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Best Ever Library Plant Sale!

Saturday May 11th, 10.30: cars parked on both sides of Baslow Road, contented customers walking away with armfuls of foliage, crowds thronging the library grounds - this was the scene at the fourth Totley Library Plant Sale.

Outside the library, tables groaned under the weight of plants of all shapes and sizes, all donated by supporters of the library from all around the area. Inside the library, sales of tea, coffee and delicious home-made cakes were going at a brisk pace.

Fiona Smith, co-ordinator of the gardening volunteers at Totley library, told us "I am very fortunate to be working with a fabulous bunch of people. This small group of volunteers are enthusi-

astic, friendly, and caring, and have a huge amount of gardening knowledge between them - me? I just do the organising! It takes many hours of hard work to prepare for what has now become the annual plant sale at the library.

My colleagues worked hard, particularly in the last couple of weeks before the sale, and often after being called upon at the last minute, with good humour and without complaint. One of our gardening volunteers lives across the road from the library and it is here that we store the donated plants as they are delivered in the days leading up to the sale.

A few of us then gather on the Friday afternoon to price up and label ALL the

plants. This is a fairly enjoyable task as we are helped about our work by tea, cake and biscuits, banter and healthy conversation, all in good company."

This year the plant sale raised a record amount of money for library funds - over £1500. This was raised by the sale of plants, books, raffle tickets, and refreshments.

Totley Community Resource and Information Centre Chair Natasha Watkinson said "a huge thank you to Fiona Smith, her dedicated team of gardeners and all the other volunteers who made the plant sale such a roaring success. It's been a big team effort to grow, collect, price and sell all the plants so thank you to everyone who played their part. and to those who baked (*continued page 3*)

Special issue featuring the work of Friends of Gillfield Wood



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Best Ever Library Plant Sale (from page 1)

cakes and helped on the day. It was great to see so many local regular customers who have come back year after year to support the sale."

"Thank you to all those who came and supported the event, including the sunshine", said Fiona. "After a week of rain, bitter winds and very low temperatures we all enjoyed the warmth of the Spring sun on the Saturday morning. We couldn't have hoped for better organisation of the weather as the raindrops started falling on the last items being packed away! And we wouldn't have had such a successful sale without the generous donations of plants from the communities of Dore, Totley, and Bradway – thank you so much. The high quality of the plants donated ensures the ongoing success of the sale."

Special Issue on the work of Friends of Gillfield Wood

In this issue we take a closer look at the work and activities of Friends of Gillfield Wood!

If you've ever wondered what goes on during the regular Conservation mornings, you can find out in the in-depth article on page 6.

On page 20, the Chair of the group takes us on a tour of what FOGW did during the past year.

You'll find the regular Friends of Gillfield Wood Diary, covering activities in June and July, on page 27.

And follow FOGW's Chris Measures as he recounts the observations during the latest FOGW Bird Walk on page 32!

Bus Services

Local Councillors have received a number of complaints about bus services in our area. On April 1st (yes really!) we met a senior representative of First Bus to complain about their poor reliability.

First Bus have a target of 95% of buses running on time and that 99.5% of services will actually run. The figures for the 97/98 are at 91.8%, and for the 81/82, around 93% for timeliness. This figure has declined by about 5% in the last 3 years with no changes to the timetable.

First Bus said the main reason for the delays was traffic congestion, with Friday afternoons being the worst for reliability. Ecclesall Road has 'slow running' through bus lanes not being cleared for 4.00pm. There are also delays caused by the Hillsborough bus gate. Obviously traffic congestion is getting worse but having a reliable bus service would help to reduce it. "Driver issues" – that is, not having a driver available – accounts for 0.1% of the problem and "engin-

-eering problems" – buses breaking down – account for a further 0.5%.

We then asked what First Bus were planning to do to improve the reliability. They are unwilling to add extra vehicles to the schedule or to terminate buses in town, both of which would improve reliability. They intend to increase the amount of prepay, such as weekly tickets, and debit card payments to reduce the time standing at bus stops. Getting Traffic Enforcement to clear the bus lanes will also help and we have taken this up with the relevant department.

We will continue to press First Bus to do what it takes to improve the services to our area.

Councillors Colin Ross, Martin Smith and Joe Otten

Rosemary Memory Café

The Rosemary Memory Cafes are a new initiative from Age UK aimed at helping people in the local area one who are living with memory loss or who have a diagnosis of mild to moderate dementia.

The Memory Cafes will include lots of tea and coffee, home-made cakes (and fruit and vegetable snacks too) and will offer activities which it is hoped will engage, inform, stimulate and entertain everyone. They will also be an opportunity to make new friends, keep active and feel more confident. It should be fun with a lot of laughter!

On the first and third Tuesdays of the month, there will be a Café at Dore Methodist Church Hall, Savage Lane from 2 - 4pm.

On the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, there will be a Rosemary Café at Totley All Saints Church Hall from 2- 4pm

These sessions are free to attend, but there will be a small charge for refreshments (£1 per person).

Transport 17 will be offering accessible minibus door to door transport to and from the venues for a small charge (£1.50 return per person)

Please ring Age UK Sheffield on 0114 2502580 to let us know you're coming and if you need a place on the minibus.

We have a small group of volunteer helpers in place already, but as we grow and flourish, we will be needing more volunteers. Training and expenses will be available, so if anyone's interested, please contact Virginia Lowes, our Volunteer Co-ordinator via virginia.lowes@ageuksheffield.org.uk (or on the above number) who will help you join our team!

If you have any further enquiries, you can email Elspeth Mallowan at elspeth.mallowan@ageuksheffield.org.uk or on the Age UK Sheffield number above

Rosemary Memory Cafes are part of the People Keeping Well (PKW) initiative. You can find out more information about People Keeping Well and what other activities are available in the local area on <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/sheffield/activities-and-events/pkw/>



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Regular events and meetings at Totley Library

Monday:

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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.27, or www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com
Councillors' Surgery, 2nd Monday of the month, 6–7 pm

Tuesday:

Basic ITC Sessions, 10am – 12 noon. To book, phone Heeley Development Trust on 0114 250 0613.
Baby Time 1-2pm. Fun music session with songs, rhymes and musical instruments for babies aged 0 - 18 months.
Craft Group, 2– 4pm
Poetry Group, last Tuesday in month, 7– 9pm. *Please note that this group cannot accept new members at present.*

Wednesday:

Coffee Morning, 10.30 – 12 noon
Story Time, 10.30 – 11.30 Craft activities, singing and stories.
Health Walks, 10.30am Wednesday, Totley Library. One longer walk of up to one hour duration, and one shorter walk, followed by refreshments from Totley CRIC. Contact Step Out Sheffield on 07505 639524 or email stepoutssheffield@gmail.com www.healthwalksinnsheffield.btck.co.uk/
Totley History Group, usually last Wednesday of the month, 7.30. Talks on matters of historical interest. Check posters, the Independent Diary, or www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk
Yoga sessions 7 – 8.30pm, Wednesdays (except the last Wednesday of the month). For more details call Ann Zielonka on 0114 2361585 or 07929 736966. Beginners welcome.

Friday:

Sporting Chatter (People Keeping Well) 10-12noon. 7th June, 21st June and every other Friday. Enquiries: call 0114 250 2850.

Community Defibrillator

Totley Rise Methodist 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.



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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.

Totley Open Gardens

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July 2019

1 - 5.30pm

Fourteen gardens and one allotment around Totley will be open to visitors. They are a mix of sizes and styles, from very small to quite large, and from neat and tidy, to woolly and woodland. There are quirky gardens, hidden gardens and gardens with sculptures.



Entrance to the gardens is by programme, which lists all the gardens, with a map, and costs £4 per person. Programmes can be bought from Totley Library in the month before the event, and at the Open Gardens weekend from 170, Baslow Road, S17 4DR.

All proceeds will be going to local organisations as follows:

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Conservation Work in Gillfield Wood

On the last Sunday of April a small team of volunteers gathered at the bus terminus on Baslow Road to carry out conservation work at the west end of Gillfield Wood. The work on this occasion was weeding between a strip of hedgerow saplings that had been newly planted last year. Once weeded a few dead saplings had to be replaced with



Preparing and planting the hedgerow

Hawthorn whips and then wheel-barrow loads of mulch were applied to the whole hedgerow to protect and encourage growth. This is just one example of the type of work undertaken by the Friends of Gillfield Wood to maintain and improve the habitat of our local woodland.

We work closely with the Council in agreeing all work undertaken and a big thanks has to go to Chris Roberts, our Sheffield CC Woodland Ranger, for his ongoing support and guidance at each monthly event. He brings along the necessary material and equipment; we normally meet on a Sunday at 10am and finish before 1pm. Volunteers can come and go as they please. It is a great atmosphere with plenty of chatting, especially when the tea and coffee is served by Chris during a welcome break. And most importantly there is both light and heavy work to cater for all ages and abilities, and we always stress "no experience is necessary" - we just have a good and very rewarding time.

A couple of months ago, the team were busy repairing two dry stone walls that had collapsed in that same area. It just makes it so much nicer for anyone visiting the wood to see these old walls in a good state. That is why we were particularly proud when we managed to rebuild the long



Dry stone walling at west end

edge of the main part of the wood that runs up the steep banking, from the pond to the top wall on the north side of the wood, so it was particularly challenging. The old stones from the collapsed wall had to be dug out from under soil and undergrowth as they had gradually disappeared from sight

over the years. We also erected the wooden gate and kissing gate there, one of our first jobs as a group.

The ride between the bus terminus and these gates is also regularly maintained with branches cut back to ensure the



Widening the Ride

ride remains wide and open, not only for access but also to allow the light to filter down for the benefit of the flora and fauna. There is nothing better than seeing bees and butterflies enjoying the sun along this ride. We are also creating a new wild flower meadow area in front of the picnic tables at that end of the wood. It is well worth a visit in the summer but please bear in mind the tiny meadow is "work in progress" following hours of digging, weeding, scarifying and seeding.

Just near to the ride we have also created our first pond. This was no sooner mentioned as an idea to the Council than they agreed to the work being carried out. A digger was



Preparing the Pond

brought in at short notice and our group did the necessary clearance work to make it all a huge success. With a small amount of planting around the edge, the pond looks very healthy now and pleasingly it survived the hot summer last year - it did not dry out, as water filters in from the ground around. More recently we have dug a small pond next to the footpath that leads down from Totley Hall Lane. It is under the lovely large Oak tree, so we had to be careful the roots of the old tree were not damaged and it was also important not to disturb the yellow Irises that grow there. Hopefully these two ponds will increase the diversity of aquatic life in our area and bring pleasure to anyone who wishes to just stand and look.

Our other work has included thinning trees and creating a glade in one part of the wood. These habitat improvements allow in the sunlight and encourage the ground flora to flourish. This should benefit many of our ground nesting birds not to mention the wide variety of invertebrates that exist in our wood. We have certainly noticed the increase in bluebells and wood anemones in these areas as well as the bramble cover. We have also undertaken coppice work where we have

cut back trees and shrubs to encourage re-growth and we have created wood and brash piles to provide shelter for small mammals and again suitable habitat for invertebrates; and we have planted a variety of trees in selected areas.



Coppice work under way

We have also been involved in the clearance of litter and removal of illegal tipping; the taking down of barbed wire fencing; the erection of wooden fencing and the erection of specially made way-marker posts; plus so much more as



Installing a way-marker post

we near ten years of helping the council manage this lovely woodland. We have occasional site meetings with the council to discuss ideas; and FOGW's Andy Brewster has worked closely with them over the years, creating a management plan for each year, agreeing the work and bringing the FOGW team together each month.

Amongst all this work we have also tried to improve the main footpath through the wood - not an easy task and admittedly not very successful. But during the early part of last year we had a site meeting with the council to look at the state of the path. Following this meeting we presented the council with a twenty-two page report containing photos and grid references of all the muddy sections along the path. This resulted in the council securing the funding and providing the machinery and manpower to improve the worst parts of the path with a little help from some of our members. Our Ranger, Chris, was even seen using a leaf blower in the autumn to prevent the build-up of leaves that had fallen in certain sections of the path that had been improved.

So we do hope you enjoy Gillfield Wood with all its wildlife, its history and its ancient flora, and if any of you are tempted to join us on one of our Sunday work mornings to help maintain and protect this special piece of woodland, then you will certainly be made very welcome. Please check our website www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com or contact Andy on fogwsecretary@gmail.com

Chris Measures

Friends of Dore & Totley Station

Hope Valley Line 125 – 1894 – 2019

In the little shelter you'll find some pictures of the station showing how it's changed over the last 125 years. Watch

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for posters, our website and on Facebook for details of forthcoming events.

We'll be having a walk to Grindleford on Saturday 29th June starting at 10.30 and returning by train – Over and Under!

Commuter Passenger Survey March 2019

An informal survey of morning commuters may help us to better understand what is happening at the station. It will need to be repeated but helps to form a picture

46% parked a car, 19% were dropped off by car, 30% walked, 5% cycled, caught a taxi or a bus.

44% went to Manchester Piccadilly, 22% Sheffield, 10% Leeds, 6% Manchester Airport, 3% Liverpool, 15% others.

58% were from Dore & Totley, 12% Ecclesall, 11% Beauchief, 8% Abbeydale, 11% others.

That canopy – It's finally here!

It's in place and almost complete. The ticket machine is in position beneath and it works. There's a little cosmetic work to finish but it looks good from trains on the mainline. After



3 years of effort to get this built FoDaTS needs to thank Arriva Northern for the job finally being done with financial contributions also coming from TransPennine Express, SYPT, the High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership and ACoRP. It takes a lot to get anything done on the railways!

Our AGM on 7th May at Totley Library

We invited Melissa Farmer, Rail Development Manager, SYPT to speak and she gave an overview of the Hope Valley Capacity Improvement Scheme that will bring us a new second platform – by December 2022 if we're lucky. Car parking will be a thorny issue!

Wole Odetola from HS2 gave us a very quick outline of that project and we hope to have him back to tell us more.

Timetables, punctuality and train length

There are no changes to the timetable from this May. It's good to be able to report that over the last 4 weeks less than 10% of trains to and from Dore (*Continued page 8*)

have averaged more than 5 minutes late, and only one going towards Manchester. It's not so good coming from Manchester where two East Midlands trains are still averaging more than 10 minutes late. Our station remains in the worst 100 in the country on punctuality, as do all the other Hope Valley line stations.

