It was decided that we would purchase 'tracer' pens which can identify the fraudulent notes. We then had to notify all the stallholders, in advance as well, to give them chance to prepare their own policy.

Friday night came and we set up the dining room and the main hall with help from the Scouts. On Saturday morning there was a steady trickle of exhibitors through the door, although the number of entries was slightly down on last year, mainly in the Children's Section. We think this was partially down to one of the local schools delaying its opening after the summer holiday by a week, due to building work.

We would like to thank the independent judges who come from around Sheffield, at their own cost, to judge each of the classes.

In the afternoon the footfall through the door was 15% up on last year (and 2017 had a 25% increase on the previous year). The main raffle, consisting of prizes donated by local shops, was again up on the previous year.

The entertainment was excellent, performed again this year by the Rock Choir and the Seven Hills Quartet. They provided a lovely atmosphere and many commented on how much they had enjoyed the music. We would like to thank the Cubs, the Scouts and their parents for manning the Bouncy Castle and the outside area, as our usual volunteers were not available this year. We had 3 new stallholders this year and the feedback was that the Dining Hall was buzzing as usual.



Clic Sergeant (Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity) raised over £200 (see photo left), the Scouts and Cubs raised nearly £200 for their new Scout Hut, and the police were very busy, handing out information to local residents.

Best in Show was won by Sally Goldsmith for her display of 5 or more vegetables.

Once again Totley and the local districts have shown what a high standard of talent they can display across a wide range of classes. A list of winners appears elsewhere in this issue. The auction was well attended, with many people getting bargains of home produce to take home.

At the end of the Show we were on to dismantling everything and putting everything into store with help from a local farmer. By Sunday morning all the banners were down.... and then we start planning for next year!

In October we had a debrief meeting to iron out any issues and put forward further improvements for next year. I would like to thank all the other members of the committee who helped make this year's Show a success, and all the volunteers who helped on the Friday night or on the Saturday. We had several new volunteers this year and help from the Cubs and Scouts. We can always do with more volunteers so if you would like to help at all in the future please e-mail me at the address below.

As a new society in our own right we have had a few additional costs this year including having to pay our own insurance, which previously was covered under the TRA policy. We have also added a small amount to our reserves to cover costs in-

incurred prior to the Show each year. This still left us with a surplus to donate to local charities and this year we have given that money to Transport 17 and the Cub and Scouts 'New Hut fund'.

We now have 3 months off and then start all over again in January 2019 to plan for next year.

Mick Warwick, Totley Show Chair
totleyshowchair@hotmail.co.uk



Above left: footfall at the Show increased this year - this photo shows a moment in the the busy school dining-room. Above right: The Seven Hills Quartet, unfortunately temporarily reduced this year to a trio!



Above left: the Rock Choir give it their all, as usual. Above right: 'Best in Show' winner Sally Goldsmith, with Totley Show Chair Mick Warwick (left) and Show President Les Firth (right)

Hathersage Carollers

Hathersage Carollers will be singing at the following Hathersage venues.

Do come and join in with their versions of traditional local carols and some well-known national ones.

Monday 17th December The Millstone Inn, 9pm

Wednesday 19th December: The Plough Inn, 9pm

Friday 21st December: Scotsman's Pack Inn, 9pm

Sunday 23rd December: Carols at the Swimming Pool, 11am

Thursday 27th December: Little John Hotel, 12 noon

Carol sheets will be available and any donations will go to Ashgate Hospice.

Brian Ward (01433 650388)

Dore and Totley United Reformed Church

Totley Brook Road

Christmas Services in December:

Sunday 16th December: 10.30 am
Carol service led by Rev. Jamie Kissack

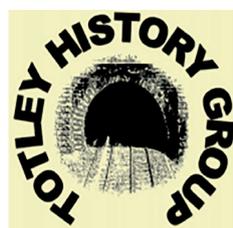
Wednesday 19th December: 10.30 am
Mince pies followed by a short carol service

Sunday 23rd December: 10.30 am
Morning service led by Rev. Zaidie Orr

Christmas Day 10 am Family celebration led by Rev. Jamie Kissack

All are welcome to join us at any of these services.

Elaine Ferguson (07929 720977)



Totley History Group

Programme 2018-19

December 12th
Spitewinter Concert 2018. Winter songs and music through the ages with the Sheffield Folk Chorale and Special Guests Belshazaar's Feast and Ciaran Doyle at Ecclesall Parish Church, Ringinglow Road. Price £10.

January 23rd Hilary Hutson, "Dead and Buried: Dore and Totley Ancestry." An Illustrated talk on Family History. Totley Library, 7.30pm.. Non-members welcome.



Christmas Tree Festival

Totley All Saints Church
Thursday 13th, Friday 14th
December 3-6pm

Saturday 15th 11am -5pm
And

Saturday 15th 7.30 - 9pm
Come and join us for mulled wine and a quiz.

Tickets are required (ring 01246 298110 or 07902293929)

This is a free event but please bring an item of food for Grace Food bank

Sunday 16th December 10am
All Age Worship service

Totley Scouts

After a lovely summer break all our sections returned with full programmes for the term ahead and we have been very pleased to welcome lots of new members to our group. The beginning of a new term is also the time when some of our young people look forward to moving on to a new section and a new adventure. The leaders have all been busy over the past few weeks enrolling new children into their sections and welcoming new faces.

The onset of Autumn means that the evenings fall earlier which somewhat restricts the time we get to be outside, but we try not to let that stop us too much and still manage to make good use of our outdoor space with campfires, games and activities such as exploring the night sky.

The group were very pleased to be asked to take part in the Totley Show this year and we spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon running games and a tombola stall. It was great to see so many people there and we would like to thank everyone for their support. We would also like to thank the show organisers for choosing our group as one of the charities to benefit from the proceeds from the show: we are very grateful for their support. We very much look forward to being involved in this great Totley tradition again next year.



In October we had a group outing to Cadbury World. Nearly 40 young people caught the coach from Totley early one Saturday morning and travelled to Birmingham to enjoy the Cadbury World experience. On the Cadbury World tour, we had a go at

writing with chocolate, chocolate tempering and, the best bit for the children, enjoying a pot of melted chocolate with their favourite toppings. There was great excitement in the shop at the end of our visit and plenty of chocolate was brought home. I'm not sure how much was shared with their families, but a great time was had by all.

Our group enjoyed a family bonfire night celebration with our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their families. We enjoyed hot roast chicken sandwiches, hotdogs, beautiful home-made cakes donated by our parents and plenty of games for all. Thank you to all our families who came along, had fun and supported us and to the local businesses who donated raffle prizes.

We are always looking for adult help within our sections, especially our younger sections who need a bit more support during activities. If anyone feels they would like to get involved or would like to find out more please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

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Ask Your Pharmacist

NHS Winter Campaign - Help Us Help You

This winter, pharmacies as well as other healthcare providers are partnering with the NHS to advertise their "Help Us Help You" campaign. The campaign promotes the seeking of advice from pharmacies and other health professionals before an illness gets worse which may force you to call and use emergency services. Ambulances and A&E departments throughout the country are being put under more stress and strain due to non-emergency calls and preventable trips to A&E. The outcome of this is frustratingly long waiting times as most of you have experienced at one point in time. And more worryingly, people who are in need of lifesaving care are made to wait. To help alleviate these problems, the NHS is encouraging you to use pharmacies as the first port of call this winter. With this in mind, when you are feeling under the weather in the coming months, pop into your local pharmacy to get advice or get referred appropriately to the correct professional.

HELP US HELP YOU

STAY WELL THIS WINTER

A serious problem over the winter months which places a huge strain on NHS and hospital resources is influenza. Getting your flu vaccination can also help prevent more serious complications and hospital omissions. Unfortunately, this year, there is a different vaccine and this had led to supply problems. We would suggest that you try to get your vaccine from your doctor, but if you cannot get an appointment or your surgery has run out of vaccines, please pop in to see us as we still have some vaccines left. We are providing vaccines for NHS and private patients.

Tying in with Help Us Help You, another similar campaign which ran in November was "Ask Your Pharmacist." This again aims to highlight how pharmacists are an important part of the NHS and can be an alternative to GPs and A & E. Pharmacists do far more than just dispense prescriptions - as well as being able to answer your queries without the need for an appointment, we provide many other services. Your local pharmacist is an expert on medicines, so if you are taking medicines and don't know what they're for or when and how to best take them, pop in to see us. At Totley Pharmacy, we have two pharmacists, so you will be able to discuss your concerns without having to wait for the pharmacist to become available.

Our pharmacists can help treat some illnesses for free using the Minor Ailments scheme. This is quite a limited scheme, but we do also stock a wide range of products which you can buy without a prescription, and of course we always refer you to the appropriate healthcare professional if that is appropriate. By speaking to a pharmacist first, you may save a trip to your local GP's surgery (which may take up to 3 weeks to get an appointment at this time of year) and have your problem resolved a lot quicker. In doing this you will also help your GP who can then spend his time with other patients who may need to be seen more urgently (making waiting times for appointments slightly more bearable).

Hopefully you will all stay healthy this winter. Everyone at your local pharmacy wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you do overindulge, pop in to see us for remedies for indigestion and hangovers.

Taj Singh, Totley Pharmacy

All Saints Church

Totley Hall Lane



A baby changes everything.

The news that Prince Harry and his wife are expecting their first child has been greeted with predictable excitement by the world's media. In the coming months, speculation will mount as to the sex of the child, the due date, how well (or not) Meghan appears and there will be photographs charting the growth of the "baby bump". For some people, the news was greeted with great excitement and they will devour all the latest information about the pregnancy. Some people may have heard it as a good news story but are not especially interested. Many people will be completely uninterested, believing it is of no significance to them, and wish that the press would concentrate on more important issues. Whatever our stance, we know that this baby will change a young couple into parents, and their lives will change forever.

Over two thousand years ago, the birth of Jesus divided opinion in much the same way. A young woman of humble origins, a virgin, gave birth to a baby that people claimed was the Saviour of the world. Many may have cast doubt on Mary's claim to be a virgin and rejected her and these claims as blasphemy. King Herod heard the news of the birth of a new king and he believed his position was threatened. Shepherds claimed that angels had told them of the birth of a Saviour, and many couldn't believe why God would have chosen shepherds to be among the first to hear such momentous news. And yet wise men and women of great faith as well as humble, ordinary people, met with the infant Jesus and saw in Him the promised saviour, the long awaited Messiah and their lives were changed.

Fast forward two millennia and the story of the birth of this baby to a poor young woman from a humble family in an insignificant town still both divides opinion and changes lives. Christmas is celebrated both as a secular and as a religious festival. This Christmas the story will be told again all over the world. You may have heard the story many times but feel that it has no significance to you or the life you live. Maybe it is something you don't really understand. Perhaps you long to believe but somehow find it hard to accept, it seems too strange and unbelievable. Or maybe

you have found in the birth of Jesus a peace and love that passes all understanding and your life has been changed forever.

Whatever your view and however you celebrate, you are welcome at your parish church and may your Christmas be peaceful and blessed.

*Liz Hayden, Churchwarden
Totley All Saints Church.*

It was announced on October 13th that Revd Katie Tupling had resigned as Vicar of Totley & Dore. Her last service will be Sunday 6th January, at 10.30am at Christ Church Dore, with lunch afterwards. At the time of writing, we are unsure of what the future will bring but during this period of interregnum, the responsibility for the life of All Saints passes to the churchwardens and the PCC.

We are very fortunate to have Rev Ali Creasey who has responsibility for the Sunday 10am service but Ali is a self-supporting minister and has a full time job and so cannot take on the role of priest in charge. We do, however have a great team of lay readers and preachers in addition to Ali. Services at All Saints will continue as before and we look forward to welcoming you at 10am on a Sunday or 10am on a Wednesday.

Any queries can be addressed to the churchwardens Liz Hayden 2364944 or Angela Waite 2364728



Christmas at All Saints



**Sunday 16th December 10am All
Age Worship
6.30 Candle-lit Carol Service**

**Sunday 23rd December Holy
Communion**

**Christmas Eve 4pm Crib Service
11.30pm Holy Communion**

**Christmas Day
9.30 am All Age Worship with
Holy Communion**

Library Sculpture

A stone carving of a stack of books has been installed across the road from Totley Library. The sculptor, Steve Roche, explains: "This is the first of two carvings to go in, the other is a stylised apple tree. It's been paid for by HMP Construction and is carved in Derbyshire fossil-limestone called Mandale, which is quarried just outside Bakewell. I am a local stonemason and letter carver, based in my workshop at Stag Works near Bramall lane. Pop along and have a look! I hope people enjoy it!"



Family History Course

In January, Sheffield City Archives and Local Studies Library are running their popular 6-week family history course led by local family history expert Suzanne Bingham.

The course is aimed at beginners and will explain how to research your family tree and find and use essential records such as birth, marriage and death indexes, certificates, and census records; how to use the Find My Past website, and how to access records in archives and libraries that haven't yet been made available online. Each week, you will look at original documents from the Archives.

The Course starts on Thursday 17th January 2019, from 2-4 pm, at Sheffield City Archives, 52 Shoreham Street, S1 4SP. The cost is £60. To book a place contact Sheffield City Archives (0114 203 9395 (Sat, Mon and Tues) or Sheffield Local Studies Library (0114 273 4753) (Wed pm, Friday and Saturday) or email: archives@sheffield.gov.uk

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National Lottery support for 'Lakeland' Partnership

Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership – an exciting initiative led by Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust – has been awarded £2.6 million by the Heritage Lottery Fund as part of a £3.4 million package of partnership projects conserving and celebrating the natural, built and cultural heritage of north-west Sheffield.

Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership will deliver 20 brand new projects over the next four years, each contributing to its vision of "a more natural and resilient landscape for everyone to enjoy and feel part of".

The Partnership has adopted the name Sheffield Lakeland to reflect the fondness with which the area's reservoirs, from Langsett in the north to Redmires in the south, are regarded and in reference to the Sheffield Lakeland bus tours which

visited the area from 1950s -1970s.

Examples of projects include restoring habitat for barn owls, water voles and other threatened wildlife species, supporting farmers and landowners to work together to protect the special landscape character of north west Sheffield, helping local communities enjoy responsible access to the countryside and celebrating the cultural heritage of the Sheffield Lakeland area through stories, music and art in the landscape.

The Partnership, which includes Yorkshire Water, Sheffield City Council, Bradfield Parish Council, Stocksbridge Town Council, Natural England and the Environment Agency, South Yorkshire Archaeology Service and Sheffield United Community Foundation and has the support of landowners and local groups, will create or support 17 jobs, in addition to a programme of countryside volunteering and training opportunities.

