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A prize-winning exhibit at the Totley Show 2019. More pictures inside this issue!

Here's to the next 100 *Indies*!

Ian Clarke writes: I'm Ian Clarke, a Totley lad born here in the 1950s, brought up here in the 1960s, leaving in 1975 and drifting back at the end of the 80s. I had left as a late adolescent and returned as a husband, father of 2 and with a mortgage. Totley seemed to be a very different place – or was it me?

Later, I saw a plea for help with the *Totley Independent* from Les Firth, its editor in September 2002. I responded. To be honest, I didn't have a clue about putting a magazine together. Even now, so many years on, this item has been put into something readable by my friend Sally Goldsmith. However, I knew a bit about PCs having grown up with them throughout their infancy and thought that I could probably update the *Independent* using some of my IT skills. Les was a great tutor, describing how he did it and handing over all his unused material. He hand-held the first issues under my editorship.

I was also holding down a demanding full time job. Looking back now, we did

10 issues a year and I've no idea now how I did it. Lots of it first needed typing up. Luckily I had a shorthand typist at home who rattled through the copy as rapidly as I could read it out to her! By the time I finished as editor, very little was coming in that needed typing – it was mainly email.

This issue of the *Independent* is number 400, now under Phil Harris's excellent editorship. It has been published continuously since 1977 – not many community magazines can make that claim! When it first started in 1977 it was a monthly news-magazine of just 8 pages and took quite a few people to get it into the shops. In 2002 when I took over it was still just black and white but had doubled to 16 pages. It was still pasted up on boards though – old versions of MS Word and the boards taken to the printers for scanning. When I started, I progressed the quality and updated MS Word eventually without having to deliver physical items to printers, but now Phil has tak

en it onto a real Desk Top Publishing tool which no doubt saves a stack of time. As I handed over to Phil it was 28-32 pages with up to 8 pages in colour. The price started at 10p and today is still just 20p and advertising carries most of the production costs.

Throughout our 42 years, there remains one constant – John Perkinson. He is our advertising and distribution man and an invaluable asset. We're a small team – I've remained continuing to update the website, with Phil as editor, Norman Rolfe as treasurer and Margaret Spencer as proof reader. That's it. And now that Phil has the right software for laying out the magazine, he can, at least in theory, create the *Independent* from anywhere in world he happens to be!

One thing that Les told me that surprised me when I took over, though no longer, is that there is precious little feedback on items we publish. I had a handful of letters during my time. One still hangs on the (*continued page 3*)

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Here's to the next 100! (continued from p.1)

wall behind my PC. It starts "Dear Editor, What a magnificent edition the November 2012 edition of the *Independent* was. Congratulations." This was from the late Robert Jackson - a 'proper' journalist. It doesn't really matter whether or not that issue was any good. I've no idea! What matters is that someone took the trouble to tell me they enjoyed it, so do feel free to send in your feedback.

All offers of articles, help, criticism, photographs, items of interest are always needed from Totley residents and friends. We have also had more than one budding journalist pass through our hands on their way to very impressive professional careers and the Indy still welcomes anyone considering getting started and wanting practical experience, or is indeed already studying journalism.

The item that most regularly haunts our pages as well as our streets? Dog poo! It defeats me why owners can't simply pick it up & bin it. We now have bags made out of plant based material that naturally degrade so there are no excuses. Please pick up after your pooch!

So, is Totley a different place to the one I left in 1975? I have many memories of growing up in Totley - collecting wood for bonfire night, many more motor bikes bombing up Baslow Road into Derbyshire, lots of white dog dirt on the pavements, what seemed like huge lorries carrying their precious loads from the now derelict brickworks. The latter were nothing like the size of the wagons that now seem to find their way through Totley. Then there was the regular crackle of gunfire as the red flags flew around the rifle range.

Many changes are positive. It is lovely that nature is slowly reclaiming much of that army site adjacent to Moss Road. How many of today's recent residents realise we had the army turning up in their trucks firing live ammunition so recently! Also, just think about the litter pickers that meet up once a month, just for an hour, and clear our streets and the parks. The library was on Sheffield Council's closure list. Were Totley people going to accept that? No chance! It is now run by community volunteers and thriving. There are a substantial number of regular activities and societies here. Look on our events page in the *Independent*, at the diary and the several noticeboards along Baslow Road - all full of events about to happen. The available spaces such as the church halls are usually booked for weeks, if not months ahead. And there are now the Facebook Groups, useful and immediate as they are.