TPE trains were supposed to be 6 coaches from December. They haven't been, but possibly more from May? Northern are phasing out the 4 wheeled carriage Pacers and slightly bigger Class 150 trains with more wheels are now most common. They should give a smoother ride. Every little helps but we won't get regular 4 carriage Northern trains until platforms are lengthened at Hope and Grindleford, but most importantly at Hathersage where they are currently very short. That should happen by December.

Visits by old engines

It never rains but it pours? On Sunday 5th May we saw former LNER Class A1 Pacific Flying Scotsman from 1923 head south through the station with The Great Britain XII rail tour. On the following Saturday Tornado, a new Class A1 built in 2008, dashed through with The Mad Hatter from Chester to Darlington. Lots of pictures were taken!



The Flying Scotsman

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

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Totley Primary Goes Green

As a school, we are working hard to reduce the impact we are having on the environment.

Our Y5 children have been working on a science topic around the life cycle of the sea turtle. This has included looking at the perilous plight of these beautiful creatures in the face of ever-increasing sea pollution with a focus on plastic. As part of their homework, children were asked to collect the plastic their households used over just one weekend and bring it into school. This was truly eye-opening and helped the children under-



stand the sheer scale of the plastic problem our society and the world at large is facing. This work then on to the children producing their own 'Attenborough' style video documentaries using the iMovie app, complete with suitably hushed and serious vocal performances!

In addition, one of our parents - Mrs Secombe - has launched a new recycling bin in the school foyer area. This is



for certain plastics which are not currently recyclable in the standard road-side bin collection. Examples of these plastics include the bags which sliced bread comes in, toothpaste tubes and toothbrushes, Pringles cans / lids and crisp packets. She has also generously offered to take the rubbish to 'The Bare Alternative' - a shop on Abbeydale Road which is part of a special recycling scheme. A big thank you to Mrs Secombe for helping all of us to take better care of the planet! Their website <https://www.barealternative.co.uk/> recycling has further details of the scheme.

Meanwhile, out of school, some of our pupils have been engaging with the amazing work that the local Sheffield Litter Picker group has been doing. Pictured above are Livi and Seb doing a great job of promoting the 'Phil the Bin' message, having done some local clearing of unwanted litter.

Together we can make a difference!

Ben Paxman, Head Teacher

Totley Scouts

Well, our Summer term is finally here, and all our sections are enjoying being able to get outside and get on with some Scouting activities in the fresh air.



The two Scout Troops enjoyed a weekend of good weather over Easter when they had their camp at Spitewinter Campsite. The scouts honed their camping skills, cooked meals on fires, baked buns, built rope bridges, had a go at some archery and compass exercises and learnt about knife, axe and saw safety. It was a great start to our camping season.

The Cubs and Beavers are busy preparing for their summer camps in June and the Beavers had great fun trying their hands at putting up some tents. They were all successful in putting up a smart and strong tent and enjoyed climbing inside pretending they were camping out. For some of our youngest members it is their first time away from home and a very exciting time to be going on their first Beaver Camp. We are hoping that June brings us some lovely sunny weather so that we can make the most of everything the campsites have to offer.



On Sunday we had our AGM and Treasure Hunt. Our families enjoyed a lovely afternoon in the sunshine taking part in some scouting challenges and finally ending up back at the Scout Hut for a well-earned BBQ and refreshments. Thanks to everyone who turned up and took part.

It was very interesting to look back on the past year and see just how much our sections had been up to. Since January 2018 we have given out:

- 16 Chief Scout Bronze Award to Beavers
- 9 Chief Scout Silver Awards to Cubs
- 2 Chief Scout Gold Awards to Scouts
- 3 Chief Scout Platinum Awards to Explorers
- 1 Chief Scout Diamond Award to Explorers

Over all the sections we also handed out 331 Challenge Badges and 1179 Activity Badges. That is a lot of hard work by all our young people and shows what an exciting and varied programme the leaders are offering on a weekly basis. We have 141 children coming through our doors every week and these children are looked after by an amazing team of dedicated leaders and sectional assistants. All our leaders are volunteers - no-one gets paid for what they do and they give up an incredible amount of time to deliver Scouting in our Community. I would like to publicly thank them all for

everything they do for our Group, it couldn't survive without them.

We are always needing extra pairs of adult hands at the Group. At the moment our Tuesday Beaver Colony and Thursday Cub Pack are particularly in need of some more adult help. If you, or anyone you know might be interested in finding out more, please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

Sue Bridgens
Group Scout Leader
hallamadccubs@gmail.com



Holmesfield Church Walking Group

Youlgrave Walk

On Wednesday June 12th at 10am Robin Greetham will lead a walk starting from the Church Hotel, Youlgrave.

We will walk through the fields to Lathkill Dale, then into Bradford Dale and back to the pub for lunch (optional).

The cost of the walk is £3 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield Church maintenance fund. The walk is approximately 5 miles long but shortcuts are available.

If you would like to come just turn up on the day. If you have any queries phone Robin on 01246 412767.

Totley Yard Sale

The Totley Yard Sale held on Sunday 28th April generated £321 towards Totley Open Gardens. 40 sellers took part all over Totley.

It had been pouring with rain the day before and although it was advertised on a wide variety of social media including the Giant Car Boot Megathread on Sheffield Forum, more buyers would have been welcome.

Some sellers did really well, others less so, though it all depends on what you are selling on the day and what those who come to buy are looking for.



Nevertheless, we had buyers from far and wide - Rotherham, Chesterfield, Stocksbridge, Wincobank, Intake and lots of other places.

The £321 will be added to the Open Gardens takings and distributed to the local organisations that TOG will be supporting this year.

Next year's Yard Sale will be on Sunday 26th April at 10.30.

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

What's on at the Library



New computers for the library

I am sure you will be delighted to hear that we will shortly be replacing all the old public computers in the library. All eight of the old computers will be replaced with new Dell computers and with new cybercafe software installed for internet access, with a new printer. This is a long overdue improvement as we know how frustrating the old slow computers have been for our users!

We are very fortunate that around half the cost of buying the new computers has been awarded to us from two local funds - the Community Fund and the Ward pot. We are very grateful to all those involved for their support in helping us with this important scheme.

The other half of the funding has come through our own fund-raising activities (book sales, the library lottery, and so on) and, as always, our thanks go to everyone in the community for their continuing support at these events.

In future we will be running the computers independently from the Council and will manage on-going maintenance ourselves. We are also upgrading one of our office computers.

The work to replace the computers will take place in June. We will try and minimise disruption during this time, but apologise if any arises. I am sure you will all agree that new faster computers will be worth any temporary inconvenience!

Totley Library Lottery Winners

Congratulations to recent Library Lottery winners! Sally Steel won the first prize of £137.4 and Wendy Sawyer second prize of £34.35 in March, and Amanda Hardwick won first prize of £138 and Patricia Lamb won second prize of £34.50 in April.

Thank you all to all of you who have joined our Lottery as this provides very valuable financial support to the library.

Events at the library

Totley Library Art Show – Sunday 9th June

We are excited to be holding an Art Show between 11am and 4pm on Sunday 9th June, with many local artists displaying and selling their work. Refreshments and cakes will be available, and we hope you will be able to join us at this event. If you are interested in displaying your art work, please contact Collette Duke at Totley Library on 236 3971.

Book Sales

Our popular monthly Book Sales continue, and we have a number of events over the coming weeks.

Saturday morning 1st June – Craft sale and craft books

Saturday morning 6th July – Children's books and general paperbacks

Events in the library for Children

Summer Reading Challenge!

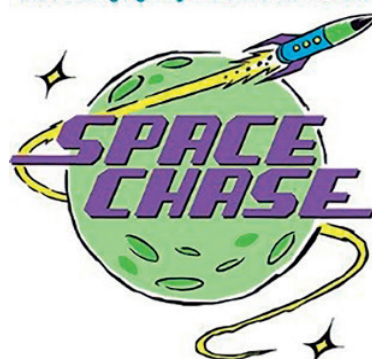
The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to read six library books during the long summer holiday. The Challenge celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

At Totley Library the Challenge will launch on Saturday 20th July 2019 and finish on Saturday 8th September. Children can read whatever they like - fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, audio books - just as long as they are borrowed from the library.

Children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there's a certificate for everyone who completes the Challenge.

The 2019 theme is Space Chase, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Children taking part in the Challenge will join our super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books taken by mischievous aliens!

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Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Space themed Summer holiday events!

Over the Summer holidays we are continuing the Space and rockets theme and are planning a number of exciting events for children. Some of the details are still being finalised, but are likely to include a Nature Safari, a Space Art Workshop and a Musical Fun session. Please look out in the library for more details over the coming weeks.

Space themed Art Competition

We will be holding a Space-themed Art Competition for children over the Summer holidays. The competition will be open to children in three age-ranges:

- Pre-school children
- Children aged 5-7 years
- Children aged 8-11 years

More details will be available in the library in July.

Children's University Festival of Fun event - Wednesday 7th August

Between 10-12am on Wednesday 7th August we are delighted to be hosting a Children's University Festival of Fun event - Act 1 Drama Study. Further details and booking arrangements will be available from the library nearer to the date.

Story Time during the holidays

Our Story Time for Toddlers and pre-school children which is held weekly from 10.30am to 11.30 am on a Wednesday morning continues to be very popular. Each week has a different theme and children can come along with their parents or carers to enjoy a story, songs and related craft activities.

During school holidays we invite older children (aged 5-11) to join the Wednesday morning sessions.

Space and Rocket Themed Story Time - July 24th

At the Seaside Story Time - July 31st

We don't run Story Time during August because of holidays, but don't worry - it will return as usual on 4th September.

Board Game Extravaganza!

On Saturday 27th July we will be holding a Board Game Extravaganza. Again, please look out in the library for more details in coming weeks.

Totley Library Community Cinema

Films in our summer programme are listed below.

For normal showings, tickets include raffle prize entry and cost £4 for adults and £2.50 for children.

Children's films

Sunday 23rd June 2.00pm Mary Poppins Returns

Films for adults

Friday 21st June 7.30pm Bohemian Rhapsody

Thursday 27th June 3.00pm Bohemian Rhapsody

Thursday 18th July 3.00pm Mama Mia Here We Go Again

Isabel Hemmings

Totley Show 2019

It has come round to that time of the year where we are in full swing, planning this year's show. It is on the second Saturday in September, 14 September 2019.



Quilting Class 2018

For the first time we have restricted the number of entries to 3 in any one class.

Last year we had double the number of entries in both the Flowers and Woodworking sections and I hope that will be maintained this year.

As always we are looking for one or two more volunteers. If you feel you can help for one or two hours on Saturday morning or afternoon please e-mail me at the address at the end of the article. We had five new volunteers last year, all of whom are willing to come again this year. As a few of the regulars are not available this year, we would welcome some new faces.

We are changing the layout of the programme this year and creating more space for businesses to advertise. If you would like to advertise in the programme please email me sooner than later as we have limited space available. As an annual community event, we are already well supported by two of the churches, All Saints Totley and Totley Rise Methodist. There are four businesses that sponsor us but we would like to increase this to at least six companies. Many of our local businesses also kindly donate raffle prizes.

As always, we are grateful to Totley Primary School for supplying the premises in order to hold the Show each year. We are also grateful to Rony Robinson, who will again open the Show and take care of the Auction at the end.

The Cubs and Scouts, with help from their leaders and parents, will again staff the outside area and will have several stalls to raise funds for their new Scout Hut, so please support them.



Presenting the prize for Best in Photography class

We have finalised all the classes and within this issue of Totley Independent there is a full copy of the Entry Form for 2019. There are three or four amendments to the classes. In the Handicraft Section we have introduced a new class called 'Sewn garment', and this is for any handmade garment. This class is number 4. After a suggestion from the Domestic Section judge we now have Class 13 for 'Free from- any recipe'. This is to move with the times and recognise people can suffer from a range of food allergies. This can be any ingredient e.g. gluten, dairy or sugar. It will be useful to have the ingredients labelled with what has been substituted, e.g. agave syrup instead of sugar, gluten free flour for ordinary flour.

We have changed two of the classes in the Photography section, introducing a Portrait class and an animal (domestic or wild). These are classes 42 and 43.

In the Children's section last year we introduced 'a Cake, any recipe', age group 9 to 14, but only had one entry. This followed a visit by me to both Totley schools, where I visited one class in each school. Each of the classes I went into, at the schools, actually suggested this category so it was disappointing to see that we had only one entry in that class. I hope this year more children will have an attempt at baking a cake.



Best-in-Show winner Sally Goldsmith with Show Chair Mick Warwick (left) and Show President Les Firth (right)

We now have more than twenty shops supporting the Show by donating prizes for the raffle. We had one new business last year donating a prize, and as we have already had three offers of an extra prize for this year's raffle, we hope to have a tempting array of goodies!

We have the Seven Hills Quartet performing again this year and a new choir, 'The Tuneless Choir', which is a new local choir who practise at the Totley Methodist Church and meet fortnightly.

Several individuals in previous years have sponsored at least one class in the Show and we would like to open this up to the public of Totley or any business that would prefer to sponsor a class, as opposed to donating a raffle prize. It costs £6 to sponsor a class (this covers the prize money). If you would like to sponsor a class, please contact me on the e-mail address at the end of this article.

We now have a Facebook page which will be updated on a regular basis. It has photos from last year's Show and (*continued page 12*)

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also has a copy of the Entry Form. Have a look at the entry form in this issue, and plan ahead for the Show which class you would like to enter.



Some of the raffle prizes at the 2018 Show

Most important of all put the new date for the Show in your diary, Saturday 14 September 2019.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Show this year.

*Mick Warwick, Totley Show Chair
totleyshowchair@hotmail.com*

People Keeping Well

As some of you may know we now have the Dore and Totley Outdoor Taskforce which combines the Dore and Totley Litter Picking Groups. These groups are run by amazing people who do an amazing job as I'm sure you'd all agree. Show them we support them and appreciate all they do by signing up to a session over the coming year. No long-term commitment is required. Below are descriptions of what's involved. Bring the whole family and enjoy doing something active and rewarding in the fresh air!