Commenting on the award, Liz Ballard, CEO of Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust said: "Sheffield Lakeland is a much loved landscape, with a rich cultural heritage as well as internationally important wildlife habitats, but many of the things we most value about the landscape are under pressure. By acting together now, we know we can achieve more for people and wildlife than as individual organisations working alone."

Programme Manager, Keith Tomkins said: "We're delighted that we've received funding for Sheffield Lakeland thanks to National Lottery players. Over the last year, we have been overwhelmed by the support and enthusiasm shown by individuals, community groups and local businesses for the Sheffield Lakeland landscape. Now the real work begins!"

Work will start in November 2018 and more information is available on individual projects. To find out more information about getting involved with Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership or other ways in which you can support your local environment, visit Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust's website at wildsheffield.com/sheffieldlakeland

Holmesfield Church Walking Group

Moon Inn Walk

On Wednesday 5th December at 10am Robin Greetham will lead a walk starting from the Moon Inn at Stoney Middleton. We will walk up to the Riley Graves, then on to Eyam where we will stop for coffee in a café. Then we will go back down a bridleway to the Moon Inn where we will have lunch (optional).

The walk should be mainly mud free as we are walking mainly on bridleways. A short cut is available. 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. If you have any queries please phone Robin on 01246 412767. The walk is 4.5 miles long.



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Gardening Tips for December and January

We have just had a frosty spell and the forecast is for milder weather but windy. We might be able to get on with the drastic pruning or last minute planting - we managed to get some daffodil and tulip bulbs cheap, and we are planting them in the semi-wild plot at the top of the garden. They may be a bit late flowering, but they will brighten up that part of the garden in the spring.

We need to get the greenhouse insulation installed a.s.a.p. - must keep the plants cosy over the winter. The lawn needs a winter feed so that we have a lovely green sward later. The bird feeders are looking rather tatty and I think it's time for a replacement - must give the birds a lot of TLC. The recently pruned plum tree will do nicely to hang the feeders on. I must check on the fruit which is in store and remove any suspect ones before they contaminate the rest.

One or two pavers are getting wobbly (like me). Must get them reset before they get dangerous.

If you have to cut the lawn set the mower high, do not scalp it, and also re-cut the edges as this improves the look of the garden over the winter.

Wrap up any tender plants and shrubs with fleece or bubble wrap and make sure the rain drains off the wrappings. Some tender perennials could be insulated around the base: dioramas, diascias, red hot poker, and agapanthus have a better chance of surviving a cold winter tucked under a thick layer of gravelly mulch. Don't cut back the foliage until April - they may look a bit sad but it is better left on. Cut back the messy foliage of spring and summer flowering plants such as phlox, campanulas and aquilegias. These are shutting down for the winter, so it's safe to cut them back, though tall woody stems could be left as their nooks and crannies will provide a safe place for insects, and they will be of benefit to insect eating birds. If a plant seems to be missing due to frost, and it is a slightly tender plant such as borderline hardy fuchsia, it's worth waiting to see whether it comes back from the dead. Plants can reappear as late as June.

It's about time that shed had a good fettle (she said). I must agree, things do get a bit out of hand during the summer, tools get left about, bottle tops get left off etc etc. and winter is a good time to tackle this worthwhile job. It would make a good new year's resolution! While you're at it you could also clean up the tools, sharpen the ones that need it, also the mower blades, wooden handles can be preserved with linseed oil, it also makes them look as though they are cared for.

We hope you all have a pleasant happy Christmas and a healthful gardening new year.

Flowers: Check over dahlia tubers to ensure they are not rotting or drying up too much. Give them a dusting of flowers of sulphur after cutting out any suspect parts. Break away the dead foliage from gladioli corms prior to storing them away ready for planting out next spring. Begonia tubers should be checked to see that they are still healthy. Winter flowering

Firm in any plants, which have been moved by frost or wind. Prune roses down to about half way, this makes the beds look tidier and does not harm the plants it also helps to reduce the plants rocking in the wind, they can be pruned fully in April.

Vegetables: The thing to think about is to work with nature rather than against her. So keep off your garden in wet conditions. Do however, press on with winter digging whenever conditions are favourable.



Winter Flowering Iris

iris (*Iris Unguicularis*) with pale lilac flowers should now be coming into bloom. Not only does this plant give a bit of welcome colour in the garden but also supplies superb flowers for indoor decoration, provided they are cut when in bud. This iris flourishes best if planted close to a south-facing wall and then left to fend for itself, so you get splendid results for very little effort. When the soil has dried out (we hope) dig over any new beds, add a bit of bone meal or well rotted compost (or both) leave the ground roughly dug so that old Jack Frost can do his stuff on the nasties. Cover cold frames which are over wintering plants with insulating material to protect from frost. Take root cuttings of phlox, verbasicum and oriental poppies and root in containers placed indoors or under a frame. During any mild spells, perennials such as lupins and Michaelmas daisy can be planted out. Pot up Lilies and place in a frame ready to set out in the spring. December is the last chance to plant out late tulips, also plant out alpines and rock plants, and choose a mild day.

It's also a good time to apply Lime, if this is needed, ground chalk or Limestone. Buy your seed potatoes early when there is plenty of choice and set the tubers to chit (sprout) in light frost free conditions. Remove yellowing leaves from brassicas; check over stored root crops for possible rotting. Prepare runner bean trench. If you are going to put onions in the Topley Show, sow seeds on Boxing Day. Sow Kelseo or Robinsons mammoth, for the kitchen, Ailsa Craig or wait a bit later for the kitchen variety and put in onion sets - turbo or sturon are good ones. Lift a few roots of mint, place them in a deep box of old compost, and put them in a frame or greenhouse to give shoots for early picking.

Prepare the onion bed as soon as weather permits, dig in plenty of manure or well rotted compost deeply. Spread bonfire ash liberally over the top also bonemeal and hoof and horn meal each at the rate of 4ozs (104g) per sq. yd (mtr). Clear away any finished crops and prepare ground as above.

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit: Now that deciduous species have lost their leaves you can check over the trees and bushes for dead or weak branches which need to be removed. Evergreens can also be pruned. You could use the prunings for Christmas decorations.

Check all trees and shrubs for wind rock damage, also all stakes and supports have not worked loose and that ties have not become too tight around the stems. Spray trees and shrubs and especially fruit trees and bushes with winter tar oil wash; choose a fine calm day to avoid spray drifting. Complete the pruning of apples and pears, paint cut branches with arbrex or similar to prevent ingress of woolly aphids and disease. Raspberries are difficult to weed by hand - you could try selective weed killer. It's very slow at this time but very effective. All fruit bushes will benefit from an early application of high potash fertiliser followed in the spring by an application of general fertiliser such as Growmore. Firm in any newly planted stock. Inspect all grease bands and replace if necessary. Give evergreen trees a shake if they are covered with snow especially newly planted ones. Wrap up warm any vulnerable plants like azalea, rhododendrons with fine mesh netting or straw.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: Water sparingly and ensure plants in flower are kept moist and away from hot fires and radiators, increase humidity round indoor azaleas, cyclamens and winter cherries by standing on wet pebbles. Use insecticide pins to control aphids and whitefly.

Paint patches of scale and mealy bug with fenticide or methylated spirits. Light is very important in the greenhouse now. Glass should be washed, particularly on the outside, to remove residue of shading and grime. Vines under glass should be pruned. All side growths or laterals are cut back to two buds. Fuchsia are now dormant but need to be inspected and not allowed to dry out so keep them just slightly moist. Cut back old geranium plants, shortening the growth to a joint or a bud 6 to 9 inches above the pots. Then re pot the plants shaking all the soil from the roots and repotting in the smallest pots into which the roots can be placed. Clean up inside the greenhouse; clean all pots and trays ready for seed planting. Make preparations for taking chrysanthemum cuttings.

Give freesias, which are coming into bloom, a little weak liquid manure. Cyclamen seedlings should be potted on into 3 or 3½ inch pots. Remove flowers from azaleas as soon as they commence to fade and before seeds start to form. After your pots of daffodils and hyacinths finished flowering allow them to continue growing until the leaves die down. If you have been troubled by vine weevil (a little creamy white grub which eats plant roots) treat all pots in the greenhouse with Pravado it will also control other insects such as whitefly, greenfly etc.

Lawns: keep it clean, tidy and keep off during frosty weather.

General: Nothing to stop you altering paths, painting garden furniture, cleaning pots, mending tools, taking mowers etc for sharpening (it's cheaper just now) Recovering the shed roof, making a new compost heap - don't just sit there, get cracking!!

Well, that's it for this year. I hope you have a lovely Christmas and a really great gardening New Year.

Cheerio for now,

Tom



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THE TIME TRAVELLERS

We start this update of your local archaeology group's activities with news of one of the most significant archaeological projects in Sheffield for ages, the excavation of the site of Sheffield Castle. Several Time Traveller members have contributed by volunteering with the excavating and processing of the artefacts discovered in the 11 trenches. Many other Time Travellers were treated to special tours of the site. In addition, almost 50 Time Travellers attended an excellent presentation given by Wessex Archaeology Project Manager Mili Rajic. Whilst many of us have recent memories of the Castle Markets, few were aware of the 19th century steel makers and slaughter houses, or that there was a bowling green slap bang in the middle of that site a couple of hundred years ago.

Our main organised walk in the Derbyshire Peaks saw a climb up Birchin Edge with fabulous views over the Peak District, interesting rock formations, plus Nelsons three ships and monument. From there we took a wandering tour of Gardoms Edge taking in many of the archaeological remains such as Bronze Age hut circles, field boundaries, rock art, clay-lined pits, standing stones, cairns, a stone circle and the amazing Meg's Wall, a Neolithic/Bronze Age enclosure (depending on which archaeologist you speak to) and a mill stone quarry with evidence of the surprising route they took to market.

We were back at Whirlow Hall Farm for our summer social get together, a BBQ in the café as we sheltered from the first rain for ages. Regular readers might recognise a pattern forming whenever The Time Travellers organise a Barbie? Let's call it a rain making tradition! Still at Whirlow Hall Farm and we carried out another session of field walking in October which saw us find more flints to add to our ever growing collection of artefacts.

Our annual trips to archaeological sites around the country have become an eagerly awaited event and this tradition continued in 2018. This year we headed back to Wales with a tour based in Anglesey and starting off in Chester where we saw areas not normally open to the public. Even more exciting for us was to find one of our TV celebrity archaeologists, Professor Alice Roberts actually filming in Chester for a TV series about Britain's historic cities. It's not every day that you see one of your heroes abseiling down a Roman wall!

Next morning, after leaving our 'digs' - an 18th century converted farmhouse at Llangefni, we visited Beaumaris Castle, often described as the most technically perfect castle in Britain. Then it was on to Oriel Yns Mon Visitor Centre to discover more about Anglesey before getting our first taste of prehistory at Din Lligwy to see a well-preserved Romano-British hut settlement. The following day included a guided tour of Caernarfon Castle to learn about the myths and stories surrounding this 'brute of a fortress'. Nearby, on the outskirts of Caernarfon is the Segntium Roman Fort built in AD77 with its location of strategic importance, overlooking the Menai Straits. We then headed back to Anglesey and Bryn Celli Ddu, an impressive Neolithic chambered tomb on the site of a henge. Translated as the 'mound in the dark grove' it is exactly aligned to meet the rising sun of the summer solstice! Shafts of light penetrate the passageway to illuminate the inner burial chamber. We even managed another burial chamber, this time Bodowyr with its panoramic views of the Snowdonia Mountains.

Our final day saw us descending into the Bronze Age Copper mines of the Great Orme at Lladudno to be amazed at the miles of tunnels that prehistoric miners carved out with primitive antler tools to access the copper seams. Another surprise was to find that our guide was Dr Harriet White, a postgraduate of our own University of Sheffield School of Archaeology. You might not be surprised to hear that after all the excitement of this year's trip we are looking for places to visit next year. One favourite is Malta. The Time Travellers are 'going international'!

Coming up over the next few weeks we have another walk in the Peaks, this time over Brown Edge and a talk on Ice Age Art, discussing cave paintings found in France and nearer to home at Creswell Crags. If you are interested in finding out more about the programme of activities that The Time Travellers have lined up for the next few months then log on to our website at <http://www.thetimetravellers.org.uk>

Glynn Burgin, *The Time Travellers*

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Totley All Saints CofE Primary School



Believe Aspire Support Grow Care

It's been another exciting start to the year at Totley All Saints with lots of visits including: Yorkshire Wildlife Park, the South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum, Creswell Crags, and theatre visits to see The Giddy Goat. Plus we've also dressed up for Children in Need and been part of the 'World's Largest Lesson'. That's aside from all of our usual lessons, activities, residentials, visits and visitors! As we always say - it's all happening at TASS!

TASS Harvest Celebrations

Our Harvest Celebration took place in October and was a special time of thanksgiving held at All Saints Church, Totley. This involved children in every year group contributing with prayers, poems, songs and presentations. Parents and carers contributed with monetary gifts in aid of the Sheffield Cathedral Archer Project. Finally, the service was pulled together with a fantastic talk by our vicar (and governor to the school), Revd. Katie Tupling. We'll be visiting the church again in early December ready for our Christmas service - can't wait!

TASS Remembers

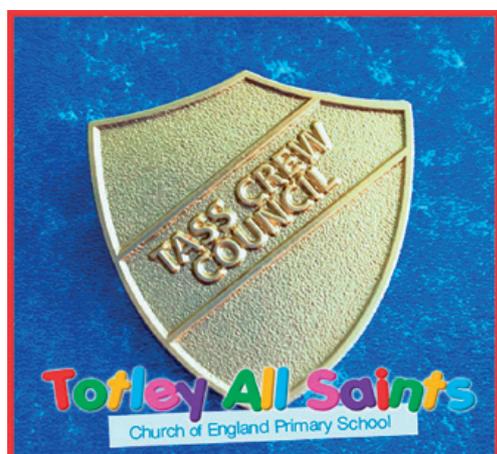
Our Remembrance Assembly for children took place on Friday 9th November and focussed the centenary of the Armistice as well as on some of the young men who actually attended TASS before later going on to fight - and give their lives in WWI. This certainly brought history alive for our children and helped them to focus on the sacrifice made by others during the world wars.

Developing the Leaders of Tomorrow

At Totley All Saints, we believe in developing leadership and management skills as well as entrepreneurial activity amongst our children.