Is Totley a different place to the one I left in 1975? Well yes, and then again - no! I can walk back home from the Co-op on a sunny day and still meet a surprising number of people I know and have a friendly face to face chat. Here's to Totley!

New Readers Group for Totley Library

A new Totley Readers Group will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month from 1.30 to 3pm in the library. The first meeting date will be on 21st October. Book sets have 10 copies so the first 10 people to say they would like to join the group will form Totley Readers Group 2.

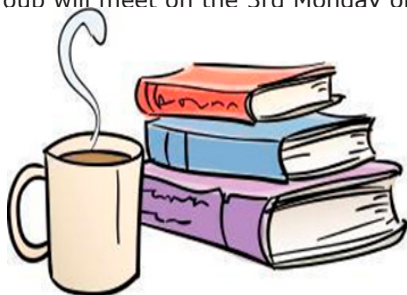
Group members will pick the books they would like to read but we have selected the first few books which we hope will stimulate your interest and provide the variety you are looking for. Our selected books are:

Biography: Jane Hawking, 'Travelling to Infinity: My Life with Stephen'

Thriller: Andrew Taylor, 'The Ashes of London'

Fiction J.D. Salinger, 'The Catcher in the Rye'

Non-fiction Adam Kay, 'This is going to hurt: Secret Diaries of a Junior Doctor'



Crime Peter James, 'Not Dead Yet'

Fiction Kate Hamer, 'The Girl in the Red Coat'

All enquiries should be directed to Dawn Rich, the leader of the new group, at Dawn@ilmd.biz.

Children's Art Competition "Journey into Outer Space"

A very big thank you to everyone who entered our 2019 Totley Library Children's Art Competition.

We had nearly thirty entries this year and the standard was very high indeed. Well done to everybody for making such a big effort and for taking the time to make so many beautiful pictures. Your art work was amazing!



The prize winners and runners up are as follows:-

Under Fives section:

First prize: Wren Hibberd, "The Aliens"

Second prize: Jennifer Elam, "Georgia - The Alien"

5-7 years section

First prize: Zoe Wade, "Enjoy Space"

Second Prize: Essie McGarrigle, "The Race to Space"

8-11 years section

First Prize: Mimi Lasebai, "The Black Hole"

Second Prize: Chloe Gillett, "I want to touch the moon"

All entrants were awarded a certificate.

If you were unable to collect your prize and/or certificate on Saturday September 7th, please ask the staff at the Library desk and they should be able to help you.

Once again, thank you for entering the competition and hope you all had a good summer holiday. See you around in the library!

Jill, Sarah and all the Story Time Team

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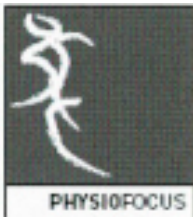
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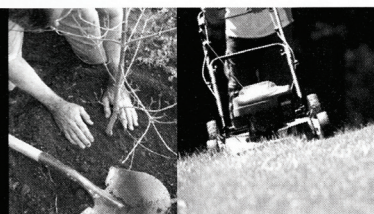
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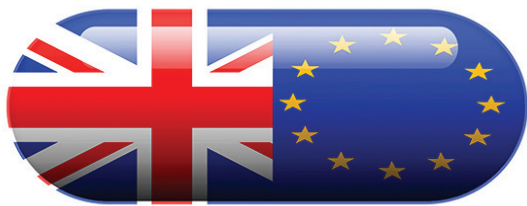
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Ask Your Pharmacist

Brexit and your medicines

To state the obvious, medicines form an essential part of healthcare provided by the NHS. More than one billion items are dispensed annually through community pharmacies, and the total bill for medicines is more than £17bn. We all know someone with a regular prescription, whether for blood pressure, cancer, asthma or diabetes. Many of us have taken treatments for infections, or used creams for skin problems. Of course, these are usually available readily and quickly from the excellent pharmacy network in the NHS, so everyone takes it for granted that they will be able to get their medicines when they need them.

Unfortunately, everything we take for granted may be at risk as a result of Brexit. The pharmaceutical industry nowadays is, as with most large industries, an international operation. Currently, medicines enjoy free movement across Europe, and the whole industry relies on this to ensure timely delivery of medicines. A disruption to this, such as a no-deal Brexit, has the potential to cause supply issues. Medicine shortages have actually been a significant problem throughout this year already, with Epipen and HRT medication shortages making the news recently.