Litter-Picking

Do you love wildlife, environment and the oceans? Were you inspired by David Attenborough's *Blue Planet 2* on the BBC? If so, please join our volunteer community litter picking group and do something positive to help. We provide equipment - litter grabbers, bags, high vis vests (optional) and bags. Please wear sensible shoes and clothing.

A great way to get fresh air and exercise and to meet other like-minded people. Enjoy one event or more with no long-term commitment. Bring friends, relatives, or the whole family, and enjoy some time together outdoors, doing something great for your community. All we ask is that you let us know you are coming.

For Totley Litter-picking, go to:
www.eventbrite.com/e/dore-and-totley-outdoor-taskforce-litter-picking-totley-tickets-61489367353

For Dore Litter-Picking, go to
www.eventbrite.com/e/dore-and-totley-outdoor-taskforce-litter-picking-dore-tickets-61626256793

You can access these websites through the Totley Independent Forum Facebook page.

Then click on 'select a date' and select the event you would like to attend. You will then be asked to confirm you would like a free ticket and when you click yes you will be fully booked onto the event. Feel free to book onto more than one! Please note that each participant in the family will need a ticket!

Each participant is solely responsible for their own health and safety during the event and participate at their own risk. Age UK Sheffield does not accept responsibility for any loss or injury during the events.

The following regular events will continue through June and

July. Except for 'Write Your Story', no booking is required for these activities. Watch out for posters and ads with information and updates about these and other activities!

Exercise To Music Class, Mondays, 2.0pm-3.0pm, United Reformed Church.

Body Conditioning Class, Thursdays, 2.30pm-3.30pm, United Reformed Church. Transport available.

Sporting Chatter, 10am-12pm, 7th June, 21st June and every other Friday. Totley Library.

Sporting Chatter Cinema (sport documentaries and films), Totley Library. Start date and full details to be confirmed.

Table Tennis, Thursdays 3pm-5pm and Fridays 7pm-9pm, Bradway Community Hall

Write Your Story run by author Jude Brown, Fairthorn Retirement Apartments, Townhead Road, Dore. Booking required. Transport available. Start date to be confirmed.

Yoga class Fridays, 3.30pm. Abbeydale Sports Centre.

Rosemary Memory Cafes – see separate article on page 3 of this issue.

Contact Jo Glaves at joanna.glaves@ageuksheffield.org.uk or 0114 250 2850 for further information or booking where required.

Buried Treasure in Totley!

We are keen amateur gardeners and have decided to take the plunge this year and open for Totley Open Gardens in July. As a result, we have been gardening parts of the garden previously untouched and unloved. One project was to make raised beds to tidy up the veg patch and it was here that we dug up something interesting.

We are used to digging up pieces of broken pottery, glass and odd bits of metal but this object was intact and obviously of some age. I initially thought the script was in Latin, but a fellow TOG gardener has identified it as Russian. With the help of Google, we have found a very similar piece for sale on Etsy and have now identified it as a 19th century Russian enamelled icon.



So how much is it worth? The one on Etsy is priced at \$280, not bad, eh? But as they say on the Antiques Road Show "It is not for sale!" If you would like to see the icon, pop along to Totley Open Gardens on the 6th and 7th July.

I wonder if anybody else has found anything interesting or valuable while digging in the garden?

Sarah Strachan

Gardening Tips for June and July

We have just come back from holiday. Christine and our friend Barbara fancied a tour of the Scottish highlands, so we had a 6 day tour of the outer Hebrides, I heard that it could get a bit cold and blustery in April and the forecast was not very promising, so we packed jumpers, long socks, rain and windproofs etc.

The coach came just as the rain stopped, and then we had six days of sunshine with the occasional cloud, and a bit cool in the mornings. It was a very interesting and informative tour. I am glad the weather was kind to us as the tour would have been a disaster in the rain. I was surprised to see lovely flower beds so early in Inverness (our first stop before catching the ferry to the Isles). The outer Hebrides was not so colourful but it was very interesting to see how they lived in the past. the tour guides were very informative. I could go on - but I did not see many interesting gardens.

We have been turfed out of our house! The plumbers have arrived to replace our out-of-date boiler and pipe work with a more up-to-date system. We are having to keep out of the way. Fortunately, the weather is good so we can spend time catching up with the gardening. Christine is getting the bedding plants potted up ready for planting out when the cold snap is over; she is going to start getting the hanging baskets ready - the begonia corms are coming along nicely having survived the winter, and we hope to have a lovely shower of apricot-coloured flowers.

I have prepared the beds for the runner beans and dwarf beans; the onions, leeks, garlic and shallots are looking well after overwintering, but the broccoli are not so good. Maybe they will pick up when the weather gets a bit warmer.

The apple trees are full of blossom, though one or two are having a rest. Some of the older varieties do this and it's worth waiting for as they usually have a good flavour. We have mainly cordon apples grown this way; they are more compact and are better than the privet hedge they replaced, but we have to prune them regularly to keep them within the recommended one foot or so from the main trunk. We also thin out clusters of small apples when they have set to two or three per group. With the two larger trees, we cut back the new growth by approximately two thirds, and occasionally thin out the branches so that they don't get overcrowded or cross over one another.

I am not happy with the ponds. The leak is still there. I think the autumn leaves have soured the water even though I have removed a lot of gunge from the bottom and the water is clear. I have not seen any frogs. Maybe the disturbance has put them off. I will have to get some expert advice.

The lawn is looking good. the autumn feed has worked and the grass is very healthy. I have to dig out dandelions as they form - they are a nuisance in the lawn but they are a nice flower in springtime, and as I write we have a lovely yellow covering next door. I watch out for 'clocks' forming and nip over to stop the seeds from flying over, but some escape and some end up in our lawn. The joys of gardening!

Our garden will be open on the Totley Open Garden days - July 6th and 7th. I cannot guarantee that it will be in pristine condition but we will do our best to make your visit worthwhile. I look forward to seeing old friends and chatting to new ones. Please visit the gardens - I'm sure you will enjoy seeing the efforts of these talented gardeners, and the local charities and library will benefit from your donation. You may find some interesting ideas which you could include in your garden. Perhaps you will be able to open your garden next year?

The plumbers have gone, the house is warm again, lots to do, new airing cupboard to see to, loft to re-organise as the large water tanks have gone (not needed with the new system), the controls will take a while to get used to as they are digital and work remotely from the boiler. It looks complicated, though I am told we will soon get the hang of it. I've heard that before - I've had a smart phone for about six months and I have not got the hang of that yet, so I think we might have a few cold spells in the house, or maybe a heatwave, who knows!!! Enjoy your gardening!

June

Flowers: The weather will hopefully be a bit drier so careful watering will be necessary, especially for newly planted bedding plants etc. Tie up the taller plants or they could be damaged by wind. Hardy primula can be lifted and divided. The crowns can be divided into several clumps and transplanted into a moist, shady position. Aphids and greenfly can be troublesome, so regular spraying will be necessary to keep them under control. Don't forget to give your plants a good feed now and again - it will pay dividends in helping plants. As alpine and rockery plants finish flowering, trim back the growth to keep plants neat and compact. Sow seeds of winter-flowering pansies in seed boxes and put them in a frame, then when they are large enough they can be planted out in the garden. Dead-head peonies after flowering and cut back oriental poppies. Lift and clean spring bulbs, store in a light, airy shed. Pinks can be propagated now by means of cuttings. Select healthy-looking none-flowering shoots, 10-13 cms long (4 to 5 inches). Pull them out at a joint (this is termed "piping") and insert these pipings firmly 5cms (2 inches) deep and about 10 cms apart in sandy soil, preferably in a frame but a shady border will do. Keep them well-watered, shaded from direct sunlight. Sow biennials such as Canterbury bells, foxgloves, pansies, violas and sweet Williams in frames or cloches.

Vegetables: Make successional sowings of all vegetables such as lettuce, carrots, turnips, radishes, mustard and cress, all the salad vegetables and turnips will be better in a shady spot. Plant out winter greens, including brussels sprouts, broccoli, kale and savoy. Stake up peas and beans. Plant outdoor tomatoes when they have been hardened off. Choose a sunny spot - a border at the foot of a wall or fence with a southerly aspect will be best. Soil should be in good

condition but not too richly manured. Let them set a few fruit, then feed with tomato fertiliser. Plant out runner beans 20cms (8 inches) apart, and provide a stout stake or cane for



each plant. Plant celery, set plants that are 8cm (3 inches) high or more - I find the self-blanching type less time-consuming. Plant out marrow plants - they will be ready in good time for the Show. I plant mine in well-rotted compost between 2 bales of straw. This keeps them off the ground and holds the moisture, which they love. Let's see if you can beat my whopper of last year. Pinch out broad beans when they have set 3 clusters. This may prevent an attack of black fly. You may be able to lift a root or two of early potatoes for an early taster - keep earthing up. Sow a further crop of parsley and stump rooted carrots. Make a sowing of french beans in a sheltered place. These will crop in September (just right for the Show) and continue until the first sharp frost. Don't forget to water and feed, don't just spray the tops, give them a full soaking. This should last and prevent surface rooting which make the plants susceptible to drought conditions. Keep hoeing to prevent weeds taking hold. Plant

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

Trees, Shrubs and Fruit: As with all plants, keep well-watered and weed free. Remove dead tips of cotoneaster and cherry. Pick the poisonous seeds of laburnum, especially if there are children around. Give azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias and hydrangeas a feed of sequestrine especially if they are yellowing. Keep an eye out for pests and diseases and deal with them as soon as they are seen. Planting of new shrubs and trees is best left until late summer. Increase your stock by taking semi-ripe cuttings from a wide range of trees and shrubs. Root in a frame or on a window sill. Layer clematis and flowering quince. Prune deciduous shrubs like cleutzia broom and mock orange after flowering. Keep raspberries moist at ground level by mulching with straw or strawy manure between the rows. Keep the young shoots of blackberries and loganberries tied up. Peg strawberry runners which have been earmarked for propagation into posts.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: For plants, keeping an eye on temperatures is the order of the day, damping down if the weather is hot and giving plenty of ventilation. Early June nights can be very treacherous, so watch the weather forecast. Keep plants well watered and fed, take out side shoots on tomatoes and feed with fertiliser when the first truss has set. Pollinate flowers using a fine brush - or a cottonball on a stick will do nicely. Watch out for white fly. I use yellow sticky cards placed strategically around. They are very effective. If they get really bad, use a whitefly smoke cone. You will need to repeat this every 5-6 days to give effective control. Sow greenhouse calceolarias now. Sow



African Violets

seed in well-drained trays, and give the lightest covering of sand. Cover and place in a frame to germinate. They do not like excessive heat. Continue to feed flowering and fruity pot plants, and stand on damp pebbles to maintain humidity. Pot up rooted cuttings taken in May. Watch out for aphids etc and treat when seen. I find plant pins very effective. Take stem cuttings from geraniums, busy lizzie, fuschia, heliotrope, kalanchoe, plumbago and peperomia. Take leaf cuttings from African violets, rex begonias, echeveria and gloxinia.

Lawns: Cut, water, keep clean regularly. Trim edges, it really makes the garden look smart. New lawns should be gently rolled and lightly cut over. Apply lawn feed if you haven't already done so. Apply selective weedkiller when weeds appear. Prepare ground for new lawn areas to be laid in autumn. That should keep you busy for a while.

July

Flowers: Remove any blooms or flower spikes that are faded and no longer decorative - the object of the exercise is to prevent seed formation which weakens the plants. Watch out for the nasties: caterpillars, aphids, etc which will all be munching and sucking at your plants. Deal with them before they get a strangle-hold. Tulips, hyacinths and other bulbs will now have completed their growth and may be lifted and cleaned. Lay the bulbs in shallow trays in a cool dry place.

July is a good month to plant Madonna lilies. Plant them about 8" apart and 2" deep. Lilies prefer a sunny positioning in good but not freshly manured soil. At the end of July start

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

Vegetables: Thin out vegetable seedlings sown last month before they become overcrowded, and cut globe artichokes as they become available - do not leave them on the plant too long. Continue to plant winter greens. Keep them well watered. Leeks need to be blanched by drawing earth around



the stems or wrapping them with roofing felt or similar. They should be just right for the Totley Show in September! Have you tried letting a few radishes run to seed? The pods they produce are quite delicious if picked young. Gather herbs for winter use, mulch and spray runner beans.

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

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: Keep the greenhouse well ventilated. Most plants prefer a moist atmosphere which also reduces the chance of spider mite invasion. Do not allow coleus plants to flower. They are grown for their foliage - the flowers are insignificant and do not smell very nice. Tomatoes should be fed and watered to a fairly strict routine to prevent blossom end rot (where the tomatoes develop a nasty black base), but do not allow them to be stood in water and make sure the pots or grow-bags have sufficient drainage. Greenhouse primulas, caceolarias, and cinerarias sown in June will need pricking out into trays or boxes; earlier ones can be put into pots. Keep a wary eye open for greenfly etc and deal with them before they get out of control.

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

Cheerio for now,

Tom



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It's the simple things.....

Everyday life, for many of us, is lived at such a pace that it can be a struggle to cope with all the demands and pressures placed upon us. Work, home, family and other duties all make calls on our lives that can leave us with little time to sit back and enjoy the simple, ordinary things in life. We have a myriad of labour saving devices and almost instant communications and a host of technological gadgets all designed to make our lives easier and yet we are all busier than ever. Multitasking is seen as a virtue, when in fact it often leads to more stress and reduced productivity. We look forward to 'time off' from our usual routine, only to find that we can't switch off or relax enough to appreciate it. Maybe we feel guilty, believing that because we still need to be productive, we are wasting precious time. We remark that "there aren't enough hours in the day" forgetting that there are twenty four hours in every day. King Alfred the Great famously divided every twenty four hours into three. Eight hours for sleep, eight for public business, and eight for private study and devotion. If only!

It is too easy to say that we should all just stop being so busy and take time for ourselves. Work still needs to be done, bills still need to be paid, families still need to be cared for. Some enlightened employers have realised that introducing some simple changes in the workplace can help employees to feel more relaxed and comfortable, which is great if your employers is one of them. Of course, you don't need to be employed to be busy, students, volunteers, careers, retired people and many others can all be busy people too. It doesn't matter who you are or if you have a faith or none, finding pleasure in the simple things in life can be really hard when time is at a premium. Faith can be a source of strength when life is busy but it won't add any more hours to the day!