As a result, we have lots of roles and responsibilities for our children to develop in, such as: Merit Team Captains, School Council, Eco-Saints, Rights Respecters and Playground Leaders. All of the children involved go through some sort of selection process from applications and interviews to hustings and public votes. The children are becoming well established in their roles now and are developing excellent skills of leadership.

We now also have a new group of children that do a very important job for us as a school: The TASS CREW Council. The



group is a group of children from Y4 to Y6 whose job it is to improve Religious Education and Collective Worship across our school. As such they have special TASS CREW Council badges to identify them so that they can take regular feedback from their classmates as well as children across the rest of the school. The children are: Jemimah Deakin, Jessica Camateras,

Morgan Lancaster and Alex Radbourne-Harris from Y6; Gareth Evans, Phoebe Shipley, Eli Rose and Grace Osasu from Y5 and Jessica Rai, Isaac Rai, Alex Machin and Joseph Farrow from Y4. The Council will meet regularly to discuss CREW matters including planning and leading assemblies, evaluating RE lessons plus developing new ways that we can build our Christian ethos as a church school. We just know that the TASS CREW Council are going to do an amazing job and all are very eager to get going on different projects across school.

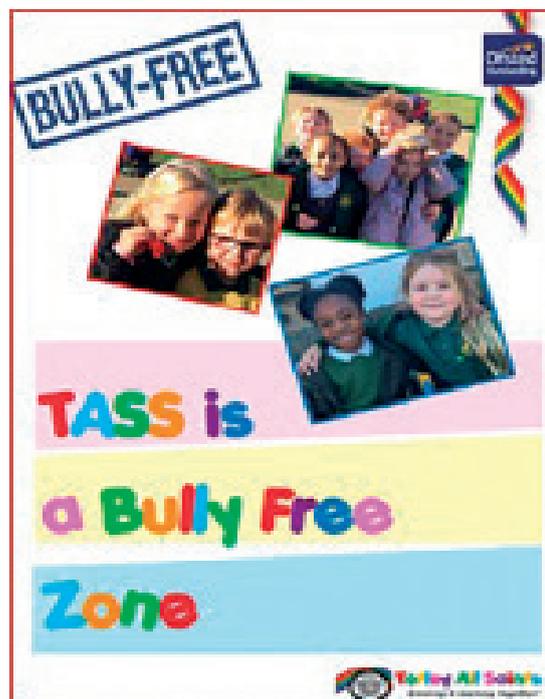
TASS Spelling Bee and Wild Read

We've continued our Wild Read programme this year, where parents and carers come in after school to read with their children around the camp fire in our Woodland Workshop. The session finishes with the toasting of marshmallows. Our Woodland Workshop is now well established complete with a pond full of mini-beasts plus dened and decked areas. We have our own curriculum for the outdoors and our children thrive on the benefits of all that out of class learning!

Once again, we held a 'Spelling Bee' competition across school to raise the profile of spelling as well as learn the key skills needed to be able to spell words successfully. Letters went out before the half term holiday to give plenty of time for children to learn a list of spellings both at school and at home to prepare for the competition. Unlike the American or 'Child Genius' style of Spelling Bee, we re-designed things so that everyone had a chance at success at their own level with children competing in groups and with words adapted to be challenging, but not impossible. Each group then had a winner with special prizes and all participants received a certificate. The feedback regarding the Spelling Bee has been fantastic and has certainly served to get our children enthused about spelling! It's certainly kept us buzzy!

TASS is a Bully Free Zone!

In November, we marked Anti-Bullying Week where we focussed on what bullying is, what it isn't and what we can do about it if it is happening. We also asked children to wear



odd socks as part of 'Odd Socks Day' which is meant to be an opportunity for children to express themselves, celebrate their individuality and raise awareness around anti-bullying. At the end of every year, we always send out our parent questionnaires and the question 'Does this school deal effectively with bullying?' is always the one with the most 'don't know' responses. Whilst this is good (as most parents don't know because their child has never experienced it as an issue) we still want our parents and carers to have full confidence that if it does happen, then it will be dealt with effectively. As such, we have a couple of booklets dealing with this issue entitled: TASS is a Bully Free Zone and the No Touch Rule at TASS. These are our way of letting parents know what our expect-

tations are in terms of children not hurting others, but also detail what bullying is and (more importantly) what it isn't.

As a result of the work that we do in terms of reinforcing our high expectations, we are very proud to say that reports and issues of bullying are extremely rare (just one report last year that was actually found not to be bullying). Often when investigated, what a child sees as bullying may actually be a misunderstanding, someone doing the wrong thing to hurt someone else as a one off incident or a falling out between friends. What is certain, however, that all situations can be and are sorted out as long as we get to know about them! To find out more about our Anti-Bullying Policy, please see our website under the 'For Parents' menu / Safety / Bullying.



TASS PTA Fun-d Raisers

We now have a new PTA Fun-d Raising Chairperson, Sara Evans, who is doing an amazing job in leading the team of PTA Fun-d raisers! Events started this year with a Bonfire Family Breakfast plus a firework themed craft competition. The super talented winners were: Lilly Bella Tormey (FS2), Joel Casson (Y1), Veronika Polackova (Y2), Mia Staniforth (Y3), Maisie Slater (Y4), Laurence Horsman (Y5) and Jessica Camateras (Y6).

The next events led by the PTA Fun-d Raisers will be the Dick Whittington pantomime (4th December), PTA Christmas Fayre (7th December), key stage discos (12th December) and carols on the yard (21st December).

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) Headteacher



Transport 17

Transport 17 is thrilled to have been chosen as a Co-op 'local cause' for 2018/19. This means that you can support us just by doing your shopping and using other Co-op services! It's a Co-op local cause until 26th October 2019 so let's make the most of this opportunity and see how much we can raise for our new minibus!

When Co-op Members buy selected Co-op branded products and services, the Co-op will give 1% to a local cause. If you're not a Member of the Co-op, why not join today? It costs just £1 to join and as well as helping to raise money for Transport 17, as a Member you'll have other benefits, including 5% back on selected products to spend on your next shop. You can join online, over the phone or by visiting your local Co-op and asking for a membership form. Our local Dore and Totley stores have always been a great help to us by donating raffle prizes and advertising our events and we know that they will continue this support so a big 'thank you' to them too.

We enjoyed our time at the Totley Show and were pleased at how many of you had a go at our Totley quiz which was kindly sponsored by Hamnett Wealth Management. There were three prize winners who all knew 20/20 of the places in the photographs so congratulations to them!

Sadly, the Bridge Drive planned for October had to be cancelled but we are already planning to hold one in October next year, so we'll let all you budding Bridge players know details for that in good time!

Our Christmas Fayre was held on Saturday 17th November. Once again the Cross Scythes have been great hosts and we thank Ben and Scott for their continued support. We hope that those of you who came along enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit with an early mince pie and a spot of Christmas shopping! Thank you to everyone who tried their luck at the Bottle Bonanza and the bumper raffle. Deb and Holly from Tropic Skincare are always fantastic supporters of Transport 17, donating a percentage of their sales, so more thanks go to them too. Once again Lynn Munro was selling her beautiful knitted items so thanks to her also for her support.

Transport 17 will be decorating a tree at the Totley Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Church from Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th December. We look forward to being a part of this community event and to enjoying the beautiful trees that will be there.

We are planning on holding a fundraising Pie and Peas Supper in February with entertainment from the well known 'good old days' singer and entertainer Jimmy McWilliams, so please look out for details soon!

We wish all of you a safe and healthy Christmas time and we look forward to sharing more Transport 17 news and events with you in 2019.

Jenny Nuttall, T17 Management Committee

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Recently Spotted.....



Saturday 27th October, a cold and drizzly morning: Sheffield Litter Pickers community volunteers (Totley contingent) collected this mountain of litter after just one hour in Totley. After their heroic efforts, Totley looks great.....until it's time for the next collection.

Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society

We are sad to say that we have lost our excellent young accompanist, Kelli Edwards, who has gone to India to take up a position teaching music there. We wish her well. We are, however, delighted to welcome Jonathon Lazells (pictured below) as our new show accompanist. I've known Jonathon for many years and he is a delightful man and a talented musician. He has settled in well and I know we appreciate his company and his contribution. We are lucky that he has agreed to join us and I just hope he can put up with our brand of lunacy.



The Society has held the auditions for next year's show and, as usual, the casting committee has done a sterling job. It is a shame that those who did not get a part have to be disappointed because we could have almost cast the show twice. The Yeomen of the Guard is one of Gilbert and Sullivan's masterpieces, and will be staged at the newly restored Merlin Theatre in Nether Edge next April. The leading roles are all strong characters, but I am sure the members of the society will rise to the challenge and put on a magnificent show. This opera is the nearest Gilbert and Sullivan came to writing a 'Grand Opera', but do not let that put you off. It is a proper story but even so Gilbert's wit and humour are still apparent. The Merlin is a splendid

theatre and the refurbishment has been done to a high standard. One of the benefits of moving to this venue is that there is disabled access so hopefully, those of you who felt unable to manage the stairs at the Montgomery can once more come and support us whilst having a good night out.

The Troubadores ended our summer season with a concert in Holy Trinity, Millhouses, which seemed to go down well despite the bum note I managed in my recorder solo!

Our annual Christmas Concert is in the Methodist Church, Dore, as usual. This year it is on Saturday 22nd December at 2.30pm when all the usual fun and games will be going on.

The programme includes some delightful choral arrangements - not least Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. There will, of course, be a few comic elements - I've no doubt Flanders and Swann will be in evidence - and I am sure that Peter Waring, our concert accompanist, will regale us with one of his splendid solos.

This pre-Christmas event has proved very popular having sold out for the last two years so don't leave it too late to get your tickets.

Tickets are available from me so ring me on 0114 2362299 for yours. If you would like to have a splendid pre-Christmas afternoon's entertainment you could do no better than to join us on the 22nd December - but get your tickets before they sell out.

That's it for now. Let's hope winter doesn't come too soon and see you in December.

Derek Habberjam

Old banks for new?

Some years ago I wanted to buy some carpets at a very low rate of interest, but it had to be done through a bank where I was not a customer. In doing so, I was asked to attend its main branch, during which I was presented with lengthy forms which instructed me to list all my incomings and outgoings, including assets and long-term commitments. This I dutifully and honestly did.

I was then told to sit outside what looked like a very large and impressive office before being summoned to see a well attired and impressive looking gentleman who I gathered was the senior manager if a look of absolute authority was anything to go by.

After giving me a well-rehearsed banker's smile, he went on to have a 20 minute chat about my background and interests before telling me in no uncertain terms what I didn't want to hear, which I still recall word for word:

"If I may call you Arthur? Now Arthur, based on these detailed figures which you have given me, I have to say, with the greatest respect, that there is absolutely no way you can possibly afford to pay back the loan for the carpets you wish to purchase. Absolutely no way at all!"

He then hesitated for what seemed like a mini eternity before delivering his second salvo while I was still trembling from the first:

"Nevertheless, I am going to approve the loan anyway because I believe you intend to pay it back and that you will actually manage to do so."

He then handed me two papers for my signature, after which he firmly shook my sweaty palm and wished me the best of British, with me still in a state of positive shock before ushering me out the door with my copy encased in an impressive looking embossed envelope.

Luckily, he was proved right. By way of belt-tightening and strict budgeting I paid off the loan until the carpets were truly mine. His bank profited, not only from the interest made on my loan, but because I later became one of its loyal customers by way of several more loans and mortgages, in addition to paying all sorts of questionable charges over the years.

In comparing this bank manager with what is available now, I suspect that if he could have produced a generation of clones, then the banking industry and a good number of its clientele would be in a healthier financial state than at the moment, with little certainty that all will improve nicely and painlessly in the foreseeable future.

This is not to say we should junk the electronic marvels and all the convenient methods we now have for borrowing money, but that if the banks relied less on pre-programmed software in their decision making - otherwise once known as making better use of the little grey cells, with the benefit of 'emotional intelligence' thrown in - then it might help in avoiding a repeat of the 2007-08 financial crisis, which too many of us, including the banks, are just beginning to emerge from.

Arthur Kaufman

Walking the Christmas Dog....

Your Bumper *Totley Independent* Christmas Quiz 2018!!!

A free question for each day of Christmas! Plus a free pint at The Fleur de Lys!! Just take this copy of the Independent with you and say Sally, Rony and Jack sent you!!!

- Which of these three kings sometimes spent their Christmas on Baslow Road?
 - King Ethelred the Unready
 - Carole King
 - O.H. King
- Who would you like to kiss under the mistletoe?
 - Cathy at the Post Office.
 - Pam at the Co-op.
 - Mike at the Pet Shop.
- Which of these three is a wise man?
 - Roger Hart.
 - Colin Ross.
 - Les Firth.
- These gardeners all have plenty of brussel sprouts for Christmas, but who is the most cheerful ?
 - Tom
 - Dick
 - Harry
- If you wanted to save some Christmas trees in Totley, who would you send for?
 - HENS
 - STAG
 - BULLOCKS
- Where is there no room at the Inn this Christmas?
 - Fleur
 - Crown
 - Cricket
 - Cross
- Which carol always started the Nine Lessons Christmas service at All Saints?
 - Once in Royal
 - Twice in Royal
 - Carol King (ex library)
 - Carole King (ex up on the roof)
- At which Christmas market do they wear tea towels and eat middle-eastern food while Paul serves on?
 - Methodists
 - United Reformers
 - Catholics
- Who of these Totley residents has the better Santa beard?
 - Jon Snow
 - John Beazer
- Which ex-Totley musician would you like to perform at the Christmas party in Totley Library?
 - Buddy Holly
 - Ivy Benson
 - Robin Johnson
- Which of these Totley Jacks would you like to take for a walk in the woods on Boxing Day morning?
 - Robert Jackson
 - Mrs Jackson who used to run the post office
 - Jack the Dog
- In which Nativity Play is there a sexy donkey?
 - Totley Hall Farm's
 - Totley Hall Lane Farm's
 - Totley Hall's

Answers on page 34!

**Happy Christmas anyway, from
Rony Robinson, Sally Goldsmith
& Jack**

(That'll save us some cards!)



Friends of Gillfield Wood

This will be held at Totley Library, Baslow Road from 7.30pm to 10pm.

January

Monday 14th: Fifty Years of Fungi Come and learn more about the life of fungi. Just what can you expect to find in Gillfield Wood. Steve Clements has guided and helped us with our fungi surveys in the wood for the past few years and has agreed to enlighten us to the world of fungi. The talk will be in Totley Library, Baslow Road starting at 7.30pm.