Understandably people are becoming very concerned about how they will continue to get their medication and some of you will already have personally experienced the stress this can cause. I will try to provide some information about the plans in place to minimise disruption.

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has been working closely with the NHS, pharmaceutical companies, suppliers of medical devices, and supply chains to make sure medicines and medical products continue to be available in the event of a no-deal EU exit.

Where these medicines have a short shelf life, DHSC has asked companies to ensure that they can fly these medicines in from the EU in the event of no deal. The NHS Supply Chain organisation is holding extra stocks of medical products.

To ensure that there will be enough space available for extra stocks of medicines and medical products, the Government has secured extra warehouse space including refrigerated and controlled drug storage that companies can use to store products.

The Government has also put in place extra shipping for suppliers to use on a variety of routes to ease pressure on the short straits crossings to Dover and Folkestone. This includes capacity on ferries to Poole, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Immingham and Felixstowe. The Government has agreed that medicines and medical products will be prioritised on these alternative routes.

What about the supply of blood and blood products?

There are some medicines that are derived from blood plasma such as immunoglobulin, albumin, and clotting factors. As these are licensed medicines, they are included in the medicine supply plans. The United Kingdom is largely self-sufficient in blood and blood components and does not routinely export or import these products

What about vaccines?

Public Health England (PHE) manages significant stockpiles of vaccine for the national immunisation programme, as part of their business as usual planning. It is working closely with vaccine suppliers to ensure replenishment of these existing stockpiles continues in the event of supply disruption in the UK, for example, agreeing increases in supplier's own UK stockpiles.

Official advice from the NHS is that there is no need to change the way that you order prescriptions or take your medicines. There are enough medicines and medical products to meet current needs but if patients order extra prescriptions, or stockpile, it will put pressure on stocks, meaning that some patients may not get the medicines they need. GPs will continue to prescribe your medicines in the same way, and official advice is not to ask for greater quantities on your prescription.

The above measures should reduce the occurrence of shortages. Occasionally, however, the NHS experiences temporary shortages of specific medicines. If this happens to your medication, please come and speak to us and we will try to arrange the best solution. Typically, this will involve giving the same medicine in a different strength so may you have to take 2 tablets instead of 1. This is the ideal scenario, as you will not need to change your actual medicine. If this is not possible, we will then try to supply a similar medicine from the same class, so that you feel minimal difference in efficacy and side effects. All of this will be done after consultation with your doctor. Medicines that you buy over the counter from pharmacies may also be affected, but we should be able to advise you about suitable alternatives.

Tajinder Singh, Totley Pharmacy

Bus Services

Your local Councillors have received many complaints about the 97/98 bus service. We have already reported on our meeting with First in the spring that unfortunately didn't bring about any improvements despite the assurances given. In fact we now have a reduced service!

In consequence of this a petition was organised by a local bus user and, working with us, it was presented to a meeting of the full Council on September 4th.

At the meeting other petitions about the poor bus service in other parts of Sheffield were also presented, so we are not alone in suffering. The outcome of this was that it was decided to have cross-party working to produce a more rigorous engagement with the bus companies. The existing Bus Partnership arrangement is clearly not working and what is needed is a much more robust agreement with the bus companies with increased influence for the Council on behalf of the bus-using public.

Since the deregulation of the bus service and loss of local influence there has been a steady decline and we need to reverse this trend.

Colin Ross

Totley Operatic and Dramatic Society

Here I am again with another TOADS update. Hope you have all had an enjoyable summer. Rehearsals are well underway for our November 2019 production, with Alan Wade directing his very own play which he wrote especially for TOADS to perform.

"Biddies' War" is a comedy/drama set in a farmhouse in Kent prior to the D-Day Landings in 1944. Alan wrote the play to commemorate the 75th anniversary of this event, and we are very honoured to have been asked to perform it. I hope we can do him proud – we'll certainly do our best.

The dates of the play are Wednesday 20th November to Friday 22nd November at 7.30pm, and our usual Saturday matinee on 23rd November at 2.30pm.

The venue is as usual St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Please call 01142 351206 to reserve your ticket, or contact any TOADS member. Ticket price £6/£5 for concessions.