When life threatens to overwhelm us and we are caught up in the hustle and bustle of the everyday activity it is in the simple ordinary things in life that we can find the greatest pleasure. A beautiful sunset, the song of the birds, a smile from a friend, an unexpected phone call, a cup of tea, the list goes on, but all can help to lift the spirits. Etched on a window overlooking the garden of the Elizabethan Montecute House in Somerset is a translation of a Latin inscription from 1770, the last two lines of which remind us "Do not look for him only amid the stars of heaven; For it is in the ordinary things in life that you may find God"



Join us for worship every Sunday and Wednesday at 10am.

You will be very welcome. Children's activities are held every Sunday during the 10am service (except the first Sunday of the month).

During this period of interregnum the responsibility for the day to day life of All Saints is shared between the wardens and the PCC. All enquiries relating to baptisms, weddings and funerals should be made to the parish office either by email totleychurchoffice@gmail.com or phone 0114 236 3335 or to the Churchwardens. All other enquiries may be made to the Churchwardens Liz Hayden 01142364944 or Angela Waite 0114 2364728. Revd Ali Creasey, Associate Priest, has Pastoral responsibility for the 10am Sunday service. As she is in a paid job during the week her time has careful boundaries. You can contact Ali at totleyassociate@gmail.com

Liz Hayden , Churchwarden Totley All Saints

The New 218 Bus Route

The route of the 218 bus, running between Sheffield and Bakwell (via Chatsworth) has changed. Now, going into town, the bus takes a left at the Beauchief, runs up Abbey Lane to Parkhead, turns right onto Ecclesall Road South, then at Banner Cross forks right onto Psalter Lane, then down Cemetery Road, eventually joining London Road at the traffic-light junction with Boston Street. Thereafter it takes its old route through town to the bus station.

Why the change? According to the bus operators, TM Travel, it is to avoid congestion on Abbeydale Road, which has affected drivers' time keeping. The new route also gives access to St. Luke's as well as the Parkhead, Ecclesall and Banner Cross areas.

Going out of town, take care to check whether your bus goes to Bakewell or Chatsworth first! There is variation throughout the day!

On the Abbey Lane section of the route, where there are no bus-stops, requests can be made to the driver to stop at any location, if it is safe to do so.

There is an offer of £2 off a garden and house ticket, for Chatsworth, if your TM ticket is shown!

Totley History Group presents...

A CONTRACT FROM HELL BUILDING WOODHEAD TUNNEL, 1838-1845

An exploration of the working and living conditions endured by the Railway Navvies whilst they were building the tunnel on the summit of the line linking Manchester and Sheffield

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Totley Show 2019

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

**Saturday 14th September
at Totley Primary School**

Admission to the show will be 50p for adults and 20p for children

***We would be delighted to see you at the show and to receive
your entries using the entry form overleaf***

The Programme

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

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

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

How to Enter the Show

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

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

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

Notes:

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

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

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

Totley Show 2019

Entry Form

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

Name	
Phone	
email	
Address	

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

HANDICRAFT SECTION

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

DOMESTIC SECTION

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

FLORAL SECTION

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

FRESH PRODUCE SECTION

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

ART & SCULPTURE SECTION

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

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION

41	Black and white	
42	Portrait	
43	Animal – domestic or wild	
44	Landscape	

WOODWORK SECTION

45	Wood turning	
46	Open woodwork	

CHILDREN'S SECTION (up to 14)

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

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Entrant number	
Total number of entries	

Total entry fee due	
Entry fee paid	

Exciting new arrival in Bradway

If you enjoy shopping and you like to know you're doing a good deed, you'll be happy to know that Age UK Sheffield is bringing its first shop to nearby Bradway this summer.

The shop will stock a range of products such as clothes, entertainment, homeware and toys, so it will be ideal for finding those hidden gems and one-off items. It will also have a space for local people to organise and take part in a range of activities and get information and advice about Age UK Sheffield's support services.

Volunteers needed

The shop is looking for volunteers to help run the daily operations and support the activities for older people. So if you have some time to spare and you'd like to help out in your local community then Age UK Sheffield would love to hear from you.



Donations welcome

The shop will be inviting donations from the end of May onwards. They'd love you to bring in your pre-loved clothes, shoes and accessories, books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl records, homeware and toys – most things that are working and in good condition are welcomed. The only items that the shop won't be stocking is furniture, electrical items, bedding, earrings or videos. You can drop your items off at the shop as soon as it opens.

Local arts and crafts

If you have a small business of your own – maybe you're an artist or you hand-make special items – and you'd like to use some of the shop space to sell your products occasionally, please get in touch with the shop as they would welcome you to join them.

About Age UK Sheffield

Age UK Sheffield is different to Age UK because it's a local charity. This means that all the money raised goes directly to older people living in Sheffield. All the charity's information and advice services are free and every penny raised from the charity shop will directly fund services for the 24,000+ older people living in poverty in Sheffield.

This new shop is Age UK Sheffield's first. Its aim is to bring in more income to help them support more older people in Sheffield. The city's other Age UK shops are run by the national charity.

The shop is expected to open in early summer, so look out for the opening event and pop by to say hello when you're next passing by.

If you'd like to volunteer, you can call Age UK Sheffield on 0114 2502850 or email enquiries@ageuksheffield.org.uk.

You can keep up to date with the shop's latest news on social media:

Twitter - @AgeUKBradway

Facebook - Age UK Shop Bradway

Instagram - @AgeUKBradway

You can find out about the Keeping Well services already in the Bradway, Totley and wider Sheffield area at :<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/sheffield/activities-and-events/pkw/>



Holmesfield Flower Club

Wednesday 19 June – 7.30 pm:
Demonstration of flower arranging by Marie Bradley (NAFAS Demonstrator) entitled "Addicted To Strictly".

The venue is Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield, S18 7WZ.

There is ample parking. Tickets available at the door: visitors £10, members £5 includes refreshments.

The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. All are welcome.

Whirlowbrook Park

At the end of February a number of interested parties met at Whirlowbrook Hall about the future of the Park. Top of the agenda was the need to get a cafe back in the park but we also discussed establishing a Friends of Whirlowbrook Park Group.

The well-loved cafe has been sorely missed since Saxton Hotels took over the running of the Hall some 6 years ago. There is a clause in their lease to provide catering facilities within 5 years of taking over but this has proved difficult to achieve. The main problem was that the lease did not allow Saxton to sublet the catering and needed to be amended. But once this variation to the lease was sorted, the interested party closed negotiations as they could not agree the rental/details of the proposed café operation with the Lessee.

Planning permission has been granted to convert the old toilet block into a cafe (it will look much better than you imagine) but we still lack an operator for this facility. The plans can be seen by looking up the Planning application: "14/01231/FUL | Use of park shelter and wc's as a cafe/kiosk with public conveniences (Use Class A3 - Food and Drink) | Whirlowbrook Hall Ecclesall Road South Sheffield S11 9QD"

The Parks and Countryside Department actively seeks an operator via #betterparks and if anyone is interested please confirm your interest at BetterParks@sheffield.gov.uk. They are hopeful of getting someone soon. Saxton Hotels are providing some investment but the new operator would be responsible for running the cafe. So we might get a cafe back in the park in the near future. In the meantime Parks are seeking a mobile operator for weekends and school holidays. The tender for this closed on 13th April. They had two interested parties whom they will interview and progress in due course.

Whirlowbrook Park is a hidden gem and has many fine features. Part of the Park near the pond has been reclaimed and developed by the University of the Third Age (U3A). They have done a marvelous job but don't want to take on the running of the rest of the park, so it was suggested that if a Friends Group was established they could help with the upkeep and enhancement of the park. A number of ideas that a Friends Group could undertake included fund-raising for a play area for children, attention given to the stream and large pond, enhancement of the rose garden and cleaning up the path from Whinfell. The ranger service may also be on hand to assist with the work and equipment can be provided.

If you are interested in joining a Friends Group please contact Karen Lewis, the Partnership Manager in Parks and Countryside at the Council: karen.lewis1@sheffield.gov.uk. Initially we envisage setting up a volunteering session in the park to see if there is sufficient enthusiasm to establish a Friends Group.

Councillors Colin Ross, Martin Smith and Joe Otten

A Year in the Life of Friends of Gillfield Wood

An Extract from the Chairman's Report, QAnnual General Meeting, 29 April 2019

This is FOGW's eighth AGM and this has once again been a very busy year for the group. After last year's AGM when Derek Whiteley of Sorby Natural History Society gave a great talk on flies and hoverflies, amusingly entitled "Flies Undone", five more indoor meetings at the Library were arranged.

Josie Dunsmore kicked us off in November with a superbly researched talk, "Tracks and Trespassers", on the history of Gillfield Wood and the land around. This was followed by Sally Goldsmith and Rony Robinson entertaining us just before Christmas with a wonderful evening entitled "Winter Woods, Winter Words".



Young participants enjoying the Woodland Activity Day

Then Steve Clements gave a special talk on his "50 years of Fungi", followed in February by Robert Bell giving a fascinating presentation on "The Bats of South Yorkshire". And last month Thelma Griffiths provided us with a perfect "Potted History of Longshaw" and its connections to Totley.

Special thanks go to the Library for accommodating us for our indoor meetings; and the staff for all the support they give the group. We also have a lovely working relationship with Totley History Group, which includes the sharing of equipment. They kindly allow us to use their projector and they now have access to our new sound equipment if needed.

A number of successful outdoor events were also organised. Starting with an Art Day in the wood for families, run by Sarah Deakin and Annette Taberner of Street Tree Art in Sheffield; there was then a Moth Trapping event with Richard Harris and a Wildflower Meadows Walk with Rebekah Newman

This was followed by a walk along Brown Edge with Stuart Nunn and our annual and ever-popular Small Mammal Trapping event with Val Clinging of Sorby Natural History Society. Then there was "Discovering the History in Gillfield Wood", a walk led by Paul Hancock and Kevin Walker.

In addition there were the quarterly Bird Walks - plenty of birds with a few butterflies thrown in. Plus we had a short stroll one evening to the edge of Gillfield Wood in an attempt to see Woodcock flying (roding) over the wood at dusk. Unsuccessful on the night but one was seen on the previous three evenings, honestly!

Our involvement in the community continues with us supporting events. We have had stands and displays in the Library at various times during the year, and at the main Totley Show in September. We also decorated a Christmas tree in Totley All Saints Church as part of their Christmas Tree Festival.

We created a Bug Hotel in the grounds of the Library for the children, and for any invertebrates that wish to reside there of course. And we purchased a Christmas tree from the National Trust and erected this outside the Library in December for the community to add decorations to, if they wished. Our good friends at the Longshaw Estate kindly delivered the tree for us.

We also helped Jill Hnat by leading an outdoor event for children in July. This was part of the Library's calendar of events for families and was advertised as a "Hunt for Mini-Beasts". As usual it went down very well and we were once again lucky with the weather.

The group's profile has also been raised by various other means e.g. Facebook; Twitter and our website. We are currently looking at refreshing our website and its content but in the meantime our thanks go to the Cross Scythes for agreeing to sponsor our website for another year. We also thank the local businesses that continue to support us, including the displaying of our posters.

We do, of course, regularly contribute to the *Totley Independent* and we thank the editor and his team for their ongoing support in particular their advertising of our diary of events. We are also pleased to report that articles relating to the group and the wood appeared in the *Star* and the *Sheffield Telegraph* following interviews in the Library. And a short article relating to one of our surveys appeared in the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust's important State of Nature Report.

Our profile and reputation were enhanced when we were invited to attend a Dearne Valley Woodland Seminar at Elsecar. This was to make a half hour presentation and provide input relating to the setting up and running of a successful 'Friends of' group. This we did and it was very much appreciated by the organisers.

Behind the scenes a small team of members continues to research and collect archive material in relation to our wood, Totley



The Bug Hotel in the grounds of the Library

Hall and the farmland around, as well as Totley Brook and the past industries connected to it.



Spring fungi in the Wood

As far as Conservation Work is concerned we have had another successful year in looking after our woodland and improving the habitat. A wide variety of tasks has been



The finished pond at the west end

undertaken from planting trees and saplings to dry-stone walling; from coppicing and creating brush piles to digging ponds.

Our monitoring and maintenance of the nest boxes in the wood continues. There are in excess of 70 boxes now throughout the wood. And our survey work on an individual basis continues whether it be for aquatic life, mammals, birds or invertebrates. A small group of volunteers is also currently surveying our hedgerows to give us a better understanding of the extent of our wood in years gone-by - the historic "Ghost Wood". Our thanks go out to the local landowners and tenant farmers who have given their kind permission for us to walk their land.

Another great year! We do have a special group! So if you are interested in joining us for any event, whether indoor or outdoor, you will be made very welcome and you do not have to be a member.

If you wish to know more about the group please visit our website - www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com - or contact our secretary at fogwsecretary@gmail.com

Friends of Gillfield Wood



Stone posts observed on the History Walk

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Saddened and disappointed to see graffiti appearing all over Totley particularly as the community volunteer litter pickers are working so hard to keep everything looking tip top!

130 bags of litter collected in our community (and counting) since January.

Thanks

Julie Gay



Totley History Group Programme 2019

26th June: 'A Contract from Hell: Building the Woodhead Tunnel 1839-1845'. Chris and Judy Rouse explore the working and living conditions endured by the Railway Navvies whilst building the tunnel on the summit of the line linking Manchester and Sheffield. Totley Library, 7.30 pm.

Thursday 18th July: This event is on a Thursday because we have the opportunity to visit the Assay office in Sheffield, from 1pm until 3.30pm. Please check our website for more information or contact Pauline Burnett on 01142352344 or paulineburnett17@gmail.com

Totley Library

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What Would You Do If You Weren't Afraid?

My grandma watches ITV. I time my visits around her viewing schedule, because she gets cross if she misses her soaps or, god forbid, *Dancing On Ice*. I keep explaining how to change to ITV+1 and back again, but she is so scared of being stuck in her flat without her programmes that she refuses to try.