Sunday 20th: Friends of Gillfield Wood practical conservation morning, run with the help of the Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am at Baslow Road bus terminus. Refreshments, tools, etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. All levels of help required and guidance given. Check our website at www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com where any late changes of venue will be published.

Paul Hancock

On the Wagon?

Totley's Gin Wagon will be starting the school Christmas holidays in perfect festive style on Friday 21st December. A brass band will be joining them at Coffee on the Corner to provide Christmas music, and Da Zia Lu will be back with their delicious Italian street food. The Gin Wagon will be open from 3 to 9pm, serving all their usual gins, plus warm mulled gin and their Ginglebells cocktail, made with plum gin liqueur and Prosecco.

There will also be Christmas goodies available to enjoy on the spot or to take away as stocking fillers – gin baubles, as well as sweet treats made with gin by local business Twit Twoo Cakes. The café will be serving hot drinks and cakes.

This follows on from the Gin Wagon's popular Gin and Jazz evening in Totley back in July. Totley's Seven Hills Quartet



provided two sets of toe-tapping jazz in the sunshine at Coffee on the Corner, and the drinks from the Gin Wagon were the perfect accompaniment on what was one of those lovely long, warm summer evenings!

Watch out for more gin and jazz collaborations in the new year!

Fran Arnold

THE 33rd TOTLEY SHOW RESULTS September 2018

Overall Best in Show: Sally Goldsmith for her 5 or more mixed vegetables

HANDICRAFTS: Best of Class: Susan Ashmore

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
1.Knitted or crocheted item	Susan Ashmore	Susan Ashmore	Shona Picken
2.Decorative cushion	Pamela Challis	Susan Ashmore	Hannah Corbey
3.Soft Toy	Pamela Challis	Susan Ashmore	Hannah Corbey
4.Tapestry	Eileen Ogley	-	-
5.Cross Stitch	Vivien Filleul	Anne Rose	Claire Calvert
6.Quilting/Patchwork	Judy Needham	Totley Bents Quilters	Susan Ashmore
7.Greetings Cards	Catherine Wrigglesworth	Claire Calvert	Hannah Corbey
8.Open Handicraft	Hannah Corbey	Sally Measures	Rose Rotherham

DOMESTIC SECTION: Best of Class: Sue Bridgens

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
9. A Cake (any recipe)	Barbara O'Connor	Dawn Lansdown	Lynne Thompson
10 Victoria Sandwich	Sue Bridgens	Pamela Challis	Eileen Ogley
11. Dundee Cake	Duncan Froggatt	Sally Goldsmith	Tom Steel
12 Carrot Cake	Connie Froggatt	Sandra Doyle	Chris Scott
13. 5 Biscuits	Sandra Doyle	Chris Scott	Pamela Challis
14. 3 Fruit Scones	Sue Bridgens	Dawn Lansdown	Dorothy Firth
15. Loaf of Bread	Chris Scott	-	-
16. Jam	Rebeka Newman	Sally Goldsmith	Dawn Lansdown
17 Lemon Curd	Connie Froggatt	Elizabeth Walkden	Bev Blanksby
18. Marmalade	Simon Gray	Ian Laurie	Karen Bell
19. Chutney	Chris Booth	Natasha Potts	Duncan Froggatt

FLORAL SECTION: Best of Class: Sue Smith

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
20.Floral arrangement	Sue Smith	Pamela Challis	Pamela Challis
21.3 cut Flowers	Sue Smith	Elizabeth Walkden	Elizabeth Walkden
22.Flower pot plant	Pamela Challis	Catherine Wrigglesworth	Eileen Ogley

FRESH PRODUCE: Best of Class: Sally Goldsmith

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
23.4 Eating Apples	Paul Hancock	Martin Challis	Rebekah Newman
24.4 Cooking Apples	Bev Blanksby	Danny O'Connor	Chris Booth
25.8 Blackberries	Eileen Ogley	-	-
26.5 or more mixed veg/salad	Sally Goldsmith	Rebekah Newman	Ian Bell
27.3 Courgettes	Sally Goldsmith	Chris Goldie	Bev Blanksby
28.5 Matching Runner Beans	Sally Goldsmith	Bev Blanksby	Eileen Ogley
29.5 Tomatoes	John Perkinson	Bev Blanksby	Chris Goldie
30.1 Cucumber	Rex Walton	-	-
31.Heaviest Marrow	Chris Caroe	Bev Blanksby	Rex Walton
32.Longest Runner bean	Eileen Ogley	Eileen Ogley	Sally Goldsmith
33.3 Eggs from own hens	Rex Walton	-	-

ART: Best of Class: Claire Calvert

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
34.An Original Poem	Michael Rushworth	Claire Calvert	Michael Rushworth
35.Oil or Acrylic Painting	Claire Calvert	Claire Calvert	-
36.Water Colour	Tina Warwick	David Wright	Tina Warwick
37.Sketch in Ink or Pencil	Andy Meaker	Andrew Murr	Andrew Murr
38.Upcycled Art or Sculpture	Ray Sables	E Adlington	Ray Sables

39. Open Art Any Medium	Angela Harpham	Andy Meaker	Hannah Corbey
40. Open sculpture any medium	E Adlington	Claire Calvert	Claire Calvert

PHOTOGRAPHY: Best of Class: Simon Walkden

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
41. Black and White	Simon Walkden	Simon Walkden	Jessica Spencer
42. Totley Life	Simon Walkden	Simon Walkden	Simon Walkden
43. Wildlife	Michael Rushforth	Angela Harpham	Michael Rushforth
44. Landscape	Simon Walkden	Simon Walkden	Simon Walkden

WOODWORK: Best of Class: Ian Douglas

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
45. Wood Turning	Ian Douglas	Andrew Rose	Ian Douglas
46. Open Woodwork	Martin Harpham	Anne Rose	Chris Blanksby

CHILDRENS SECTION: Best in Class: William and Chloe Challis

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
47. Vegetable animal (up to 8)	William Challis	-	-
48. Vegetable animal (9 to 14)	Chloe Challis	Peter Caroe	-
49. 3 Decorative Buns (up to 8)	William Challis	Elizabeth Bridgens	Becca Day
50. A Cake any recipe (9 to 14)	Chloe Challis	-	-
51. 3 Biscuits (up to 8)	Elizabeth Bridgens	-	-
52. 3 Biscuits (9 to 14)	Oliver Scott	-	-
53. Decorated Gingerbread Man	-	-	-
54. Egg Cup Flower Arrangement	William Challis	Chloe Challis	
55. Painting or Drawing (up to 5)	Mia Jiranek	Archie Smith	Jonathan Caroe
56. Painting or Drawing (6 to 8)	William Challis	Isla Glover	Lottie Glover
57. Painting or Drawing (9 to 11)	James Caroe	James Caroe	Oliver Scott
58. Painting or Drawing (12 to 14)	-	-	-
59. Lego Model <25 cm sq (5 to 8)	Ralph Coe	Stanley Coe	Ralph Coe
60. Lego Model <25 cm sq (9 to 14)	Felix Chen	Ethon Hodgkins	Ethon Hodgkins
61. Colour Photo (up to 14)	Peter Caroe	-	-
62. Open any Medium (up to 8)	Lottie Glover	-	-
63. Open any Medium (9 to 11)	James Caroe	Alice Watkinson	James Caroe
64. Open any Medium (12 to 14)	Chloe Challis	-	-
65. Handwriting (up to 8)	Isla Glover	William Challis	-
66. Handwriting (9 to 11)	Felix Chen	Peter Caroe	James Caroe
67. Handwriting (12 to 14)	Chloe Challis	-	-
68. An Original Poem	Megan Hill	Peter Caroe	Peter Caroe

We thank the 86 exhibitors who entered 334 entries for all to see.

Totley Townswomen's Guild

The following is the Annual Report from Totley Townswomen's Guild! It was written by Maureen Gray and presented to Sheffield Cutler Federation Townswomen's Guild at their September meeting. If this whets your appetite for TG activities, remember we meet on the third Tuesday of the month, at 10am at Totley Rise Methodist Church! Full details are in the Totley and District Diary in this issue of the *Totley Independent*.

More than forty odd members on our rolls
Most of us are odd, poor old souls
Who less and less want to take part
In doing our bit to make things start.

Despite this we are a happy group,
And nearly enough of us jump through the hoop
To keep things rolling as smooth as can be,
Keep planning things to do and see.

Many outings we take to interesting places
And visits for lunches attract many faces.
A lovely trip to Southwell was taken
Then to the grim Workhouse, where poor folks were forsaken.

At the catering college a meal we enjoyed
Where much chatter and laughter is always employed.
The meals are tasty and nicely served
And praises to the students are well deserved.

We gave a summer concert and 70 came
So we were able to fulfil our aim
To give donations to two very good causes.
The entertainers came from various sources.

Our Birthday lunch at Chesterfield F.C.
Has for two years been the place to be
So much enjoyed by everyone
We booked again for the next one.

We enjoy our cheerful Christmas meeting
With carols, songs and Christmas greetings
Poems and funny stories are read
And festive fare on the table spread.

Selling now only jigsaws and books
Our Sales Table has quite a different look
But twice each year is Home produce and baking
So tasty goods are there for the taking.

Social Studies is a group well attended
To enjoy a variety of info rendered,
Interesting places we love to explore,
Always ready to visit some more.

Our monthly Scrabble group enjoy this meeting
Time for a chat and a friendly greeting
Before sitting down to test their grey matter
Which is sometimes disrupted by important matter.

Our energetic walking group
Once each month set out to troop
The beautiful Derbyshire countryside
Revelling in the scenery far and wide.

As the stalwart walkers have older got
The length of their walks has reduced somewhat
But their interest in lunches on the way
Has strangely increased I have to say.

All in all we love our T.G.
Friends to greet are a joy to see
And stimulating subjects to fill our ears
May we happily continue for many years.

*Ann Cresswell
Totley (M) Townswomen's Guild Sheffield*

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Organic Gardening

By July, I was quite surprised to have more bees and other pollinators visiting my garden than in previous years, but I was amazed at how the numbers and variety increased as the heatwave continued. Adjacent clumps of Betony, Field Scabious and Marjoram, followed by the later-flowering Lemon Balm were full of various bee species and other pollinating insects, including butterflies (mainly Whites and Orange Tips). The clearly audible buzzing could be heard from early morning to late evening and continued well into September. These flowers, along with Red Clover and Rock Roses, are all very popular with pollinators, very beautiful and easy to grow, and, like all native plants, provide the best pollen and nectar.

The Betony flowered earlier than normal and did not last as long as usual, but for two or three weeks, as the light was fading in the evening, they attracted a small group of moths which darted around the plants and each other with extremely rapid wing-beating. It was amazing and puzzling to watch. I have not been able to identify them, but if any reader knows what they might have been, I would be very pleased to hear from them.

Despite the heat, none of my plants were watered, apart from seedlings in small pots which had been sown earlier to be planted in the Autumn. They would not have survived. However, all my established wildflowers did survive and flowered for many weeks. Clearly, our native wildflowers are very hardy.

The lawn was not watered either and, unlike the grass verges and many garden lawns, there were no brown patches. I must admit I was surprised, but put it down to (1) not mowing too often or too short (in fact, I did not mow my lawn at all during the heatwave); (2) leaving clippings on the lawn now and then and, especially, during dry spells; and (3) not clearing up autumn leaves unless they got too deep. These all help to maintain the fertility of the soil and its water-retaining properties, along with the million of worms, other invertebrates and micro-organisms.

My ponds now seem to be clear of the slimy green weed and the many newts have dispersed. I am finding adult frogs around the garden - under stones and in piles of wood, and their offspring, of which there are many, are around one of the ponds amongst the grasses and nearby plants. They are so tiny - many no bigger than a one penny piece, so I have to be very careful where I tread!!



Common Fleabane around my pond attracts many pollinators. Close up, they are amazing.

Many people will be aware of the poor state of our environment, both fauna and flora.

There are numerous charities and trusts that are encouraging their supporters to plant native wildflowers and trees and, if possible, get involved to help with the wonderful work they are doing. Hundreds of people do just that, volunteering in their spare time, and find it both satisfying and enjoyable.

In contrast, the gardening industry gives the environment scant attention, continuing to encourage people to keep immaculate gardens with plants that give vibrant colour or are

impressive, space-filling and "quick and easy". Then, there are all the shelves full of pesticides, herbicides and chemical fertilisers that flow out on trolleys from the garden centres, along with short-term non-native, cultivated, flowering bedding plants. None of this helps the environment and the carbon footprint will be huge.

It is all very worrying and depressing. However, on 22nd September, while having breakfast and listening to Sky News, I was surprised that Chris Packham, the well-known and very knowledgeable naturalist of Spring and Autumnwatch fame, came on and announced the launch of "The People's Manifesto for Wildlife". He said that many native species are already



Tiny froglet . . . but a huge leap!! Getting this shot was quite an experience!

extinct and many more are heading that way. He described the situation as "apocalyptic" and certainly as serious as the plastic pollution in our seas. He was joined by another naturalist who urged people to avoid trying to emulate designer gardens, and the Chelsea Flower Show, and, instead, develop a more natural garden with native plants.

Chris said that we all need to live greener lifestyles and not to keep the garden so tidy as it doesn't matter that it's not immaculate. This item was featured on Sky several times that day which was good and I was so pleased that, at long last, a naturalist of Chris Packham's calibre and profile had been given that time to say clearly just how bad the situation is in this country.

The Manifesto is available for download from Chris Packham's website at: www.chrispackham.co.uk

Please try and have a look.

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Totley Rise Methodist Church

The Church on the Rise!

Winter Services Information

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

9.30 am Praise Together (2nd Sunday). A 30 minute service for pre-school children and their parents/carers

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 plus Youth/ Junior Church at all morning services.

6.30 pm Café worship service. This informal and relaxed service is held with coffee and biscuits on the 4th Sunday of each month.



Our very popular and widely attended Journey to Bethlehem will be held 8th and 9th December, 4 – 7.30 p.m. This live “walk the story” event is open to

all, lasts about half an hour, and finishes with a warm drink and opportunity to visit with others.

All tours are free, but bookings are essential for management of group sizes. Please contact via our Facebook page or www.totleyrise.co.uk or book with Sue Kirkman on 07854 968 011.

Christmas Services

Contemporary Carol Service at 7 p.m on Wednesday 12th December. Youth Church Nativity will be Sunday 16th December at 10.30 am Traditional Carol Service is on Sunday 23rd December at 6.30 pm. Crib Service will be held at 4 pm on 24th December Christmas Family Day Service at 10.30 am on Christmas Day.