Please come along and support us, your very own local Am-Dram Society - it will be lovely to see you.

Anne Bettridge



All Saints Church

Totley Hall Lane

Repair and Restoration

One of the more interesting television programmes on air at the moment is one called The Repair Shop. The idea is that people bring items for repair by a team of expert craftspeople and the items are restored, not necessarily to new condition but to retain their original character. The items brought in are usually of great sentimental value and bring back fond memories of people or places in the lives of the owners. The experts work with great skill and precision and the end results are always stunning and without fail elicit an hugely emotional response on the part of the owner. You could be forgiven for thinking that some of the items were not worth saving, but the most striking thing about this programme is the fact that these seemingly worthless objects, which are often of little monetary value, are priceless, because of the connection to another person.

Many of us might benefit from a visit to the repair shop. We are constantly reminded that we need to live in a way that will help us to remain in "good working order" but in spite of our efforts many of us are in need of restoration in some way or another. Very few of us have escaped life's "slings and arrows" and are broken and bruised by our experiences. We may have even wished that things could go back to the way they were before.

In Japan there is a practice called Kintsugi which is the art of repairing broken pottery with a lacquer dusted or mixed with gold, silver or platinum. The legend tells that in the fifteenth century a Japanese Shogun broke his favourite Chinese bowl, which he sent to China to be repaired. When it returned he was disappointed with the ugly repair and commissioned Japanese craftsmen to find a more attractive method of repair. Kintsugi was born and the method became part of Japanese culture. Kintsugi is known as a beautiful statement of restoring broken things and giving them new life.

God is a God of restoration. Jesus came to repair and restore the broken relationship between God and His people. He came for everyone. Jesus was drawn to the broken, the outcasts, those who sought to harm him and those who had no time for his preaching and ministry. For some people God is a bit like an parachute, there for an emergency but hopefully not needed. Faith does not mean we will not be broken and in need of repair. As CS Lewis wrote "The real problem is not why some pious, humble, believing people suffer, but why some do not."

The Christian faith is not for those who believe that they are good, but for those who trust in a God who "heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3)

'Natter' is an informal drop-in morning for people aged 60 or better that meets in the Library every Thursday (during term time) morning between 10.30 and 11.30am. A variety of hot drinks are served with biscuits, but most importantly Natter provides a listening ear and a willingness to chat. There are no speakers, board games or organised events - only friendly chatter over a good cuppa. Everyone is welcome and will be welcomed.

Our Harvest service will be held at 10am on Sunday October 6th. Donations of food for the Grace Food Bank or the Archer Project will be welcome.

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 to totleychurchoffice@gmail.com or phone 0114 236 3335 or to the Churchwardens, All other enquiries may be made to the Churchwardens Liz Hayden 0114 236 4944 or Angela Waite 0114 236 4728. 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 totleypassionate@gmail.com

Liz Hayden and Angela Waite, Churchwardens, Totley All Saints



Friends of Gillfield Wood

Diary for October and November

All walks and talks are free to members, and £3 for non-members unless stated otherwise. For more information on events and membership, please check our website - www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com - or contact the Secretary on fogwsecretary@gmail.com

October

Sunday 6th: Small Mammal Survey. We welcome back Val Clinging of Sorby Natural History Society as we look at traps set the night before in a couple of locations in Gillfield Wood. We will meet at 8.30am at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane and finish mid-morning. All are welcome - this is also a lovely family event when children have the opportunity to see small mammals up close and can watch their release unharmed back into the wild. Wear strong footwear and warm clothing.

Monday 21st: Bumblebees An illustrated talk by Rhodri Green (Bumblebee Conservation Trust) at Totley Library at 7.30pm. Refreshments available. Please note that there will be a small charge for this event.

Sunday 27th: Practical conservation morning, run with the help of the Sheffield Council Ranger Service. Meet 10am at Baslow Road bus terminus. Refreshments, tools, etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. All levels of help welcome, and guidance given. Check our website at www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com, where any late changes of venue will be published.

November

Saturday 2nd: Bird Walk. Our fourth and final walk for this year with Chris Measures. Meet at 9am at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane to look for resident birds as well as winter visitors such as Fieldfare and Redwing. No experience necessary - all welcome to come and learn more about our local birds. Bring binoculars and cameras if you have them. Wear strong shoes and warm clothes. The walk will last about 2-3 hours.