I wish I could convey to her the untapped potential at her fingertips. At her age, she has what many people dream of - time AND money - yet seemingly little to spend either on. No-one could benefit more from the wealth of technology today: box sets of programmes she loves, live video calling with her children, regular photos of the great-grandkids. There is so much available to make her days more fulfilling, so many opportunities to help her feel less isolated, more included, less old.

Eve Williamson started 'Just Ask Eve' to help bridge the gap between over-65s and the online world. Eve's technical background in the film industry provides much of the knowledge she requires, but she is happy tackling any technological issue with her clients - just ask, and she'll find you the answer.

Offering one-to-one tutoring to over-65s on their phones, tablets, laptops or PCs, she covers topics such as internet safety, ordering and buying online, using search engines to research local history, and linking up with family and friends on social media. She enjoys enabling people in using new technology, and seeing them flourish as they realise that the virtual world has so much to offer them.

Another driver for Eve is lightening the load of younger relatives, who are often juggling families and careers, and can find their parents' lack of ability frustrating. Eve has the skills and patience to answer questions, and builds tailor-made packages to meet individual need. She takes great satisfaction from reducing the gap between the generations, improving access and communication within families. She aims to minimising eye-rolling in 15-45-year-olds.

Eve's mantra is to not be afraid. She has achieved her goals in life as she isn't scared of making mistakes, because they are part of the learning journey. Learning has so many benefits - keeping the brain active and functioning well, providing a sense of capability and purpose - and she believes it is never too late to learn something new.



For the last two years, Eve has been working with Beryl, who is eighty-four. Beryl had a stroke four years ago, which meant she lost the use of one side of her body, and had to adapt to life in a wheelchair.

Beryl, who had always been a very confident and capable woman, was becoming increasingly frightened about tasks that, before her stroke, she had taken for granted, and felt she had lost her independence forever. Her lack of mobility also made her feel more and more lonely.

However, with the help of 'Just Ask Eve', Beryl now does her own shopping again, placing her weekly supermarket order online. She is part of a book club, for which she buys the books on Ebay. Using Facebook, she stays in close contact with her children, grandchildren and friends. Despite having no previous experience or confidence using modern technology, Beryl has learned to navigate around catch-up and on-demand streaming sites, so now never misses a programme. Eve has even shown her how to use comparison sites, and has helped Beryl save £500 on her buildings and contents insurance.

Since meeting Eve and hearing how her business can change lives, I have decided to get my grandma a tablet. I want her to have the same access to the online world as me, to keep

her entertained and connected. With Eve's expert mentorship, she will grow in confidence, as well as knowledge. Plus she's just bought her very first toaster, so maybe she's ready for the brave new world of BBC1.

For more information visit www.justaskeve.co.uk or speak to Eve directly on 07909 011 322

New Tree Nursery at Longshaw

We like our trees in this neck of the woods. Unfortunately, so do an increasing variety of beetles, pathogens and fungi from all over the world.

The Asian beetles and moths afflicting trees in the south east have yet to settle in the Peak District, but we now have symptoms of ash dieback across the National Park, and more cases of 'oak decline' and 'oak dieback' which leaves some of our oak trees struggling to reproduce.

With this in mind, National Trust ranger Lucy Holmes (pictured below) has been working in a plot of mud this winter, planning the next 150 years. "We need to grow more resilient trees, for our changing climate and also in the face of new tree diseases," she said. "When you look at the large old trees at Longshaw, it's nice to know that there are going to be new trees here when the old ones are finally lost."

Lucy and her team have been preparing Longshaw's new tree nursery, where seeds and acorns collected on site by rangers and volunteers will become young broad leaf trees like birch, alder, hawthorn, holly, oak and rowan ready for planting out around the estate and in the valleys of the High Peak, where new 'clough woodlands' will reduce peat erosion, keep water on the moors and provide a haven for moorland wildlife.

As the project progresses, community groups will help plant and tend the young trees as they grow.



"The main aim of the nursery is to engage people in the work we do for trees and woodlands, and the importance of trees in the wider landscape," said Lucy. "If we plant trees grown from the seeds of trees that have been

successful in this Peak District environment, we know they'll be resilient, and we won't be bringing anything into our woodlands that didn't come from here in the first place." Diseases like ash dieback, and pests like longhorn beetles are believed to have originally arrived in the UK from countries thousands of miles away on imported trees and plants.

The nursery is part funded by the Peak District Members Centre along with the National Trust's Peak District Appeal 'Woods for the Future' project. "The open landscape at Longshaw is known as 'woodland pasture' but is still woodland," said Lucy.

"In a woodland pasture, you have space between the trees for animals to graze which means that each tree has space to grow. Here the older trees are quite short but still have a full crown of branches."

"Over time, the fir plantations of Longshaw's Victorian past will gradually be removed, and the nursery will provide new native species to enhance and improve the woodland pasture, which will provide homes for woodpeckers, flycatchers and hundreds of other birds, animals and insects" said Lucy.

"But we're only going to be able to look after these new woodlands if everyone looks after them with us."

See: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/PeakDistrictAppeal>

Ask Your Pharmacist

Travel vaccines and malaria prevention

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

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

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



If travelling abroad for your summer holidays, you will have to consider other factors too including packing a first-aid kit. We can suggest what this should include. If travelling to more exotic locations you will have to consider whether your vaccines

are up to date - we can check which you require for your destination. Make sure you check in advance as some need to be administered a certain length of time before arrival in the area.

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

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

- Awareness of risk – find out whether you're at risk of getting malaria.
- Bite prevention – avoid mosquito bites by using insect repellent, covering your arms and legs, and using a mosquito net.
- Check whether you need to take malaria prevention tablets – if you do, make sure you take the right antimalarial tablets at the right dose, and finish the course.
- Diagnosis – seek immediate medical advice if you have malaria symptoms, including up to a year after you return from travelling.

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

If you're about to travel outside of the UK, you may need to be vaccinated before you set off for your trip. Vaccines can help prevent you getting ill if you're exposed to certain diseases that we don't have here in the UK. The NHS estimates that almost one in four British holidaymakers will travel without getting vaccinated properly, meaning that they're potentially exposed to life-threatening infectious diseases.

Over the past few years, we have received more and more requests for advice and vaccinations as it has become increasingly difficult to access these services in Sheffield. In response to this, we will be providing a travel vaccine service this summer at Totley Pharmacy. If you are travelling to exotic places, please pop in to see our specially trained pharmacists who can take into account the places you are travelling to and the activities you will be undertaking, and then advise you on which vaccines you should consider. We will, of course, give you additional personalised advice to help you stay healthy on your trip.

Ideally you should come to see us 6 to 8 weeks before you travel, but if you are travelling sooner than that, we may still be able to help you. We understand arranging travel vaccinations is not the most thrilling part of arranging a trip so we will make it as easy as possible for you.

Taj Singh

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Walking the Dog....

Jack and Rony have a little play

It's raining cats and dogs.

Jack and Rony are indoors and a bit fed up.

It's raining cats and dogs.

JACK: So you don't think 'Archie' is a good choice?

RONY: It wouldn't be my choice.

JACK: If you get another dog, what would you call him, then?

RONY: 'Jack', Jack.

JACK: You can't have two Jacks or you'd never know who to shout at?

RONY: That is a problem with Jacks - they do tend to be rather common.

JACK: I'd rather not be common.

RONY: I'm afraid you are number four in this year's Most Common Dogs' Names, after 'Max' and 'Charlie' and 'Buddy'.

JACK: I don't want to be fourth most common.

RONY: Sorry, but there you are. But if you were cool, you could be in the 2019 Top Hundred Cool Names For Dogs.

JACK: Who would I have been if I was?

RONY: 'Flint' or 'Tank'. But if you had wanted to be in the 2019 Unusuallest Dogs, you could have been 'Banjo'.

JACK: So why am I only Jack?

RONY: Because you were already only Jack when you came from Laverdene Avenue.

JACK: Is that because they are common down there?

RONY: Yes, but the Editor won't let you say that in case he has some readers down there. But -

JACK: But what if -

RONY: 'Jack' suits you, Jack. Like if you barked a lot, 'Barker' would suit you. And if you roved, 'Rover' would.

It goes on raining even more cats and dogs.

JACK: But what if it's the other way round?

RONY: Eh?

JACK: What if it's nominative determinism?

RONY: What if it is? And what is it if it is?

JACK: It's the other way round.

RONY: What is?

JACK: Nominative determinism is when your name makes you like your name. It makes you resemble your name. And so your name determines who you are.

RONY: Eh?

JACK: You become your own name?

RONY: Eh again?

JACK: Say you're born at Mrs White's on Laverdene Avenue, and she calls you 'Chummy'? Like she did call her 'Chummy' Chummy? You grow up to be chummy. But if when you are born you get called 'Biter' you grow up to bite people. That's nominative determinism.

RONY: We learn some things in the *Totley Independent* on a wet day, Jack?

JACK: Yes. And this nominative determinism works for human beings too. So, say if your mum calls you 'John' you'll turn out to be a John like, say, John Lennon.

RONY: She did and I haven't.

JACK: No, but even if you had you would have been different if she'd called you say 'Ringo' - because you'd become like a Ringo?

RONY: But, if say I was 'John Perkington' I'd turn out perky?

JACK: Yes probably.

RONY: And if I was 'John Beezer' I'd grow up to be busy like a bee?

JACK: Probably but -

RONY: And if I am born on the Rise I will play for United in the top division? Because we've just risen!

JACK: I thought we were talking seriously?

RONY: But if you're born at Lowfields you'll end up playing

for Wednesday!

JACK: You're just being silly now.

RONY: And if you're born at King Ecgbert's you grow up to like egg but no bacon.

JACK: I'm going for a walk if you're going to be really silly.

RONY: Sally's silly! Sorry...I've forgotten what we're talking about?

JACK: 'Archie' and nominative determinism. I think.

The rain is getting even cattier and doggier

RONY: Tell me again? Pretty please?

JACK: Your Megan has just called her new little boy 'Jolyon' hasn't she? Well he'll probably grow up to be a 'jolly un.'

RONY: Yes and my Megan's own name is Megan Aphra after Aphra Benn, who was a feminist you wouldn't like to meet on your own in Green Oak Park after dark. And my Meg's grown up to be like her name too.

JACK: So, beware anyone in Totley who's about to have a baby...or a dog. Choose their names with care. Nominative determinism can damage your health!

RONY: Like if you're called Albert Tinsdeal as a boy, you'll end up as a man as Mr Tins-deal the grocer and provisions man at the top of Main Avenue!

JACK: Probably, but to go back to the name 'Archie' -

RONY: My great nephew Anthony has a schnauzer called 'Archie'. He is black and grey. Not Anthony, his schnauzer. But he's one half of two identical schnauzers and the other one is called 'Charlie', so they call them both Charchie so they don't get mixed up. So their Archie can't count?

JACK: But your feminist daughter Megan Aphra's boyfriend's cousin is called 'Archie'. He's in the under 18s England golf team and he's suddenly very popular and everyone's making him buy them drinks to celebrate.

RONY: I think there'll be Archies everywhere from now on, and Archie will be very common. The Queen will be sorry then. To say nothing of Archie Andrews?

JACK: I don't understand what you're saying half the time, Rony. Who is Archie Andrews?

RONY: He was famous on the radio like me but you could see his lips move. And -

The rain is even worse than it has ever been.

JACK: Walkies time!

RONY: One last joke - what did the famous composer call his dog? Bach!

JACK: Come on, walkies!

RONY: But did Bach become a famous composer because he always was 'Bach'? Or was he a famous composer before? Like - Bach To The Future? Can we start again?

JACK: We can, but not here.

They exit, pursued.

Rony and Jack Robinson

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Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society

What a time we've had recently. We lost our much loved musical director, Jim Newby, who died suddenly just before our show. He had been ill but this was unexpected. His schooling of us has been so wonderful over the time we have been lucky enough to have him as our musical coach and mentor and it is this legacy, I am sure, which lifted our performances so much over the show week. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude. We were extremely fortunate to have the services of Stephen Godward, another renowned musician who stepped in at no notice to see us through to the end of show week. We are pleased to say that he has agreed to stay on with us for next year.

The show itself was a huge success. *The Yeomen Of The Guard* is, as said in my last article, a well loved G&S opera which comes as close to grand opera as the pair achieved but there is so much humour in it that it is too light hearted to be classed as such.

The audience response we received was amazing. I will not write a show review here, but you can find one on Sheffield. Bigstamp.uk if you wish to visit the site. However, I will pass on comments overheard from members of the audience as they were leaving and others which were passed on to me later:

'That was the best amateur performance I have ever seen'
'I've seen professional shows not as good as that'
'That was the best Yeomen, amateur or professional, I have ever seen'
'What a wonderful show, not a note, not a word not a movement wrong or out of place'

As I am writing this the phone has just rung – it is a lady who said that she could not stop herself from telling the society just what a special and brilliant show it was.

One comment, given to me directly by an excellent, well respected performer himself, made me laugh. He said "Tell that Simon (Copley, who played Wilfred Shadbolt) that I hate him!" I asked why so, and he replied "Because he played it far better than I ever could have". Simon was well pleased with that when I told him who had said it. We could not have put on such a show without our extremely talented producer, Graham Weston. He inspires us and has such wonderful ideas that make the show the spectacle that it is.



Shadbolt (Simon Copley), the jailer, being carted off by two Yeomen (Mark White and Richard Cotton) for allowing a prisoner to escape.

Enough. It was a wonderful week with full houses in this new venue. Who needs Glyndbourne when we have the Merlin Theatre. We will be back there next year with *Patience*, a skit on the aesthetic movement of the late 19th century.

We now move on to rehearsing for our summer concerts. Our usual local concert in Dore Church Hall on Townhead Road will be on Saturday 6th July at 7.30pm. Tickets (£8 each) are available from me (Tel: 0114 2362299) but once again I warn you don't leave it too late - it was a sellout last year. Another musical mix including *Les Miserables*, Queen, Gershwin and others.

We are looking for more male members, so if you sing and

would like to perform come along to and meet one of the friendliest, most talented societies in the whole of Yorkshire. We will be restarting on Wednesday evening in Intake Methodist Church at 7.30pm from 1st May. Dick Bell, one of our keenest members who has been with us six years, says that he wished he had done this twenty years ago. Don't be shy, give it a try. Show rehearsals start in September on Wednesday evenings at Millhouses Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm.