Focus Church

December 2nd and January 14th will be the next two services of the unique and inspiring Focus Church. Focus Church is particularly geared for people with learning disabilities and cognitive difficulties and their carers. 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

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. Contact Maxine on 348 5220 or 07761 829824 for more information.

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. For information please visit our website for a booking form and details of room charges, send an email to enquires@totleyrise.co.uk or contact the caretaker, Dean Duke, on 236 0389 for more information.

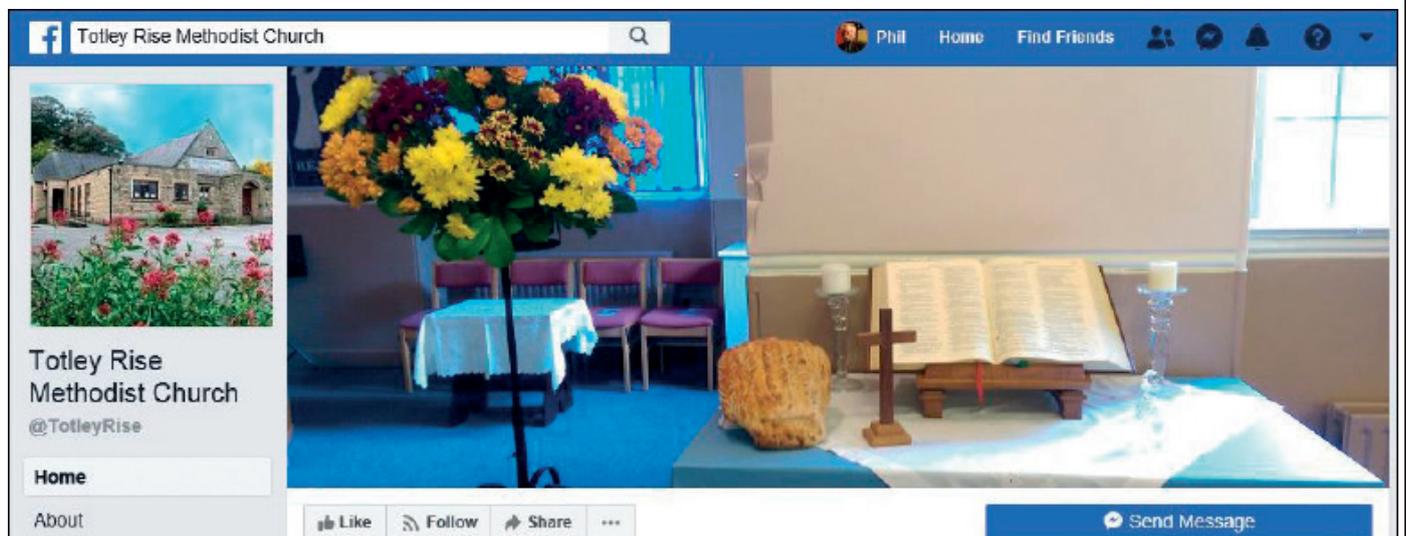
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The Church has been fitted with a public access defibrillator. It is a portable device that can be used by a member of the public to help restart the heart when someone has a cardiac arrest.

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.totleyrise.co.uk, which publishes our Sunday notices and offers a link to a recent recorded sermon.

Badgers are back!

After years of persecution, the badgers are back in the Outdoor City. "When people see a badger in their garden, it's a little bit of magic, a chance to engage with something wild and mysterious that spends most of its life under the ground," said Ian Cracknell of Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust.

Sheffield's hilly woodlands are ideal for badger setts, Ian said, and have been for many years. But badger numbers had been falling in Sheffield until legislation in 1992, when harming and digging out badger setts was finally forbidden by law.

The reduction in illegal badger baiting and hunting (although it does still take place) has allowed the country's largest land predator to regain a sustainable level in Sheffield, with urban sightings increasing. A naturalist friend of Ian's even reported a badger outside a nightclub in Sheffield City Centre.



The Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust's Nabil Abbas said there could be several thousand badgers in Sheffield, with a few hundred of them making a living in our urban streets and gardens.

Earlier this year, however, the government announced that its plan for a highly controversial cull of badgers in response to rising TB in cattle could be extended to low risk areas for the disease, such as Sheffield and surroundings.

The problem is, said Ian Cracknell, that apart from unnecessarily shooting hundreds of untested badgers who may or may not have been bovine TB carriers, there are much better ways to protect cattle from the disease. The answer is a combination of 'bio-security' measures for cattle movement and feeding, along with badger vaccination, he says. "There's good evidence that culling doesn't offer any meaningful change in the incidence of TB in cattle, or actually makes it worse."

Mass culls lead to the 'perturbation' effect, where surviving badgers scatter to new areas and outside badgers move in, potentially spreading any infection.

A badger vaccination scheme around Edale run by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and the National Trust is now spreading to the Eastern Moors near Sheffield, and the scheme's success is encouraging farmers to see the benefits of the much cheaper vaccination approach. Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust have now launched an appeal to set up a vaccination programme here.

The Trust aims to raise £50,000 to initially train vaccinators, survey badgers setts and open discussions with local farmers, buy vaccines and equipment and enlist volunteers to help with the programme, which will last several years.

"It must be terrible for farmers to have to slaughter whole herds of cattle, and we've been lucky in this area not to have suffered that high incidence of TB in cattle," said Ian Cracknell. "We're keen to work with farmers who want to keep it that way."

If bovine TB numbers rise from the single incident noted in Sheffield recently, the Trust feel there is now a real possibility of a cull, which would decimate the local badger population back to the times when baiting and hunting were rife. Ian said: "If we can vaccinate our badgers we'll be able demonstrate that badger culling doesn't need to come here."

David Bocking, National Trust

Save on reclaimed timber!

A new reclaimed timber shop has been launched by Green Estate at Manor Lane, Sheffield with the great quality reclaimed timber at much cheaper cost than you might expect, almost 70% cheaper than that of some leading UK timber sellers. The shop opened in October at Manor Oaks Wood Shop, Manor Lane, S2 1UL. The shop opening times are 10am-4pm Wednesday-Friday and 9am-4pm Saturday.

As part of its green approach to waste recycling, Green Estate is working towards growing its timber recycling business. This will provide a variety of different shapes and sizes of timber for sale to both businesses and private individuals. The company is also happy to cut timber to your size and provide home delivery service.



As a social enterprise company, Green Estate is devoted to social, environmental and economic benefit for the local community. Committed to going Green - Green Estate's initiatives have always supported the environment. Reclaimed timber as a product of timber recycling offers significant positive environmental effects such as lower greenhouse gas emissions, conservation of old growth forests and increased carbon storage. In addition to that, recycled timbers are far more energy efficient as they are free from the process of extracting, transporting, and drying the timber.

Reclaimed timber provides options to make a wide variety of creative things from decorating home and garden areas to constructing new business spaces.

Sue France, Green Estate CEO, said "Our reclaimed timber is cheaper than many retailers, as we aim to provide it at an affordable price to the public. Recycled timber is one of the most environment friendly materials that provides natural durability and reliability. We're excited to be able to offer timber that's great for the environment and even better for your budget."

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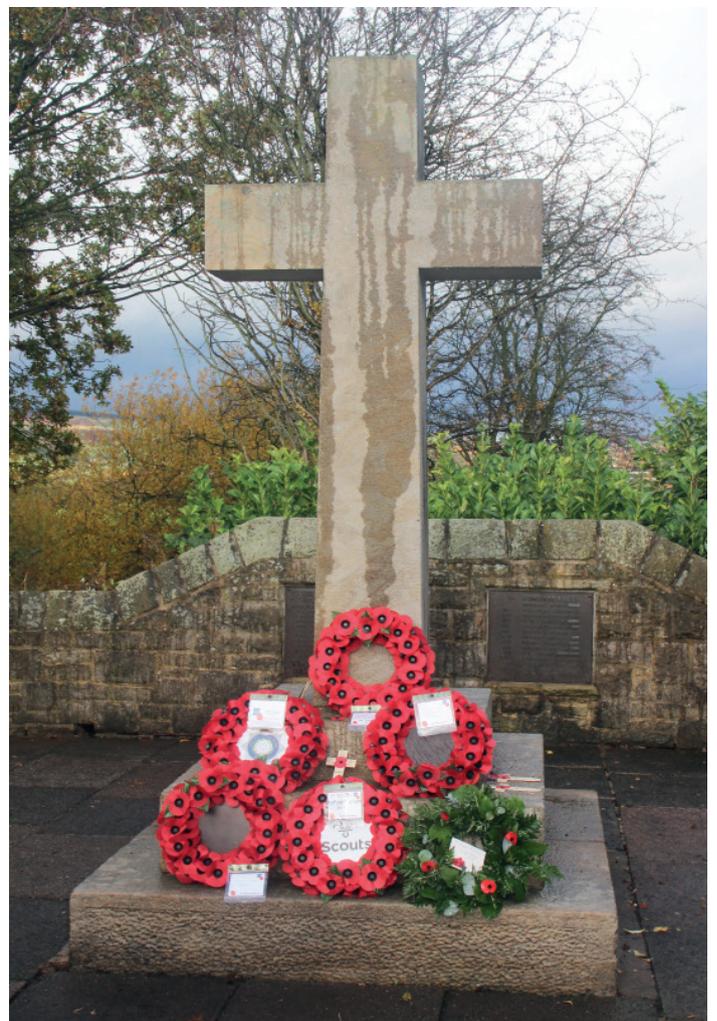
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What's on at the Library



Building Work Finished

As reported on page 1 of this issue, the building work to extend Totley Library to provide a new fully accessible public toilet and store room has been completed. This is a fantastic achievement and we are extremely grateful to the team who have delivered this project and to so many of you who have helped raise the funds beforehand.

You will be pleased to know that we will be getting back to our normal routines at the library following the completion of the scheme, which means that the Film Nights will resume in the near future and the all the community groups who normally use the library for meetings, will once again have normal access to the library.

Annual General Meeting: The Annual General Meeting of Totley Community Resource Centre, the charity which runs the library, took place on 18th September. Trustees reported on the 2017/18 financial year which was the fourth year of operation as a volunteer-led library. Those present heard how it had been another successful year and how the library continues to open for 33 hours each week, with considerable use also made of the library by community groups and other activities.

In addition to the activities run by the library, there has been an increase in the number of community groups using the library with 250 community group meetings and activities hosted, including children's French classes, yoga, poetry group, craft group and councillor surgeries. A new partnership with the Age Concern initiative People Keeping Well has proved popular with new Sporting Memories Group and Life Stories Group meetings and Digital Drop In to teach people how to use computers and tablets.

Over the last year 115 volunteers were involved in the running of the library with the total number of hours contributed by volunteers reaching a staggering 10,200 hours! We are truly grateful for the commitment made by so many volunteers. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer, please call in at the library or contact us or complete our volunteer registration form at www.totleycric.org.uk.

Library Lottery Winners: Congratulations to our recent Totley Library Lottery winners! In September, our lucky winners were Ken Moore who won £133.80 and David Forster who won £33.45. In October, our winners were Raymond Thompson and Nina Smith, who won £132.80 and £33.20 respectively. Thank you to all of you who are members of our library lottery and congratulations to our winners!

People Keeping Well/Age Concern: Over the last few months we have been very pleased to be working in partnership with Age UK to support the People Keeping Well in the Community initiative. Totley Library is a venue for a number of new groups which have been set up as part of the project, including Sporting Memories, Life Stories and Digital Drop-in. For more information please contact Steve.Chu@ageuksheffield.org.uk

Story Time for Toddlers and Pre-school children: Our Story Time for Toddlers and pre-school children which is held weekly from 10.30am on Wednesday morning continues to be very popular. Each week has a different theme and children can come with their parents or carers to enjoy a story and related activities.

Christmas Book Sale: On Saturday morning on 8th December, there will be a Book sale with a special focus on Christmas and Cookery books.

Totley Library Community Cinema

We have a programme of films for both children and adults planned for the Winter as shown below. Tickets include prize

entry and cost £4 for adults and £2.50 for children.

Children's films

Sunday 16th December 2.00pm The Snowman and the Snowdog: *Tickets are free for this Christmas Special event to celebrate reopening after the building work. There will be lots of mince pies and cakes on sale plus ice cream and usual refreshments. People need to sign up in the library in advance as we have a limit of 50 tickets.*

Sunday 20th January 2.00pm Incredibles 2
 Sunday 17th February 2.00pm Christopher Robin
 Sunday 17th March 2.00pm The Grinch

Films for adults

Thursday 17th January 3.00pm The Sting
 Friday 25th January 7.30pm The Shawshank Redemption
 Thursday 14th February 3.00pm The Shape of Water
 Friday 22nd February 7.30pm The Greatest Showman
 Thursday 14th March 3.00pm The Greatest Showman
 Friday 22nd March 7.30pm The Shape of Water

Isabel Hemmings

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.healthwalksinssheffield.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 07929 736966. Beginners welcome.



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Totley Co-op Halloween Fun'draiser!

On 27th October Totley Co-op held a Halloween "Fun"draiser" to support two of the region's homeless charities, 'Roundabout' and 'Crisis'. There was a Raffle (with prizes kindly do-



The delectable cakes and other goodies

nated by our wonderful neighbours/local businesses), a children's colouring competition, a bake sale (cakes and goodies



Co-op staff Pam and Amanda

all made by Co-op staff and their friends), and apple bobbing. Thanks to the generosity of our lovely customers and our wonderful local businesses, we raised £225.00 for two charities. All raffle winners were posted on the wall instore



Amanda, Pam and the Mystery Monster, reputed to live in a small cave at the back of the building!

along with our wonderful colouring competition entries - thank you all! Special thanks to Deb Leonard Tropic, 195 Hairlines Hair and Beauty, Tops for Jeans (Rosies), The Luxury Gap Nail and Beauty Salon and Rendezvous for all your support!

Julia Laurie

New Book by Totley Author

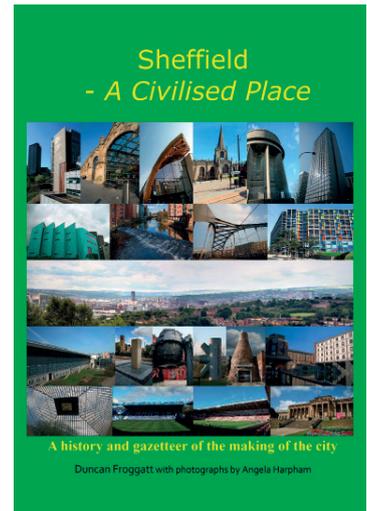
Sheffield - A Civilised Place is a thematic history of Sheffield from pre-historic times to the present day, written by Totley author Duncan Froggatt. It explores the development of the city through the essentials of a civilised life, often putting local developments in a national or international context.