Enjoy springtime and we will see you again in the summer.

Derek Habberjam

Get Fit Together This Summer

Come along to a new family fitness class in Totley!

We all know the importance of regular exercise to both our mental and physical health and yet many of us struggle to do the recommended amount. This can be particularly difficult for parents due to the demands of childcare, housework and employment; not forgetting the importance of squeezing in essential family time! Luckily there is now a solution.

Local resident Melanie Hunt is launching an innovative outdoor exercise class in Totley called 'Together Family Fitness'. These fun sessions allow families to spend time together whilst keeping fit, enjoying some fresh air, and getting to know other local families. The sessions integrate a circuits-style workout for the grown-ups with fun races and exercises for the children, along with child-friendly warm-ups and cool-downs.

The sessions are conveniently located in Totley Hall Croft Park (at the end of Totley Hall Lane), just a short walk from both local primary schools. There are evening sessions, perfect as an afterschool activity which is good for you as well as your kids, plus weekend morning sessions for the whole family to enjoy. All ages are welcome to attend, with under 4s being free of charge. Give it a try risk free as you will receive a full refund if you don't enjoy yourself.

Stop compromising between keeping fit and spending time with your family. Visit the website www.togetherfamilyfitness.com to book yourself on today!

Melanie Hunt

Brexit? What Brexit?

With all this talk about Brexit and its problem child, Uncertainty, many living abroad might think the UK was a good place to stay far away from, perhaps even Totley itself.

It's not just talk that's the problem, since the animosity generated following the notorious Referendum in June 2016, millions are finding it hard to get on with one another in a civilised or even a soft-shouting manner, as though rational discussion over Brexit had become extinct. Instead, too many opposing views have become the disorder of the day, including between MPs who are supposed to know all about compromising despite the Speaker of the House having to repeatedly shout "Order, order", when the mention of Brexit or the EU, or anything connected with either is over-heatedly debated.

Well, since all this Brexit saga, now too long in the tooth, I've not noticed much, if any change, amongst the population in Totley. Life seems to have gone on as normal, in the shops, at the bus stops (even when the 97 doesn't arrive), as well as in the choice of pubs. If, in fact, the subject arises, the decibel level is usually low, and nobody seems to cross the road to avoid those who are of a different mind.

Is then, Totley, out of step with all that is happening in the rest of the nation? Has it been lacking in information over Brexit, constantly emerging from TV, radio, and the ever-widening range of digital gadgetry, or in the headlines of daily newspapers, not to mention all the critical and nose-looking down comments from the EU itself.

I think not. But, what's the answer? It can't be because of censorship, or lack of awareness, or denial of what is happening outside its boundaries. So, why are Totley and its residents going about their business as if Brexit never existed?
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After some observation and a discharge from what's left of my little grey cells, it seems it all comes down to a matter of balance, such as being just far enough away from the hustle and bustle of Sheffield centre, but still within close striking distance of the magnificent countryside.

And, within Totley itself, there are pleasant walks, nearby farms and Gillfield Woods plus a quiet park easily approached from Green Oak Avenue and Lemont Road, with play facilities for youngsters of all ages.



There is also an adequate range of shops, from an excellent, and not too large supermarket, along with a good choice of take-aways and friendly sit-downs for light snacks, not forgetting of course, what is available near

the post office and where the 98 bus turns onto the main road. Moreover, there is the local surgery, a pharmacy and a selection of churches - and Totley being largely self-contained - especially good for those who are getting on or disabled.

Then, there is Totley's more than first class library, now run by a charitable trust, which has seen it expand and grow, and which could be regarded as a model for other communities whose public libraries are threatened with closure, probably because they are regarded as 'soft-targets' by cost-cutting councils.

Most important, of course, are the people who live in Totley, who get out and about, without tapping away at tablets as they walk along, mostly preferring to chat or at least exchange pleasantries as they pass by. One of the most rewarding sights is, at the end of school day, seeing parents walking together with their children, with all smiling and chatting away

As for the senior citizens, there are a wide range of activities, from walking to travel arrangements, to special viewings at the library, many of whom who have made Totley the place it is.

I could go on, but it would fill up this entire issue. Obviously, Totley is no paradise, but it's more than a nice place to live despite the all-too rapidly changing tempo of modern technology. As a community, it seems at peace with itself. So, what's all this fuss about Brexit about?

If the UK and the EU held their negotiations in Totley, all disagreements could have been settled amicably by now, with all those involved in the discussions being able to return back home in a much better mood than when they arrived, knowing that it was a job well done, and particularly well done in Totley, which has a lot to offer where calm and cooling down are needed.

Arthur Kaufman



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Diary for June and July

June

Saturday 22nd: Lichen/Invertebrate Survey in Gillfield Wood.

This is a joint Lichen Survey with members of the Friends of Gillfield Wood and Sorby Natural History Society, lead by Steve Price. Other Sorby members interested

in invertebrates will hopefully join us giving opportunity to learn to recognise not only lichens but also woodland invertebrates.

Meet at the end of Totley Hall Lane at 10.30am. Bring packed lunch if you wish to stay into the afternoon. We will finish no later than 4pm. All welcome. This is a great opportunity to learn about less obvious aspects of our woodland.

Sunday 23rd: Friends of Gillfield Wood practical conservation morning. This is a self-run meet. We will need to bring our own equipment and drinks, as well as using strong footwear and appropriate clothing as usual.

Meet 10am at Baslow Road bus terminus. All levels of help required, and guidance given. Details nearer the date from fogwsecretary@gmail.com. Make sure you are on the mailing list.

July

Sunday 21st: Friends of Gillfield Wood practical conservation morning, run with the help of the Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am at Baslow Road bus terminus. Refreshments, tools, etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. All levels of help required and guidance given. Check our website at www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com where any late changes of venue will be published.

Saturday 27th: Bird Walk. Join Chris Measures for his third Bird Walk of 2019. This is the time of year with opportunity to see butterflies and birds, and hear bird song.

We recommend that you wear good footwear and appropriate clothing. Binoculars and cameras welcome. Meet for an early start of 8am at the Scout Hut, Aldam Road. The walk will last around 2-3 hours. No experience necessary.

All are welcome - A contribution of £3 is asked of non-members. Annual membership £5 (£8 per family).

Paul Hancock

Activ's walking challenge

May was 'National Walking Month' and the team at Activ Physiotherapy rose to the challenge. All their staff at the clinics in Totley and Bradway tracked how many steps they completed in the month with the winning clinic getting a prize.

Andy Okwera, Director of Activ Physiotherapy says "We came up with the challenge to encourage our team and hopefully some of our patients to go out walking. We have fantastic parks in Sheffield and the Peak District is on our doorstep too. Plus, a bit of healthy competition adds a bit of interest too".

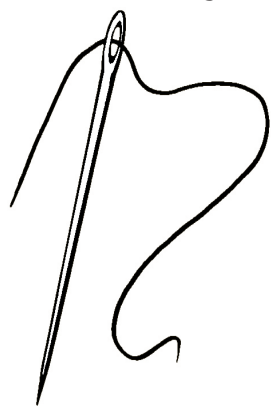
Activ physiotherapy will also use this as an opportunity to donate money to Transport 17, a volunteer driven organisation that provides transport to local residents that are unable to get out and about. "The final average steps of each clinic will be converted into pence and the total donated from us to Transport 17. We will also accept donations from our lovely patients!" said Andrew.

The Needle and the Camel

Neil Hayden

Minnie was in her final year of reading history at university. She was home for the holidays and had decided to pay a visit to Grandma. Minnie sat on the two-seater sofa which was positioned at ninety degrees to Grandma who sat facing the television in her armchair with the reading lamp positioned behind it and her sewing basket stationed safely between the wall and the right arm of the chair. The television was Grandma's usual company for the day and had been left on with the sound turned down. The David Attenborough *Blue Planet* programme about plastics polluting the oceans continued to flash its images silently across the screen as Minnie was telling Grandma how she had joined a conservation group at Uni, cleaning up a stretch of river near her campus, picking up the litter and taking out the rubbish that had been abandoned in it. She explained how they were monitoring the increase in wildlife found along that stretch of river now that industry no longer emptied untreated waste into it. She was very optimistic about the future of the river and went on to tell Grandma her hopes for the future after she had graduated: how she was intending to work in local government because ideally she wanted to make a difference to people's lives. She wanted to make society function better and to encourage people and give them the support and tools they needed to turn their lives around. She was adamant that people should be treated justly, everyone should be able to earn a reasonable wage and live in well maintained appropriate accommodation. Kids should all attend a good school and regardless of background should have equal life chances. Grandma listened intently, she said nothing but allowed Minnie to continue to extol her vision of a future Utopia. After all she wasn't the first and wouldn't be the last young adult to hope for a society made in heaven. But Grandma knew that Minnie's understanding of Justice and fairness were only relative to her time and her limited experiences of growing up through the first two decades of the 21st century in Sheffield. When Minnie's explanation of her future aims came to a natural conclusion Grandma said "I wish you all the luck in the world and hope you get the type of job you want."

Grandma wanted to mend the pocket of her coat but was struggling to thread a needle. Each time she tried to push the thread through the eye of the needle it either missed



the eye or somehow bent double and veered away from the needle eye. "What are you doing?" asked Minnie. Grandma explained that there was a hole in the lining of her pocket and a small section of stitching on the border of the pocket was starting to fray. She wanted to sew up the hole and stop the stitching from fraying any further, but for some reason getting the length of thread to pass through the eye of the needle was proving to be very difficult today. "Let me have a go for you" said Minnie and took the needle and thread out of Grandma's hands. She licked the

end of the thread, then taking great care she slowly moved the thread towards the eye of the needle. The wet tip of the thread caught the eye of the needle but did not pass through it. Instead, it seemed to stick to the needle and the thread bent itself into a big loop before the tip flung itself past the outside edge of the needle. "Bother!" said Minnie "I'll try again". Each time Minnie tried, the thread refused to go through the eye of the needle and with every thwarted attempt Minnie became increasingly annoyed. "You need one of those gadgets to do this," said Minnie. "Haven't you got one of those needle threading devices?"

"No" came the reply. "I have always done it myself"

Minnie had a few more unsuccessful attempts to thread the needle before dropping it on the table and saying, "I can't do this anymore - it's giving me the hump." Then out of frustration adding "you'll have to get another coat Grandma.

How old is that one anyway?"

"I don't need a new coat. This one suits me fine. And anyway I can't afford the prices in the few shops that are still left for me to visit," replied Grandma.



"You need to go online and look. There will be plenty of choice there, and they will be cheaper than the shops."

"How will I know that it fits me?"

"Order a few sizes, you can always send them back if they don't fit," replied Minnie poised on the edge of the sofa proffering Grandma her mobile phone to browse the web.

"Where are they made?"

"In the Far East or China where everything else is made these days. Anyway, does it really matter?"

Grandma paused before answering. She remembered watching a documentary on TV about the pollution of a river in the Far East. She couldn't remember the exact country but did remember the images of the coloured, dead river polluted by the effects of all the dyeing works that were along its banks. For generations, the river had provided fish to eat, irrigation for rice fields, and fresh water for drinking, washing and cooking for the millions who live along its banks. But now the textile factories that make clothes for some of the biggest fashion brands in the world dump thousands of litres of toxic chemicals into it. Today the only thing the fishermen catch is waste plastic.

She recalled the images of the people who lived by the river in smelly poorly-maintained housing, who used the water to wash clothes, do the dishes and wash vegetables. The skin conditions that affected their legs and arms as a result of regularly coming into contact with the water from the river. Yet still the children swam and washed in the river. The only career option open to them if they were lucky was to work in one of the factories. Failing that they could eke out an existence collecting plastic from the river.

But never mind, the polluted rivers and poor conditions were over there, out of sight and out of mind. We can buy cheap clothes because somewhere else in the world others were not able to earn a reasonable wage or live in well maintained appropriate accommodation with clean water and pollution free sanitation; where kids had no opportunity to attend good schools and whose life chances were limited. Grandma pondered. Does it matter? Of course it does! And so Grandma began to explain to Minnie what she had seen. With every word she watched the expression on Minnie's face slowly change from youthful exuberance and optimism through gloomy disbelief to disgruntled resignation as she slowly sank back deeper and deeper into the sofa.

When Grandma finished her explanation of why it mattered she returned the mobile phone unused to Minnie and picked up the needle and began to thread it again. Minnie tossed her mobile onto the sofa as Grandma started to repair her coat pocket. "You know Grandma" said Minnie "I was so happy and now I've got the hump".

"What again! That makes two humps, you are in danger of becoming a camel" replied Grandma. And looking at the needle something else came to mind "it's easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven".

THE TIME TRAVELLERS

The most significant recent event for The Time Travellers was our AGM in early April where over 50 members listened to a hugely impressive summary of last year's activities organised and involving our local archaeology group. As ever we were involved in a wide range of walks, talks and practical archaeology that seems to have kept more people occupied than ever before. By the sounds of the plans for the coming year, we will be as entertained and busy as ever in 2019.

The AGM was preceded by an excellent talk given by Laura Binns, a Community Archaeologist with Trent and Peak Archaeology. Laura told us about a recent project that discovered evidence of Iron Age and Roman occupation at Wingerworth, near Chesterfield. As well as showing us some fascinating artefacts uncovered by her colleagues, Laura gave us photographic insight that field archaeology faced during the perils of the 'beast from the east' last spring – many lost wellies in the mud! It was a very enjoyable event which many long term attendees considered to have been the best of all our archaeology presentations.

A recent addition to The Time Travellers programme of events has been the introduction of monthly coffee mornings. These are informal sessions for members to talk about anything and everything to do with local history and archaeology, providing opportunities for bringing 'finds' and experiences to consider and discuss. Usually these are held at 'base', the Old School in Dore, but for a change, the next coffee morning will be at the café at Whirlow Hall Farm. This will give us a chance to look again at the finds displayed in the cabinet and perhaps have a wander around the site of so many of our past activities.

There are lots of other events coming up over the next few weeks including a talk on Otzi, the copper age man found in the Alpine ice. We also have a new collaboration in the pipeline where we will support the Friends of Graves Park in their fascinating Heritage Lottery funded project to rediscover the 'lost Norton Park'. That is on top of working with the local historians of Over Haddon and exploring Ecclesall Woods. 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



Neighbourhood Watch

Bradway, Dore & Totley

Since last year I have been looking after the whole of the Sheffield West SYP NHW area so it has been a very busy time with many new watches formed and more waiting to get started.