It highlights notable buildings and places, from humble barns and cottages to factories and offices, to modern tower blocks, from churches to places of entertainment and recreation and diverse forms of transport and communication and other services. The book features some of the key people involved in the creating of these places.

It is comprehensively illustrated with over 350 colour photographs and drawings.

The 350-page book is priced at £14.99 and is due to be published in December 2018. Copies will be available from Totley Library and some local shops in Sheffield, to be announced. A part of the proceeds from copies bought from Totley library will go towards funding Totley Library.

The author, an engineer and historian, has lived in Totley for many years. Many of the photographs are by Totley artist and photographer, Angela Harpham.



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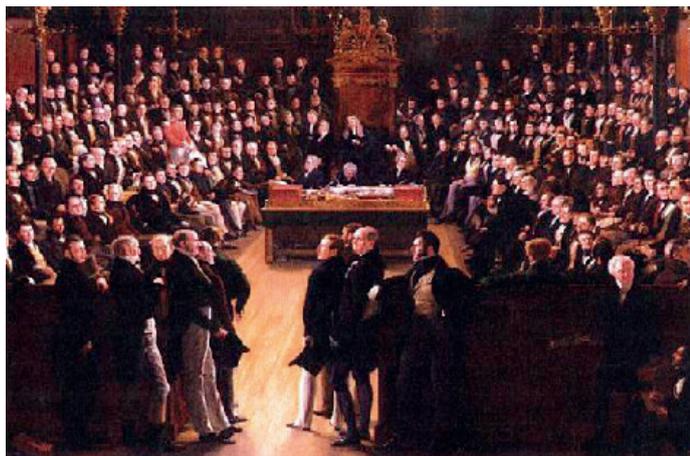
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19th Century Franchise Reform in the Totley area

This article describes the political scene in our area in Victorian England. In 1832 - one hundred and eighty six years ago - the Great Reform Act was brought in to correct diverse abuses that had long prevailed in the House of Commons: to deprive many small places, i.e. the Rotten Boroughs, of the right to return members; to grant such privilege to large, populous, and wealthy towns; to increase the number of Knights of the Shire; and to extend the elective franchise to many of His Majesty's subjects.

The result was that fifty-six boroughs of less than 2,000 people lost their qualification, and twenty-two new ones were created: Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester and Sheffield with two boroughs each, and another twenty with one. Twenty-five counties were divided, each to have two, including Derbyshire, divided into North and South. The Upper Sheaf Valley, where Totley Independent readers now live, stayed as part of Derbyshire until 1935.



A painting by Sir George Hayter that commemorates the passing of the 1832 Act. It depicts the first session of the newly reformed House of Commons on 5 February 1833 held in St. Stephen's Chapel.

There was nothing democratic or revolutionary involved - no change to the House of Lords or the Monarchy. The two-party system of Tories and Whigs continued, although some started to refer to themselves as Conservatives or Liberals. The number of MPs in Parliament remained at 650, similar to today. No elector was to travel more than 15 miles to vote. The electoral process was overseen by a new tribe of revising Barristers on five guineas a day, a shrewd move to get the lawyers on board during the passage of the Bill. The range of qualifications increased, but a forty-shilling per-annum freeholder was retained and the level of house tax set in 1825 at £10 was borrowed as the basic borough franchise qualification. The notorious Chandos clause was inserted by the Duke of Buckingham which effectively meant that both the landlord and the occupant of a farm could effectively vote for the same property. In South Derbyshire, the Honourable G.B. Vernon and Lord Waterpark, both Reformers, were elected and Sir Roger Gresley, a Conservative, was defeated.

In North Derbyshire the story is even more instructive. The High Sheriff of Derbyshire, Samuel Hall of Norton, issued his proclamation for holding special County Courts. The nomination was held at Bakewell Town Hall on Monday 7th December, 1833. Polling was to be held on the 20th and 21st December in Bakewell, Chesterfield (ours), Chapel en Le Frith, Alfreton and Glossop. On Monday 17 December, three candidates made their public entry into Bakewell and put themselves forward, Lord George Henry Cavendish of Hardwick Hall, Sir George Sitwell Bart of Renishaw Hall, and Thomas Gisborne of Horwich. Lord Cavendish was escorted by a party of horsemen and was met by a band of music: his flags were inscribed 'Cavendish and Reform Forever'. Sir George Sitwell was accompanied by more than 200 gentlemen on horseback, many carriages, and three bands of music, with flags bearing the motto 'Sitwell and Independence.' Mr Gisborne was also attended by his friends on horseback, and a band of music with the legend 'Union and Victory.'

Lord Cavendish was in orange, Sitwell in pink, and Gisborne pink and white. The bribery act was read and the three candidates then addressed the public. Cavendish had been proposed as a reformer of the Church, Gisborne was for reform, especially to taxes and expenditure, and Sitwell was received with distrust as it was known he was supported by the Clergy (Catholic!). After a show of hands, although the majority appeared for Cavendish and Gisborne, a poll was demanded. On Thursday 20 December, at a late hour, Sitwell's friends estimated insufficient votes and withdrew, and therefore the polls were not opened the next day. On 24 December the votes were declared at a Special County Court in Bakewell: Cavendish 3377; Gisborne 2384; and Sitwell 1193, a total of 6954. Cavendish and Gisborne were duly elected

Sitwell was strong in his local area of North East Derbyshire: Barlborough, Beighton, Bolsover, Brimington, Clowne, Coal Aston, Barlow, Holmesfield, Killamarsh, Norton, and in his home town of Eckington. Out of 310 votes he received 157, Cavendish 137, with Gisborne only 6. However, in the town of Dronfield - only a few miles away - out of 140 votes Gisborne received 61.

In the Upper Sheaf Valley the votes were:

	Cavendish	Gisborne	Sitwell	Total
Dore	21	17	2	40
Totley	10	7	5	22
Holmesfield	16	3	21	40
Totals	47	27	28	102

The local factors were the coal mining interests in NE Derbyshire against the faming and tenancy issues of West Derbyshire, although the cry for Reform seems critical. It must be remembered that there was no secret ballot: the voters would probably have been handed their voting slips, would have climbed onto a stage, and handed the slips over when they climbed down. It would have been a brave Tenant Farmer who voted against his Landlord. It seems strange that the apparent stranger was elected with the issue of the Church being so influential. One complication was that many voters exercised their two votes but some only one. This could have been an example of early tactical voting!

Thomas Gisborne (1794-1852) was the eldest son of Thomas Gisborne (1758-1846) an English Anglican priest and poet, who had been a member of the 'Clapham set' which included William Wilberforce and Thomas Babington who had fought for the abolition of the slave trade.

A distinguished theologian and social commentator, his son as well as being heir to estates in Staffordshire and Derbyshire, which included Church lands held under lease, had business interests as coal, lime and sand merchants at Mill Street and Port Street in Manchester. At the 1830 election he stood for the venal borough of Stafford (corrupt) and was elected in first place. He was later described by Disraeli as a 'most rake belly politician who produces great effects in a crowded House especially when he is tipsy and not prepared.' At Stafford he presented several constituency petitions for such as the abolition of slavery, voted for the reduction of duties on West Indies wheat and repeal of the duty on printed calico, and strongly supported the Reform Bill.

At the 1831 election he was rumoured to start for Derbyshire where a vacancy had been created by the withdrawal of the Tories, but he was deliberately outmanoeuvred by the Whig Cavendish interest 'We don't like him', said Lord Waterpark, 'he is not a reputable person.' He offered again for Stafford and was elected in second place. Very active in all aspects of Reform, at the 1832 election he abandoned Stafford and stood for North Derbyshire and was then returned as described, was returned unopposed in 1835 but poor health forced him to stand down for his brother-in-law William Evans in 1837, and he later died in 1852. This was the man who defeated George Sitwell and stood for the area which includes Dore and Totley. William Evans (1788-1856) was another Whig Politician and the son of William Evans of

Derby whose family had made a fortune from lead mines at Bonsall, an iron slitting concern, a rolling mill in Derby and a cotton mill at Darley Dale. They also owned the Evans Bank in Derby. He had previously been MP for East Retford and at Leicester (without a poll), and he held North Derbyshire until 1853 when he resigned by taking the 'Chiltern Hundreds', a legal procedure used to effect resignation from the House of Commons. He had married Mary, daughter of the Reverend Thomas Gisborne in 1820. Their son, Sir (Thomas) William Evans, 1st. Baronet (1821-1892) also became an MP and later represented the constituency for South Derbyshire.

In the 1842/43 register of electors entitled to vote in the northern division, Richard Furness, the Dore schoolmaster, in his capacity as vestry clerk, had acted as the registrar for the 1841 census. Charles Farnsworth and Samuel Swift were the enumerators for Dore, with John Baxby for Totley.

Dore and Totley were listed as one of the townships in the Parish of Dronfield in the Scarsdale Hundred. The northern division had now been further split to include Castleton and Tideswell but our polling booth was still in Chesterfield about 12 miles away in Old Whittington (I think).

In 1832, Bradway was included with Beauchief and comprised only eight votes including five members of the Fox farming family and two from Beauchief Hall, and by 1842/43 was reduced to five who were now voting at Eckington. In 1851/2 and 1865 there was little change but in 1867 following the 1867 Reform Act the North was split into two. The North still included the High Peak Hundred polling districts of Ashbourne, Bakewell, Buxton, Castleton, Chapel, Eyam, Glossop, Hartington, Hathersage, New Mills, Tideswell, and Winster, plus the Wapentake of Wirksworth. The new East Derbyshire comprised the former Scarsdale Hundred. A Hundred, in ancient times known as a Wapentake, reputedly being the number of soldiers an area was calculated to raise in defence of the realm.

At the time of the 1831 census the Scarsdale Hundred comprised Alfretton, Clay Cross and District, Bolsover and District, Chesterfield and District, Staveley, Beauchief Abbey, Norton, Eckington (including Killamarsh), Beighton and Dronfield - which comprised Little Barlow, Coal Aston, Dore, Holmesfield, Totley and Unstone.

By 1873 the Norton polling district included Beauchief, Dore, Holmesfield, Totley and Norton, and by 1885 it had become the Totley polling district comprising Dore, Holmesfield and Totley. The big change happened after 1870 when Dore and Totley station opened, followed by two freehold Land societies in 1873, which is another story.

Thirty five years after the Great Reform Act the candidates in 1865 seem remarkably similar.

In the High Peak, Lord George Henry Cavendish (Liberal) still came first with 2903 votes, Captain Augustus Peter Cartwright (Conservative) second with 2698 and William Jackson (Liberal) was unelected with 2637. In East Derbyshire the Hon. Henry Strutt (Liberal) was first with 3032 votes; Francis Egerton, Captain RN (Liberal) second with 2089; and the two conservatives Gladwin Turbot and William Overend unelected with 1999 and 1970 respectively.



Henry Strutt was the eldest son of the 1st Lord Belper, and educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. He presided over the family cotton business of WG and J Strutt with degrees of LLB and MA, and played cricket for the MCC and Cambridge University. Initially a Liberal, he left the party over the issue of Irish Home Rule, and was later sworn into the Privy Council and became a Captain of the Hon. Corporation of Gentlemen of Arms. He was MP for East Derbyshire from 1868 to

1874, and Berwick on Tweed in 1880, and he entered into the Lords in 1880 on the death of his father.

Francis Egerton was the son of the 1st Earl of Ellesmere. Born in 1824, he joined the Royal Navy in 1840 and saw active service due to the Oriental crisis of that year, served off the Syrian Coast and was present at the bombardment of Acre; and in the Crimean crisis he was in command of HMS Bailisk. Promoted to Captain RN in 1855, he became rear Admiral in 1873, was placed on the retired list in November 1875 and was further promoted to Vice Admiral in 1878 and finally Admiral in 1884. He was elected for Derbyshire East from 1868 to 1885 and later to Derbyshire North East 1885/86. He was Naval Aide de Camp to Queen Victoria from 1865 to 1873. He was married in 1865 to the only daughter of the 7th Duke of Devonshire, with an address St Georges Hill, Byfleet in the County of Surrey.

Richard Wrigglesworth

Sporting Memories in Totley

For some months now, a small group of like-minded "fans", have been meeting at Totley Library on a fortnightly basis, to chat, reminisce and discuss sporting issues, not only current, but also the past.

Members all have long-held interests in a range of sports, and some are still actively involved. Inevitably, football is a major interest, both United and Wednesday but also non-league teams too.



Other sports that have been a focus of debate include cycling, crown green bowls, water polo, ice hockey, horse racing and in actual fact, any sporting issue that has appeared in the news at the time of the meetings.

What follows is an interesting chat or debate in a very friendly and sociable atmosphere, which inevitably leads to recalling matches, visits from the past and so on.... From a time when sport was dominated by characters and extraordinary performances which have left a real imprint on members' minds.....

Stan Bowles, Ian Botham, visits to Wembley, Tour de France in Yorkshire 2014 to name but a random few! It can be fascinating the way conversation develops and time passes, when memories are relived and described in sometimes great detail.

From time to time we review a book that has proved a particularly good read autobiography of Bobby Charlton, a review of football in the 60s, BackPass magazine devoted entirely to 60s and 70s football and on occasion other memorabilia is brought in to instigate discussion.

The group visited the National Football Museum in Manchester in April and future visits are being discussed. A number of talks from ex-footballers and other people of interest are also being lined up. Any ideas, let us know!

Meetings take place at Totley Library, Baslow Road from 10-00 to 12-00 on Thursdays (see following dates); it is free, and you may even get a biscuit with your cup of tea / coffee! The activity is supported by Age UK as part of a national project, for anyone aged 50 or over.

Please come along and join us, you are guaranteed a warm welcome. We meet every fortnight, next dates as follows: 6th and 20th December; 3rd, 17th and 31st January.

For further information contact 0114 250 2850
Or email enquiries@ageuksheffield.org.uk

Friends of Dore & Totley Station

We shall remember them

Back in 1914 the good citizens of Dore & Totley were among the first to open their doors to displaced neutral Belgians, both civilians and soldiers. They'd been in the front line when Field Marshall von Schlieffen's plan to outflank the French just happened to include overrunning their country. The use of St John's church hall as a VAD hospital throughout the ensuing hostilities saw many local volunteers assisting in the care of the injured.

Totley Rifle Range was also very much involved in the war effort with rows of tents and marquees, some to tend the wounded, but others to accommodate troops for live armament training.

At the outset of war most road transport was still horse drawn, but things were changing fast. In 1914 most goods and passengers were carried by rail. No photos have yet been found to show the injured arriving by train at Dore & Totley, or of troops. Maybe one survives in a hidden corner? The men may well have marched from the city centre. However, we know the W H Smith's newsagents and bookstall on the centre platform sold postcards of the surrounding area which were despatched to loved ones on arrival – like sending a Facebook post today. Postage on a card was a half penny until June 1918 when it increased to a penny. Quite a number survive in private collections.

FoDaTS member Mike Peart has researched the use of railways in wartime and written a book for the National Railway Museum "Trains of Hope: Ambulance Trains in Times of Conflict." He writes "I can tell you that wounded were usually shipped in to either Dover (which dealt with 1,260,506 casualties between end 1914 and February 1919) or Southampton (1,234,248 casualties over a similar period) and were then taken in over 15,500 home ambulance trains run in the duration to one of the 196 'receiving stations'. Sheffield Midland was one of these."

"The Midland Railway alone handled 3,982 ambulance trains with 339,000 patients during the conflict. The Midland's Works at Derby had built two complete ten-coach ambulance trains within six weeks of the outbreak of war. Seven more complete ambulance trains for use at home and in France and Egypt were built at Derby as the war went on."

"A staggering total of 2.68 million casualties travelled in UK ambulance trains during the conflict. Curiously, ambulance trains weren't given preference and journeys were sometimes painfully slow. Such trains were often shunted aside to let food, coal, iron ore, cordite, shells and other munitions, livestock and animal feed trains through. The Midland Railway record for coal trains run on its network to London in just one day was 80 trains! The other thing to note about ambulance trains is that the authorities usually wanted them unloaded at the dead of night as they feared the terrible sights might affect public morale and recruitment." This probably explains why photographs of these specially built ambulance trains are very rare, especially when in use.

No station was unaffected by the war and many railwaymen volunteered for active service, including 29% of those employed by the Midland Railway who had only 1,396 female employees in 1914. By the middle of 1917 they'd recruited over 7,600 more women and girls to fill some of the posts vacated by men. FoDaTS member and Totley resident Glynn Waite has researched local rail casualties and Dore & Totley station escaped without loss, however there were 1 from each of Unstone, Grindleford and Bamford, 5 from Sheep-bridge, 13 from Chesterfield, 4 from Mill Houses & Ecclesall, 3 from Heeley, and 79 from Sheffield.

For these reasons we remember them all with wreaths on the station platform today. The Great War, the war to end all wars.

The ticket machine: a comedy of errors, continued

It's worked better recently. That seems to have been since we heard it was to be re-sited to ensure those milling around the machine don't block the platform, and it's not in the direct rays of the early morning mid-summer sun. That was supposed to happen by the end of August. As this article goes to press

we've just heard it should now go beneath the new canopy.

Part of our difficulties with Northern stem from them managing 478 stations, and Dore & Totley is only the 177th most busy, estimated from ticket sales. If we don't buy tickets they can't assess how many have used the trains. If the ticket machine doesn't work and the conductor doesn't sell us a ticket we aren't counted. We believe a lot slip through the net, but who can tell how many?

From 6th December the Hope Valley line will become a Penalty fare zone so you should always have a ticket, or be able to prove the machine wasn't working. Take a photo to prove time and date.

That canopy – watch this space, again

How many times have I written that we'll have a picture of the final design in the next issue? Well we just have, but not one we can get to TI in time for publication. Construction may begin in January. Bookies are probably offering long odds on that, but it's only little things that remain to be finalised – and it may even include some heating!

It has taken some agitating to get us this far. Finance was the major barrier, but we have been able to get First TransPennine Express to make a contribution – an unusual step as management of the station is the responsibility of Arriva Northern. To achieve that we've highlighted the fact that 60% of Dore & Totley commuters are using TPE trains, they're paying the most for their tickets, and more of them get wet! We're maintaining good relations with SYPTE and they too have chipped in with a contribution to match TPE. FoDaTS works with the Hope Valley Rail Users Group and together with other station friends groups our station comes within the remit of the High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership. They have also matched the contribution from TPE and Northern have agreed to find the balance.

Ever since this saga began we've been trying to ensure the design will be in keeping with the late 1860s Victorian building we all wish to see enhanced. We think most readers will

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be satisfied. TPE and SYPTe said they wanted spades to be in the ground in 2018. Nearly there!

Service improvements

We haven't given up, but after the fiasco of the new May timetables it's all systems stop as far as any early changes are concerned. Everything stays the same from the December 2018 change date, and that's probably going to be the same next May. It's VERY disappointing, but stabilising the national network means concentrating on more major problems elsewhere. We'll keep pushing for better.

New rolling stock is coming, but again, it's been delayed. The plan had been to remove Pacers from the Hope Valley line in May, but they are likely to be appearing until at least May 2019. We are seeing greater use of trains like the Class 150 and more are being refurbished, however that programme is also behind schedule. Manana!

Strikes

Sadly, the Rail and Maritime Union (RMT) and Northern are at loggerheads about the role of guards/conductors. It would take the whole of this issue to explain it in detail, but as far as passengers are concerned we're getting no Northern stopping trains on Saturdays this year.

TPE and East Midlands trains to Manchester are operating as normal, but they aren't adding any extra stops.

Essentially, Northern's franchise contract stipulates that drivers should control the operation of trains, including opening and closing of doors. On some services there may be times when a train might be authorised to operate without a guard rather than being cancelled.

At that point the details get very murky, but the majority of London commuters travel on 8, 10 and 12 carriage trains without guards, and some have done for decades. Provision of another member of onboard staff (OBS) to inspect and sell tickets but not trained to fulfil guards' traditional duties, including door controls, will not be approved by the RMT. Negotiations have totally broken down after a failed attempt by ACAS to break the deadlock. Northern have guaranteed all jobs for the length of their franchise. RMT say it's a matter of safety.

We were planning a public walk on 27th October over Totley Moss to Grindleford, returning by train but it had to be cancelled. The October Folk Train to Edale was also cancelled. It would be lovely to think this could be resolved soon.

Looking forward

What about that new second platform? Nothing more has been heard since the last issue. We're badgering everyone we can. Network Rail keep promising to come down and tell us more, but 4 months on we're still waiting. Our current best information is that work is unlikely to start until 2020 and won't be completed until 2021. It is still to pass revised cost/benefit analysis.

HS2 is next. With luck that may reach Sheffield by 2033, and should enter via Clay Cross and Chesterfield on the current tracks. That means we should see electrification down the Sheaf Valley and will need to keep our eyes open for any impact here. There was a public consultation meeting in Dore on 31st October, but there were few specific details, although it may include a 3rd track down the Sheaf Valley from Dore to Sheffield.

In short, there's a lot supposed to be going on – eventually!

If you're a Facebook user, you can find and join us by searching for FoDaTS. It's a very active group.

If you would like more information please send an email to our Secretary; nj-barnes@outlook.com

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

Chris Morgan, Chairman



Totley Primary School

A new chapter at Totley Primary

It has been a start to the school year like no other at Totley Primary, as the building work required to transform the school from a one form to a two form entry setting has finally been completed. Thanks to a tremendous effort by both the Engie construction team and school staff, who worked tirelessly throughout the summer and at the start of term, the expanded school opened on time to our children on the 10th September – no mean feat given that 5 weeks of building time were lost to the harsh winter weather we experienced back in January and February. The full scale of what the children will now benefit from is clear: a fantastic, purpose-built state of the art facility which propels our lovely 1950s school into the 21st century!



A grand opening event took place 19th October which allowed us to showcase our fantastic new learning spaces to parents and members of our wider school community, as well as thanking the key members of the Engie and local authority teams who drove the project forward from the outset. They had the opportunity to tour around six new classrooms, a food technology room, a media space, science room, three group rooms and a new library, as well as see how the new sections of school have been integrated with the existing building.



Alongside the new head teacher, Ben Paxman and new chair of governors, Alex Munro, our other new starters - the Foundation Stage children - have been delightful! The new children have had such a positive start to their time at Totley, making lots of new friends and getting used to school routines. It was also very pleasing to see many of their parents contribute towards record attendance at our first PTA meeting of the year, with the promise of many community events in the pipeline and some great new ideas. At the other end of school, the Y6 children have stepped up and are already making great buddies for our little ones. They were certainly missed during their Thornbridge camping expedition at the end of September, from which they returned utterly exhausted but having had a splendid time in the Autumn sunshine.

Ben Paxman, Headteacher

Helping the Willow Tit survive

Next time you're strolling through one of the Outdoor City's woodlands, imagine you're following a herd of 'megafauna'. Mammoths, for example.

"We look at landscape management these days in terms of the megafauna before humanity arrived," said city council ecologist Angus Hunter. "They'd be wandering through the woods trashing the place, and then moving on."

So a recent job for two of the city's woodland rangers and a herd of 14 volunteers was to act like ancient big British beasts for the day, by selectively clearing certain trees, like birch, holly and sycamore, to create dead wood and allow light and undergrowth to return, all to benefit a little greyish bird depicted by Gilbert and Sullivan as the self-destructive 'tit willow'.

The operettists might have been onto something. Ranger (and part time mammoth) Matt Coster noted that the willow tit builds its nest by carefully excavating a narrow chamber behind a hole in dead wood about a metre off the ground (within urban cat catching range), and then chatters incessantly attracting other predators like woodpeckers as its babies are reared. And to cap it off, they 'stack' the chicks on top of each another in the narrow nest chamber. "They do themselves no favours at all," Matt said.



Nevertheless, the willow tit survived for millennia in wettish British woodlands until around forty years ago. "They're now one of the fastest declining birds in the UK, with a 90% fall in numbers since the 1970s," said Angus Hunter. "They're dropping through the floor, and no-one really knows why."

The booming numbers of blue and great tits are implicated, since they often evict less aggressive willow tits from their new self-builds. But the loss of connected corridors of wet woodlands, with enough sunlight to allow a good layer of undergrowth, seems the most important reason for the decline. Which is where megafauna-based conservation work comes in, with the city council and local groups including Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, the Friends of Ecclesall Woods and the Sheffield Bird Study Group all trying to help the willow tit.

Earlier this year, council ranger Chris Roberts designed a prototype willow tit nest box, by excavating the inside of a felled log, patching it back up to look like a dead birch tree, and then painstakingly reinserting the chippings behind a small and inviting hole entrance.

It worked immediately, with a pair of willow tits laying seven eggs, which unfortunately didn't hatch - probably because at least one of the parent birds had been snatched by a predator, Chris said. "But it looks as if the design is suitable."

There are patchy willow tit populations around the city in Stocksbridge, Rother Valley, Holbrook, Dore and Gleadless Valley, but it's hoped using the new nest log, combined with creating dead wood like bison, rhinos or elephants would have done many years ago, will allow the birds to extend their range into new areas of wet woods where there are brambles, patches of sunlight, and grasses attracting insects to feed on.

Matt said new volunteers are always welcome, and wild garden owners might have a chance too if there were willow tits nearby - as long as they have a few brambles and wild grasses. (If a mammoth dropped in now and then too, all the better.)

To volunteer, call 0114 250 0500

Charity Runner's Smashing Target!

Charity runner Ben Dave clocked up nearly 60 miles of his epic #RUNNINGYORKSHIRE challenge in the Sheffield area this summer as he ran from the Ladybower Inn over Totley Moor, through Norton and Rotherham to just outside Bawtry in two days.

His 470 mile run around the Yorkshire boundary meant a marathon or more a day, all to raise funds for the CALM charity which works to prevent male suicide in Britain, where suicide is the biggest single killer of men under 45.



Zaf Ali (left) and Ben Dave on his Running Yorkshire leg through Sheffield and the Peak District: with supporters on

More than 20 local runners joined up in support of his quest as he ran over Stanage Edge, Totley Moor, Lowdges, through east Rotherham and into Doncaster.

Supported by Welcome to Yorkshire and the Up and Running stores in Yorkshire, Ben smashed his original £20,000 fund-raising target to raise over £26,000.

"Having come out the other side of a depressive period myself, I wanted to do something to hold my hands up and say I've been through that, and let people know it's alright to talk about it," he said. "I also wanted to have a big adventure while raising money, and to show that running is cool, it's not just all about hi viz."

Running became a therapy for Ben as he came out of his depression. "A friend started dragging me out running, and now I start every day with a run, no matter where I am, because it makes me feel in control of my life. Having even just 20 minutes a day to get outside and clear your head is incredibly valuable."

After days of 'horrendous rain' and hill fog, he ran into South Yorkshire along sunny Stanage Edge picking up local runners in support as he went, some of whom had lost friends and relatives to suicide.

Regular Totley Moor runner Zaf Ali met Ben and his team on Stanage Edge to guide them over his home patch.

"I wanted to come and support Ben, as I lost a good colleague to suicide," said Zaf, a South Yorkshire police officer. "It can be very hard for blokes to say "I'm not alright" but in the police we're not machines, we're not superhuman, and I think we are now getting a lot better at looking after our people."

Ben, from green but not so craggy Harrogate, praised the landscape of the Outdoor City as he came down off the moors and headed out to complete his challenge on the flatlands of East Yorkshire and beyond.

"Yorkshire is a beautiful place to be, there's so much variety, and every day it's like turning a new page," he said. "And the people have been incredible, there's so much love and support out there."

David Bocking, National Trust

Shepley connection to past renewed on 100th birthday!

Some readers may remember a talk I gave in Totley Library on June 29th about the Shepleys of Woodthorpe Hall. During the talk, I explained that I was shortly to be taking a weekend trip to Canada to meet my Aunt Bidy, a lady I had never met but who was about to celebrate her 100th birthday on July 14th. This lady had been married to my uncle Douglas, a Spitfire pilot in the battle of Britain for just six weeks before he was killed in action as a result of enemy action. It was Bidy and my Grandmother Mrs Lily Emily Shepley who started to collect funds to replace the lost Spitfire aircraft. The new aeroplane was called "The Shepley Spitfire", which is remembered in the naming of the pub in Mickley Lane, Totley, which was opened in 1980.