The support from Inspector Fitzgibbons and her Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) out of Woodseats has been immense. Her PCSO's are sending me details of people wanting to set up watches almost weekly and providing their assistance all the time. If you would like to join please contact me at the email address below.

At the beginning of the year PCSO Adrian Tolson had his area of responsibility changed to cover Bents Green as well as Dore, whilst PCSO Ken Blake took over Totley along with his responsibility for Bradway and Greenhill. When you see them out and about please say hello and introduce yourselves, it makes their jobs much more enjoyable and rewarding.

Back in February we organised an open meetings at the Abbeydale Sports Club where Andy Foster, the Project Support Officer, gave a presentation on Cyber crime, Scams,

Fraud and vulnerable people. He showed how we can spot the scams and the need to watch out for the people most likely to be targeted by the rogues.

In March we had Sgt Dave Cremin and Sgt Ross Greenwood attend another open meeting to explain the resources and activities of the NPT. This was arranged to correct the incorrect information and comments on social media which people thought was the due to the lack of a Police presence in the Dore & Totley area. Everyone who attended went away with a much improved opinion and respect for our local team.

Unfortunately there have been a number of fires started on the recreation ground behind Sainsbury's causing damage and leaving a lot of rubbish. This along with the mindless damage done to the new slide in the children's playground on the Old School Field by a group of youths needs to be stopped. This may mean that residents have to step up and either confront the offenders (if safe to do so) or report them to the Police on 101.

Hopefully by the time you are reading this we should be at the beginning of another gloriously hot summer – and all the dangers that it brings. Many of us will be sitting in the garden with a nice cold drink and possibly a barbecue. Windows, doors and garages all open to let out the heat of the day but especially inviting to the sneak thief who preys on these opportunities. The risk of falling victim to a drunk driver going out to the country pub and driving back home in an unfit state increases with the warmer weather.

The dangers are all around us but can be reduced by taking sensible precautions. I recently purchased a high resolution wireless CCTV camera and very high density memory card for about £70 to give some simple but reasonable protection to my property. I can receive alarms when anyone approaches the house, talk to them if I want to and get continuous video on my computer and mobile devices. The memory card stores at least one month's recordings and can be cleared from my phone or computer should I want to, or just let the data get over written. This is not one of the bell push cameras but a very high quality camera with night vision capability. Well worth considering.

Following a visit to check one of our member's Eurolocks I was shown a simple but effective bar for Patio/French doors. It is called a Patlock and just slips over the handles of the doors and no keys are required. It gives added strength to the locks and effectively prevents the doors being pulled or pushed open if the locks are broken. It is available from Amazon for less than £50.



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Organic Gardening

With the unseasonal warm weather at the beginning of the year, the Winter Aconites and Snowdrops were soon in flower. Snowdrops are native to France and West Germany, but are a sign that spring is on its way and an absolute delight. Like most wild flowers, more spectacular varieties have been cultivated, but somehow they lack the charm of the true natives and, also, they are not so good for wildlife.

Next to bloom were the pretty Lungwort (another introduced plant from western Europe which is popular with early bees and very easy to grow) and also Red Deadnettle (a native annual which I have grown from seed which is spreading around the garden). Then, in March, the daffodils began flowering. Some bulbs were only planted last autumn and are not growing to the normal height, but they will do so in the next year or two.

The later, cooler weather held up the arrival of the Wood Anemones but, by April, they were appearing and some had seeded in other shady areas, looking really natural. The Lesser Celandines have spread and are now forming large patches, so they clearly like living here! Both plants will die back completely after flowering, leaving a bare patch, but growing a summer-flowering plant in the same area, such as Wood Cranesbill, which also dies back after flowering, could be worth a try.

I do not grow crocus as the only native in this country is Sand Crocus which thrives best on sand dunes or sea cliffs.

Wild Primroses are also very pretty and grow freely in my garden. This year, one was in bloom on January 6th and, as with many of my native wild flowers, I enjoy passing them



One of my many Primroses - the prettiest of yellows!

on to friends and those who help with jobs that become more difficult as one gets older! Consequently, I was delighted to help Doreways Gardening Branch with their request, in the Spring issue of 'Dore to Door', for native Primroses to be planted along the bank on Newfield Lane, overlooking the valley towards Blacka Moor. Having spent many happy hours over many years, walking, cycling and riding in the area, it is a real pleasure to be able to help in this way.

With the spring garden flowering, now is the best time to think about where more spring flowers might look nice and plan autumn bulb planting accordingly. It may be that some existing bulbs just need moving around. However, leaving them to spread naturally may well give the best result.

Unfortunately, though, it is not good news about my Alder trees. A chartered arboriculturist has confirmed that they are suffering from Phytophthora, a water-borne bacterial infection which is affecting many Alders this year. It is a fatal disease. The problem has probably been caused by the extremely hot weather last summer which stressed the trees and left them vulnerable.

However, I was assured that it will be quite safe to keep all the wood for use in the garden and so, depending on the thickness of the branches, they can be used to build wood piles or as edging logs; the trunk can be cut across to make step-stones;

and the smaller twigs can be chipped for use on the bark paths. There will be a lot of wood but none of it will be wasted and, as it rots, it will support a huge amount of wildlife.

Despite last year's problems with invasive weed, the ponds are now doing quite well, with frogspawn in two of them. There are lots of young newts among the oxygenating curly pond weed and even tinier newts in the mud in the third and sunnier pond.

There were lots of different varieties of birds earlier in the year, but numbers have varied with the variation in temperature. There is the usual young, cheeky and quite tame Robin, the song of a Wren and, though some distance away, that of a Thrush, too, which is encouraging. We've also enjoyed seeing lots of Goldfinches on the sunflower and niger seeds, Bullfinches and a very handsome Woodpecker. However, nature can be cruel and, attracted by a lot of noise, I witnessed a Magpie with a fledgling in its beak being harassed by a Blackbird. No doubt the Magpie would go back for the rest of the clutch but, hopefully, the Blackbird will have learned that the nest needs to be more discreet.

Having sown several varieties of wild flowers as plug plants in the autumn, which was really too late for them, it was necessary to keep some under cloches until the warmer weather. Despite that, most are doing quite well and are being transplanted into pots to be planted into the sunny border - mainly to increase the numbers of those varieties already there. Others may be directly planted into the 'morning sunny' bed which has recently been extended into the lawn, or flowers like Ragged Robin will go by a pond as they like damper conditions.

Ivy (non-variegated) is good for insects and birds. I let it grow along hedge bottoms, up a section of fencing and over the stump of a tree. It is also in a Hawthorn tree and, although this will be controlled to some extent, it is giving the smaller birds excellent cover.

It is good to have a shady area in the garden. This could include large and/or small native trees depending on the size of the garden. There are two native English Oaks: Quercus petraea (Sessile Oak) and Quercus robur (Oak). They support 284 different invertebrates, some of which are totally dependent on Oak. Others include Silver Birch, Hornbeam, Hazel, Field Maple and Hawthorn, which is such a lovely smaller tree and also supports large numbers of invertebrates. Now is a good time to be planning a shady area, giving thought to the choice of trees, where best to source locally-produced trees, and what preparation will be required for planting in the autumn. I am advised that planting "whips" is often more successful than older saplings and cheaper too! They can develop quite quickly.

The planting of any native flowers, shrubs and trees in gardens will all help to support our wildlife and lessen the effects of climate change, but recent TV programmes highlighting the state of our oceans cannot have failed to make us all more aware of the poor state of the environment throughout the world. Much research has been done, and in some areas ecosystems have been greatly improved, like an area of the Great Barrier Reef off the east coast of Australia. However, like many marine biology students, my own granddaughter is currently diving off Mauritius collecting information on how well, or otherwise, the corals are coping as the oceans warm up.

Also, on the 26th of March, BBC news and other programmes were reporting on the findings of recent research which has shown that the number of pollinators, such as bees and hoverflies, in UK locations has dropped by a quarter over the last forty years. It was emphasised that we should plant more native wild flowers in our gardens as they provide the best support for these pollinating insects which don't just support our food production but are the foundation of healthy ecosystems, feeding animals higher up the food chain, maintaining soil health, and countless other things. Sky TV was too busy going on and on and on about Brexit but, as one small boy said when the school children went 'on strike', "BREXIT WON'T MATTER . . . THE ENVIRONMENT WILL."

Marian Tiddy

Totley Rise Methodist Church

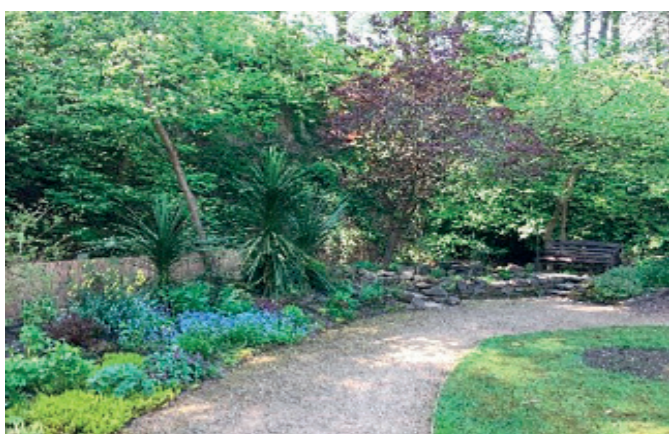
The Church on the Rise!

Family Fun afternoon for Young Families

This popular event is planned for Sunday, 23rd June, 1-4 pm. The church hosts a fun afternoon with a barbeque, paddling pool and games. Bring your sun cream, towels and a picnic if you wish.

Totley Rise Methodist Church will be participating in Totley Open Gardens again in 2019!

The Totley Open Gardens will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 6-7 July from 1-5.30pm and includes a fantastic range of beautiful and inspiring local gardens. Totley Rise Methodist hosts a garden tour of our Quiet Garden, but also offers an extensive and very tempting array of homemade cakes along with teas and coffees! Church gardeners will also have an excellent assortment of plants for sale. All funds raised from the Open Gardens event go to support local charities, which include Transport 17, the minibus service which transports older people to weekly lunch clubs, Totley Library, Cherrytree Children's Home, and several others.



Regular Services Information

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

9.30am 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.

LEGO: Let's Enjoy Getting Older Together! The LEGO group usually meets at the church at 9.15am on the second Friday of each month then drives into the local area for walks of about 8 miles. There is always a lunch stop, usually at a conveniently placed local pub (the walks are planned with that in mind). The walks take place whatever the weather. After one particularly wet day Terry was heard to say that he was thinking of renaming the group LEGOFS - Let's Enjoy Getting Our Friends Soaked!

If you are interested in joining us give Terry a ring on 2367746.

Friday Lunch Club The Lunch Club meets every Friday. It provides morning coffee, a 2-course lunch and some kind of entertainment for up to 24 elderly, housebound or lonely residents of the S17 area. Transport to and from the club is provided by Transport 17. For more information, call Phyl on 0114 235 1897.

Senior Teas: Totley Rise Methodists provide lovely tea and cakes for elderly people in the community, on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 3 to 4.30pm. You can join us either as a participant or a helper! For more information call Anne on 0114 236 6558.

Focus Church: June 9th and July 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 – 3pm. 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.

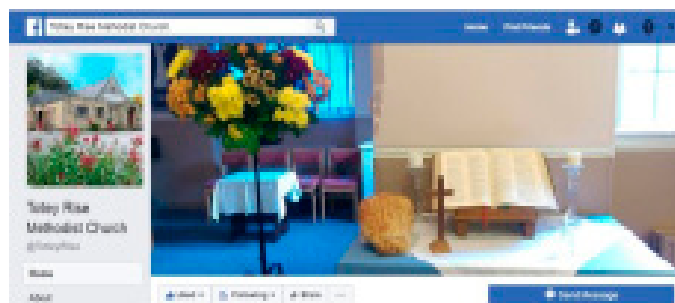
Room Hire We make our facilities in the TRM Centre available for a variety of purposes, from community groups such as Probus, to Brownies, Rainbow Guides, language classes and birthday parties.

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.

Find us on Facebook!

Our Facebook page gets daily updates of events and is also a way to send a query or ask for further non-urgent information. Our page 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.



For more ongoing events see this issue's Totley & District Diary, p.34

Bird Walk

Friends of Gillfield Wood

4 May 2019: "Nuthatch at its nest hole!" someone called out. We always wonder what we might be lucky enough to see on these quarterly bird walks. Here we were, meeting at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane at 8am, and watching above our heads a Nuthatch, with blue-grey back, regularly flying onto and edging its way up the trunk of a mature Ash tree to disappear into a hole at the bend of a large branch. There was much excitement amongst our group of twenty as we gathered and watched this smart looking bird.



*Nuthatch at the nest hole with nesting material
(photo: Stuart Davies)*

These walks are always an opportunity to identify bird song, so before climbing the wooden stile into the first field, the short unmusical wheezing "song" of a Greenfinch was pointed out as were the repetitive notes of a Song Thrush; the latter bird must have been singing in a garden on the other side of the playing fields yet we could still hear it clearly. A lot nearer to us a Dunnock and a Robin were singing and then the explosive song of a Blackcap captured our attention. Our first summer visitor or perhaps it had over-wintered in this country; no matter, it was still lovely to hear this small warbler enthusiastically delivering its long tuneful repertoire that can be somewhat scratchy at times.

It was time to move on but not before Long-tailed Tits were heard trilling and then seen moving through the higher branches of nearby trees. And then suddenly there was a shout - and a Heron was seen twisting and turning awkwardly in flight as a Carrion Crow chased it away from the area. What a terrific start to our morning!