Bidy worked in London for the Air Ministry during the war. Towards the end of the war her family took in a seriously wounded Canadian soldier, Mac Craig, to aid his recovery. Bidy and Mac fell in love and were married, and then the pair emigrated to Canada where they had three children. Mac became a very successful lawyer, but died 20 years ago.

The Shepley family kept in touch but about 10 years ago contact was lost, and the assumption was that Bidy had sadly died. At the talk I gave, I played a recording of an astonishing phone message from a relative of Bidy's, that she was celebrating her 100th birthday on July 14th, which also happens to be Douglas' birthday as well, so he would have been 100 too.

After some hesitation, a friend said I needed to attend her party although the original request was merely for some memorabilia of Douglas and a phone call to Bidy on her birthday.



So I went to the party to meet Bidy and her huge family. Fortunately there was just one remaining seat on the flight from Manchester to Toronto. It was clearly meant to be. Bidy and her family treated me like royalty and I certainly had the full red-carpet reception. I also took along a book containing all kinds of history, memorabilia and information which I would present to Bidy. The book included family photographs, wedding photographs, Douglas Shepley's Commissions from King George VI, and condolences from Buckingham Palace upon his death.

"He has come all the way from England, and that is a long way to travel to see an old girl turn 100," said Bidy on Saturday afternoon in the library at Kelso Villa. "I am really so very pleased to see him." She was a bit overwhelmed with all the people who were turning out for her birthday on Saturday, but was enjoying seeing everyone as they came in to give her birthday wishes.

"It is a little bit scary, but I shouldn't be scared" said Bidy, and then turned to me and told me that I was the one who should be scared! "They are all strangers to you," she said. My reply was that they were strangers, but they were strangers with a difference because we have such a wonderful connection.

I spent many hours with Bidy, who was in very good health and we reminisced about what had been happening in her life, and what the Shepleys had been up to for the last 73 years. The reason we lost contact ten years ago was simply that she had moved into residential accommodation.

My weekend in Canada was a wonderful reunion of our two families and I have every intention of returning to see Bidy again, and of course any of her family will be more than welcome at any time to visit my wife and I.

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Transport 17 through the Ages!

As we continue to raise funds so that we can replace one of our buses in 2020, we've been looking back at

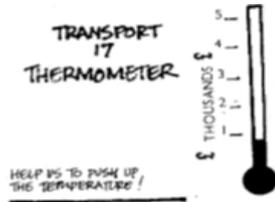
Transport 17 'through the ages' and we thought we'd share some snippets with you....

TRANSPORT 17 THE WHEELS START TURNING

In September 1983, *The Totley Independent* included an article

about a group called 'Transport 17' which had recently been formed - instigated by Alan Jockell who was the vicar of Totley All Saints Church - with the aim of providing a minibus for elderly people in S17, hence its name. It reported that older and infirm people were struggling to get to day and luncheon clubs that had been set up and it was hoped that there would be support in the local community to run a transport service for them. The first Chairman of Transport 17, Bert Jackson, called for financial support to get the minibus on the road as well as help with practical issues such as organising rotas to drive and help on the buses.

Following a successful fundraising campaign, supported by the *Independent*, which saw table top sales, coffee mornings and generous donations from local charitable trusts, enough money was raised to match the £5000 awarded from Help the Aged and the first Transport 17 minibus was on the road in June 1984. It was a real community effort!



Of course, the fundraising efforts couldn't, and didn't, stop there and they've been going ever since! The *Independent* continued to support Transport 17 and has carried regular updates and news on the buses over the last 35 years. From these articles and talking to local folk who've been involved over the years, we can see how much Transport 17 has done to make a difference to peoples' lives and how much effort has gone into keeping the buses on the roads. There have been many trips made to local attractions such as Chatsworth and Longshaw as well as days out further afield to places such as Bridlington. For a few years there were even residential trips arranged to Llandudno, meaning a seaside holiday for those who would not otherwise have had one.

In 1987, a second minibus was put into service and in 1994, Transport 17 started running a third bus. It just shows what demand there has been, and continues to be, for an accessible transport service for the older, less mobile members of our community. These buses need to be replaced regularly and the next bus will be the twelfth one on the road. It will also cost £50,000 - that's five times the cost of the first one!



In 1990, funding from the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (which continues today) meant that Michael Finn joined Transport 17 as its paid Project Manager and the office base moved from the vestry room of the

United Reform Church on Totley Brook Road to its current address on Baslow Road. Michael was joined in 1999 by John Savournin who keeps all the paperwork in order.

An impressive array of fundraising events has been organised by Transport 17 volunteers over the years - jumble sales, coffee mornings, book sales, Bridge drives, bring and buy sales and pie and pea suppers, teas in gardens and light entertainment evenings. In addition, the community has generously supported Transport 17 by donating proceeds from sports days, open gardens and cake and plant sales to name but a few.

It has not all been plain sailing, however. A dip into the archives reveals an article in 1992 reporting on a 'cash crisis'

due to the pressure of rising running costs on older vehicles and a worry that there would need to be a reduction in the number of journeys that could be operated. In 2008 there was an incident of 'road rage' which left a volunteer driver needing stitches and in 2012 all the buses' fuel was stolen when they were broken into.

But, these challenges have all been met head on and haven't stopped the buses from running. In 2018, Transport 17 is now making over 200 passenger trips a week to 13 different

The Transport 17 Minibus is here! BUT—



it still needs your help to keep it moving.

lunch clubs not just in S17 but in the surrounding areas of S11, S8, S10 and S7. There are currently 7 drivers and 14 passenger assistants who help between one and three days a week, volunteering their time to help those who wouldn't otherwise be able to get out and about. The volunteers on the Transport 17 Management and Fundraising Committees continue to work hard to keep it moving with the times and to make sure that the wheels keep turning.

So, above all, a brief look back over the years shows that we should all be proud of the success story that is Transport 17. Now, let's keep it going!

We're thrilled that Transport 17 has been chosen as a Co-op 'local cause' for 2018/19. This means that keeping Transport 17 on the road will continue to be a real community effort and you can support us just by doing your shopping! More information on how you can support us as a 'local cause' is given elsewhere in this publication.

*Jenny Nuttall and Wendy Trotter
Transport 17 Management Committee*

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Neighbourhood Watch

Now the darker nights are upon us we need to be taking a few more precautions to ensure the security and safety of our property and vehicles.

The theft of cars with keyless fobs has made the news on television programmes and on the internet recently. Four cars in our area have been stolen in the last few months using the same method. This entails the criminals capturing the radio signal emitted by these fobs and boosting it to unlock the car doors, immobilising the alarm system and allowing the car to be started in less than a minute then driven away before the owner is even aware. NHW has obtained a RFI pouch that prevents these signals being detected by the criminals so preventing the car from being stolen in this manner. There is a simple method of giving similar protection. Get a small container and line it with double layer of kitchen foil, put the fobs inside and cover with the foil. This acts in a similar manner and prevents them picking up the signal (and both sets of fobs need to be protected at all times).

The number of burglaries always increases with the darker nights as the criminals take advantage of being harder to be seen whilst at their dirty deeds. Simple measures can make your properties less attractive to the villains such as fitting a time switch to a lamp to come on at different times of the evening. The same time switch can be used with a mains radio or by using the alarm feature to switch on radios at various times. There are even items that imitate flickering TV screens, giving the impression of the property being occupied.

Of course there are the more expensive but traditional methods of burglar alarms and CCTV systems which can be connected to security companies should the alarm be triggered, CCTV can be set to send a message and signal that the alarm or intrusion has been detected via your mobile phone.

Whilst cost has to be considered many victims will tell you that it is the loss of personal or irreplaceable items, not necessarily the most expensive, that causes the most distress. Plus the feeling that your home has been defiled, even if the criminals do not cause too much physical damage.

On a different matter we are having a number of reports of damage and illegal activities on the recreation field and other public areas. Whilst any damage to the facilities is to be abhorred, it is the increasing number of incidents of fires and the burning of the seats in some areas that is causing concern. More alarming is the increased number of drug paraphernalia being found in the same areas, particularly, the small metal gas canisters for blowing up balloons which can be purchased very easily and are used to get a so-called high. Please report anyone involved in these activities to the Police.

NHW has been responsible for setting up a growing number of 'No Cold Calling' zones within our areas. Whilst it cannot prevent all the callers it has reduced the number of unwanted people knocking on doors. Last year a law was passed that now allows these people to be charged with the offence of 'harrasment' should they continue to call without an appointment. This is especially important with regard to the rogue builders who call to say they have seen some loose tiles etc. and so-called gardeners offering to sort out your garden - apart from any offences they may also commit.

In cooperation with South Yorkshire Police, your local Neighbourhood Watch can keep you informed about incidents in your area and possible preventative measures to keep you and your property safe. We have recently had two new groups formed in the Ashfurlong Road area. Why not join and get all the benefits of being one of the growing membership numbers in our area. It does not cost you anything and we can provide various information and stickers when you join. Please contact me for further information

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Fostering in Sheffield

One of the first things Foster Carers learn is that foster children don't officially go by that name anymore: our children are called 'LACs' or 'Looked after Children'.

And boy, are they looked after—at the last count our current child has been regularly seeing over a dozen brilliant NHS professionals over her first year of life.

She has a number of health problems, but like most babies with additional needs is ignoring them whenever she can and getting on with gurgling and bashing things together.

When a child becomes a LAC, foster carers are telephoned by the 'placement team' and told as much as is known about the child's health conditions and general situation before they decide whether to take on that particular child, or not. There's no pressure, and the social workers who make the call just aim to find the right carer for each particular child.

We've had to say no to a child on one occasion, which felt hard, although it was definitely the right decision for him and us. Foster carers have to think about their own family and working situation, and in this case we realised it wouldn't have been the right option for the youngster.

The placement officer stressed it was fine as she had other foster carers available, and it doesn't alter the likelihood of future placements.

Once a child is assigned to us, our job is to hustle for her in the world of health and social care like we would our own baby. That means hospital appointments and discussions with doctors where we have to advocate for our baby and try and ask the right questions for her, relating to both her needs now and potentially for her future when she'll have moved on from us.

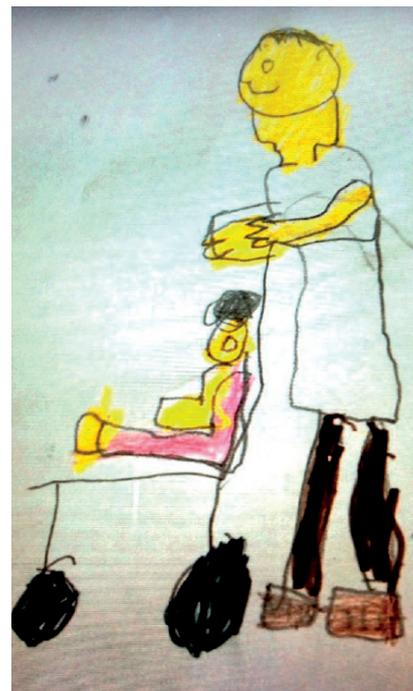
There are also regular home visits from a variety of specialists with bags and paperwork, sometimes following each other in and out over the same day. All good for the baby's socialisation, it seems, and she seems happy enough showing them all her new teeth.

But with so many people involved with her varying dietary, speech and physical issues her diary does gets complicated and I sometimes struggle to remember who's in charge of what.

Does her physio really need to see her 'How Many Times a Day Am I Currently Vomiting' chart? Does her speech therapist need to know her bowel habits? It can't do any harm.

Baby and I recently attended her 'LAC review' which is where her Independent Reviewing Officer listens sagely while varying professionals discuss her progress and consider her future while she bangs on the desk and throws her toys on the floor. She's doing well, everyone concluded. She grinned and blew them all several impressive raspberries.

David Bocking
 For more on fostering in Sheffield see:
www.sheffield.gov.uk/fostering



Baby with doctor
 (picture by Archie)

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 stepoutsheffield@gmail.com www.healthwalksinffield.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@stretr.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.

DECEMBER

- WED 12th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP** Spitewinter Concert 2018: Winter songs through the ages with the Sheffield Folk Chorale and Guests. 7.30pm at Ecclesall Parish Church, Ringinglow Road.
FRI 14th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD Winter Woods, Winter Words stories, songs and poems about woods and winter with Sally Goldsmith and Rony Robinson. Totley Library, 7.30pm to 10pm.
TUES 18th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Christmas Party. Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10 am.
SAT 22nd DORE GILBERT AND SULLIVAN SOCIETY Christmas Concert 'Melody and Mirth'. 2.30pm, Dore Methodist Church, Savage Lane, Dore. Tickets £8 each from Derek Habberjam Tel: 0114 2362299.

JANUARY

- WED 9th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB** 10am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated Talk by Dr. Chris Booth "The Origin & Development of the Universe - should we be surprised to be here?" Visitors Welcome.
MON 14th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD Fifty Years of Fungi Come and learn more about the life of fungi. Just what can you expect to find in Gillfield Wood. Steve Clements has guided and helped us with our fungi surveys in the wood for the past few years and has agreed to enlighten us to the world of fungi. Totley Library, 7.30pm.
TUES 15th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Ellen Outram, "Curiosities of the Peak District Part 2". Totley Rise Methodist church, 10 am.
SUN 20th 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 15.
WED 23rd TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated talk by Prof. Geoff Craig "A Life of Teeth & Crime" Visitors Welcome.
WED 23rd TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP Hilary Hutson, "Dead and Buried: Dore & Totley Ancestry - An illustrated talk on Family History". 7.30pm, Totley Library

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Answers to Jack and Rony's Bumper Totley Independent Christmas Quiz

(Don't forget to claim your free beer at the Fleur or the Grouse!)

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| <p>1. c OH King used to do grocery and provisions where Transport 17 now are. Please wipe your feet.
 2. Any of them, if you dare.
 3. Whichever you like.
 4. c Tom (Cheerio for now!).
 5. b Sheffield Tree Action Grope.
 6. a Fleur, closed a few Christmases ago.
 7. a Once in Royal David's city.</p> | <p>8. a Methodists.
 9. b John Beazer. Jon Snow does not live in Totley and he has not got a beard.
 10. c Robin Johnson. The others wouldn't be seen dead in Totley.
 11. c Jack, the best dog in Totley (we think).
 12. a But not next year.</p> |
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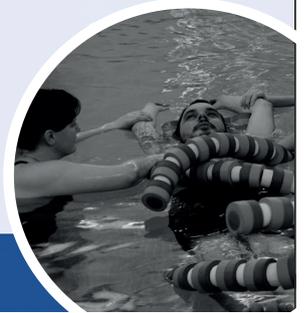
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