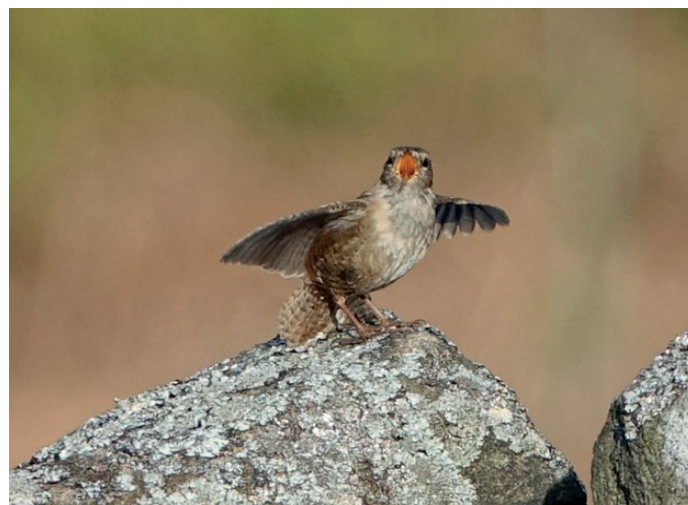
As we then crossed the first field, Woodpigeons were seen feeding in the fields around while an occasional squawking Starling passed overhead. But best of all was the sighting of a few Swallows zipping low across the fields between the grazing sheep, no doubt picking up insects disturbed from the grass. These were our second summer visitors for the morning, much to everyone's delight. All the way from Southern Africa, they were making the most of this sunny morning, although there was a chill factor brought in by the light wind.

Continuing along the footpath, Goldfinch were seen and heard in flight and a Chaffinch was heard to call and then sing with that distinctive flourish of notes at the end; a good bird song to learn if you are just starting out, as is the song of a Chiffchaff. Although we could hear at a distance a Chiffchaff singing away in the corner of a field it was proving a little difficult to find. However, as we searched the branches of the leaf-covered trees someone spotted something light in colour, low down in the Hawthorn hedge. There it was, the elusive bird sitting on a bit of wire fencing, facing the sun. No sooner found and identified than it came into a Holly bush, a lot closer to us, for people to appreciate its brownish-green appearance with yellow and buff tinges and its small size, only 10 to 12 centimetres; then it was off along the hedge, feeding whilst throwing out a bit of that characteristic song, "chiiff-chaff, chiiff-chaff". Another welcome visitor to our

land, the Chiffchaff always brightens up our spring and summer. So, summer visitor number three.

As we moved away from this spot and a little closer to Gillfield Wood, a Common Buzzard was seen soaring and drifting over our wood, its broad up-turned wings creating that noticeable shallow V-shape. Its fan-shaped tail was also visible. We then moved into the wood where the fragrance of bluebells drifted in the breeze and the dappled sunlight danced across the blanket of blue. It was a perfect time to appreciate the wild flower spectacle as we continued our walk in search of one or two more species of bird.

At various points in the wood, Great Tit, Blue Tit, Robin and Blackbird were heard and seen, and it was pleasing to note the good number of Wrens blasting out their song from the undergrowth and making full claim to their territories.



Wren singing (photo: Andy Brewster)

Several more Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps were also heard in full song to add to the atmosphere of the walk. As we eventually exited the wood at the east end, we had perfect views of a male Bullfinch. Unlike so many times when you just see the white rump of the bird as it flies away, this Bullfinch remained feeding on a low branch in the sun for all to have really good views. With black crown, grey back and a bright red "bulging with pride" breast, it was in immaculate condition.

To complete our circular walk we turned right at the Scout Hut and headed up towards Woodthorpe Hall, but not before catching sight of two Rooks as they lazily flew south over the wood, their distinctive long grey bills in evidence. Our walk up White's Lane found us standing together by a five-bar



Bluebells in Gillfield Wood (photo: Chris Measures)

gate listening to a Goldcrest singing; not everyone is able to "pick up" on the thin high pitch and that beautiful trill at the end of the song. Then, another Goldcrest sang from a Pine tree, even further away, demonstrating just how far such a pretty song from such a small creature can travel and be heard. And while this was happening some members of the party were watching attractive and very (continued page 33)

Bird Walk (continued from page 32)

active Long-tailed Tits in nearby scrub; they were almost certainly nesting nearby.

As the walk drew to a close we found ourselves standing at the top of Shep's Hill overlooking the valley with fields, hedgerows and our Gillfield Wood laid out below us. It was



Scanning for birds of prey

an ideal site to watch for birds of prey and as we scanned, a Kestrel was seen hovering over the next field and one person remarked on how beautiful the deep chestnut colour of the upper-wings were. And just as this bird disappeared from



Kestrel in flight (Library photo)

sight behind a large Oak tree a Common Buzzard appeared near to us for a few seconds as it drifted into tree cover and perched. A splendid end to the morning which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. All we needed to do now was wander gently back to Topley Hall Lane, chatting all the way of course.

Chris Measures

You do not have to be a member to come along to any of the events run by the Friends of Gillfield Wood and no experience is necessary. The events are advertised on the FoGW website and within the diary in this publication. Hope to see you, you will be made very welcome. Our next Bird Walk is on Saturday July 27th.



Transport 17

It's been busy for Transport 17 with our AGM, a coffee morning, working with other local organisations and keeping the buses on the road!!!

At our AGM at the end of March the Management Committee Report referred to the many things that you will have read about in these articles, and formally thanked everyone who has contributed in whatever way to the running of Transport

17. Unfortunately the financial report for the year recorded that once again our finances are under pressure, largely a result of expenses for the buses - particularly the MX05 which is now 14 years old. The problem with the same bus at the beginning of the year cost us £1800 - not the start we needed for 2019!

Peter Marquis was elected as treasurer, taking over the role from John Savournin. John has been treasurer for 22 of the 24 years that he has been with Transport 17, and thanks were recorded for his service.

Felicity Revill resigned as Chairperson - a role she has held for many years. She has been involved with Transport 17 for more than 20 years. Sometimes the role has been quite a challenge to keep a small organisation going which is so reliant on volunteers and good-will, but we are all grateful that she did. We will keep in touch and hope she will continue to be a part of T17 events in years to come. Thank you, Felicity!

It was also an opportunity to celebrate. Mike Finn has been with T17 as its Manager for 30 years. He has seen many changes, not least to the buses! It has not always been plain sailing, with many challenges along the way but the measure of his success is that Transport 17 is still operating a successful, community-based, accessible transport service that improves so many lives; we are still funded by public sector in time of significant cuts so Passenger Transport Executive must be happy with the job being done! Thank you Mike, and here's to the next 30!!

We held our coffee morning at the Cross Scythes on the 23rd March, raising £846. Once again there was excellent support for the event and many commented on what a good time they had. The Chocolate Bonanza Lucky Dip was very popular. It is amazing how many different items are made with chocolate! Everyone seemed thrilled with their prize - size did not seem to matter! Through Netta Barnes we received a very generous donation from Thorntons Chocolates which included a fantastic Easter Egg for the raffle. There was a range of other great prizes for the raffle and thanks go to Netta and to Hazel Brand for sorting them. We rely on the support of local businesses and we can't thank them enough for their generosity. They are all listed on our Facebook page. Our Topley Photo Quiz had people puzzling and there was much chatter and discussion as they tried to work out the answers. It is always good to have Deb Leonard at our events and she too had a successful morning which meant we benefitted. Thanks go to her for her continued loyal support. The event also gave us the opportunity to publicly celebrate Mike Finn's 30 years and to say a huge thank you to Felicity Revill for her service as Chair of the Management Committee. A busy morning!!! Last but by no means least thanks go to the Cross Scythes for allowing us to fill their space, for their kindness and generosity, for all their support - they are amazing.

Now we are looking forward to and planning our next Coffee Morning at The Cross Scythes on the 15th June. Scrivens Greengrocer on Topley Rise has agreed to sponsor the event and huge thanks go to Mark for his support. This time so we have a number of people who are having stalls. They are Katherine Maughan, Flamingo Paperie, Lynn Munro's Knitten, Margaret Day with handmade crafts and Tropic Skincare with Deb Leonard. We are busy sorting a suitable prize for our popular mega raffle of 100 £5 tickets which we are plan to launch at the event. There will also be a gorgeous cake to guess the weight of and you can have a go to 'Find Topley's Treasure'. All the makings of another great morning. Hope you can make it.

Finally, back in the 1980s, Help the Aged (now Age UK) match funded the purchase of our first bus. We are now pleased to report that we have had an initial meeting with Jo Glaves, Steve Chu and Councillor Colin Ross from People Keeping Well in Dore and Topley, the local organisation coordinated through Age UK, to discuss our possible involvement thinking about how what we do can facilitate the activities of People Keeping Well. From this we identified times when we would be able to provide transport for some of the activities. We are delighted to be able to contribute to and be involved in this valuable community initiative. The wheels do indeed continue to go round.

Sandra Longley
(On behalf of the Management Committee)

TOTLEY & DISTRICT DIARY

MONDAYS	<p>COFFEE MORNING, All Saints Church Hall, 10am-12noon. Transport usually available on request. Tel 236 0872 before 9.45am.</p> <p>TAI-CHI, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, 11.30am-12.30pm.</p> <p>RAINBOWS and GUIDES, All Saints Church Hall, 5.45pm-9pm.</p>
TUESDAYS	<p>SLIMMING WORLD, Totley Rise Methodist Church, 5.30pm and 7.30pm. Call Catherine Haynes on 07718 205733.</p> <p>PILATES, The Old School, Dore, 9.15-10.15am. Phone Teresa Tinklin 07906 312372.</p> <p>BABY TIME, Totley Library, 1-2pm. A fun music session with songs, rhymes and simple musical instruments for babies aged 0-18months</p> <p>COFFEE MORNING, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 10am-noon.</p> <p>KNIT, NATTER, CRAFT & CHATTER, Totley Rise Methodist Church, 12 noon - 3.00pm.</p> <p>CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU Drop-in, free, impartial and confidential. Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am-noon.</p> <p>CRAFT GROUP, Totley Library, 2pm.</p> <p>JAZZ IN THE AFTERNOON, 2-4pm, Totley Rise Methodist Church Schoolroom. A weekly afternoon of all forms of recorded jazz, plus discussion. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.</p>
WEDNESDAYS	<p>PILATES CLASSES, Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, 9.00-10.00am and 10.15-11.15am. Contact Caroline tel: 0781 722 0324, email Carolinenorth1@me.com, www.pilatescarolinenorth.co.uk.</p> <p>COFFEE in the Library, 10am-11.30am.</p> <p>STORY TIME in the Library, 10.30-11.30am. Craft activities, songs and a story for pre-school children. Call in at the Library for more information.</p> <p>TODDLER GROUP, 10am-11.30am, All Saints' Church Hall. Details tel. Katy Maclean 07790 411893.</p> <p>HEALTH WALKS, 10.30am, Totley Library. Contact Step Out Sheffield on 07505 639524 or email stepoutshel@field@gmail.com www.healthwalksinffield.btck.co.uk. For more information see Totley Library item in this issue.</p> <p>MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING, All Saints Church Hall, 8pm-10pm.</p> <p>CHILDREN'S FITNESS CLASSES for pre-school girls and boys aged 2-5. Wednesday mornings 9.30 - 10.10am, Abbeydale Sports Club. Free taster sessions. See www.minimovez.com or call Steph on 07838 818743.</p>
THURSDAYS	<p>BELROBICS, United Reformed Church, 9.15-10am, email: jenny@belrobics.co.uk or tel 07816 850132.</p> <p>NCT COFFEE GROUP FOR DORE TOTLEY & BRADWAY, 10am-noon, for mums & babies/toddlers, various locations. Phone Lucy Street 07837 000405 or email: lucy@streetr.plus.com for further details.</p> <p>ROCKCHOIR, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Rd, 11.30 - 1pm. See www.rockchoir.com or call 01252 714276</p> <p>PUSHCHAIR CLUB, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, 1.30-3pm. Tel. 07912 352543 for details.</p> <p>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.</p>

JUNE

SUN 2nd and 16th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES Abbeydale Road South. 1pm-5pm (weather permitting). Car park closes 5pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com/

SUN 9th TOTLEY LIBRARY Art Exhibition by local artists. 11am - 4pm. Refreshments available. Admission free.

WED 12th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated talk by John Burton, "Mr Laurel & Mr Hardy". Visitors Welcome.

TUES 18th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Andrew Raftery, "Coping With Retirement", Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am.

SAT 22nd FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD Lichen Survey in Gillfield Wood with Sorby Natural History Group's Steve Price. Meet at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane at 10am. For further details see page 27.

SUN 23rd FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD Practical Conservation morning. Meet 10am, Baslow Road bus terminus. For more details see page 27.

WED 26th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Talk by John Kirkman, "Seaside Birds". Visitors Welcome.

WED 26th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP Chris and Judy Rouse, "A Contract From Hell: Building the Woodhead Tunnel, 1838-1845". 7.30pm, Totley Library.

SAT 29th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES Abbeydale Road South. 1pm-5pm (weather permitting). Car park closes 5pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com/

SUN 30th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES with visiting locos and free exhibition of our work. Abbeydale Road South. 1pm-5pm (weather permitting). Car park closes 5pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com/

JULY

SAT 6th DORE GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY Summer Concert, Dore Church Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 each from Derek Habberjam. Tel 0114 2362299

WED 10th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Talk by Andrew Swift, "Jaguar Cars". Visitors Welcome.

SUN 14th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES Abbeydale Road South. 1pm-5pm (weather permitting). Car park closes 5pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com/

TUES 16th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, June Feasey, "Grandma's Sweet Shop", Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am.

THURS 18th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP Visit to Sheffield Assay Office 1 - 3.30 pm.

SUN 21st 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 27.

WED 24th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated Talk by Leo Leader, "Swinton Earthenware". Visitors Welcome.

SUN 28th MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES Abbeydale Road South. 1pm-5pm (weather permitting). Car park closes 5pm. £1.50 per ride per person. See www.sheffieldmodelengineers.com/

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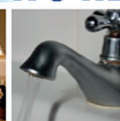
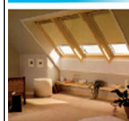
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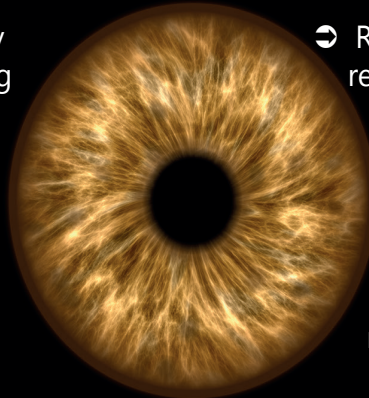
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