Sunday 24th: Practical conservation morning, see entry for 27th October above for further details.

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Community Art Space

Exciting New Venture at Totley Library

Are you a local artist? Would you like to exhibit and sell your artwork while getting involved in a rewarding community initiative? Or perhaps you are looking for that perfect piece of art for your dining room or a unique present for a special occasion. Well look no further, Totley Library can help.

Following the huge success of the debut Art Show in June, Totley Library is proud to launch the Community Art Space 2019. This is an innovative venture show-casing the works of new and established local artists. Artists currently exhibiting include Len Capper, Clare Hill, Carmen Sabatini Al-Dajani and the Lensflair Group. New artists exhibiting their work in the autumn include Angela Harpham and Andrew Jeffrey.



All art works are exhibited for a period of three months, free of charge, and are available for sale at a price set by the artists. Totley Library takes a small commission on each picture sold to support the ongoing running costs of the library.

If you are an enthusiastic local artist, just sit back, relax and leave the display and promotion to us.

The library is now looking for local artists who would like to join this exciting new venture and who would like to exhibit in Dec 2019 and March 2020. Could you be one of them? To find out, call Totley Library or email carolynjallcroft@gmail.com.

Carolyn Allcroft

Letter to the Editor

Buying a 20p Totley Independent magazine leads to singing on BBC Radio 2.....

Dear Editor,

Way back around May time I bought a Totley Independent and saw an article about the South Sheffield Tuneless choir.

Since being young I have always wanted to sing in a choir but was told at school I couldn't join the school choir as my voice wasn't good enough.

For all these years not feeling confident to join a choir I was struck by the invitation to come along and sing with the South Sheffield Tuneless choir at the church hall at Totley Rise. Although the choir started in April, I only joined in May.

Tuneless choirs are for those who have always been told they can't sing in tune but LOVE to do it anyway.

It was so enjoyable that I had a poem written by Erin Bolens of The Poetry Takeaway which was at The Barnes Literacy Festival. This is Erin's poem:

These Days

These days I collect little pieces of now,
Hold them in my hand,
Squeeze out every drop of joy into my fingers,
Keep them where I used to store worries.

These days I sing in every key,
Delight that my voice has found such power,
Watch the tune fly out of me
Like a bird discovering its wings.
I am focussing on what's happening
I am siezing the day
I am defining success
I am savouring people
And all they do and say.

Karen Cook, the South Sheffield Tuneless Choir leader, received an invitation for the choir to sing on the Jeremy



The Tuneless Choir outside Wogan House.
Jenny is on the far left.

Vine BBC 2 Radio programme, and with Vanessa Feltz standing in for Jeremy she interviewed Karen and we sang *Bring Me Sunshine*and it did!! We were also featured on Radio 4's Highlights of the Week!

So from my 20p spent on your magazine, a pensioner's dream came true!

Jenny Barber

Totley Vintage Fair

The Totley Vintage Fair will be taking place at St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South on Saturday 9th November from 10am to 3.30pm.

There will be 20 stalls selling an interesting variety of quality vintage wares.

Cakes and bacon butties will also be available in the cafe.

Admission just £1.

Please come along and support this event - run by three local women in aid of Totley Open Gardens, which distributes money to local community organisations.

Jennie Street



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Walking the Dog....

Cats and Dogs

Jack is on all four paws sighing at Rony's computer. Tempuss comes in with the latest mews. Jack is a dog. Tempuss is a cat.

Tempuss Why are you sighing at Rony's computer, Jack?
Jack Because Rony's gone into town and missed the deadline for his Totley Independent article. And it's supposed to be exactly 615 words
Tempuss By when?
Jack By tea time. That's why I'm here on all four paws writing it for him.
Tempuss There's a good dog.
Jack Yes but I've got stuck on potted dog.
Tempuss I love potted dog.
Jack You'll have to wait.
Tempuss I bet you'd make a dog's breakfast of it anyway.
Jack Why is it a 'dog's breakfast' anyway?
Tempuss I'll google it.

Tempuss googles

Tempuss 'A dog's breakfast' is from Glasgow in 1937 and it means you've made a mess. It's not to be confused with being 'dressed up like a dog's dinner' because that's when you dress smartly.
Jack That's not very interesting for the readers of the *Totley Independent*?
Tempuss It's more interesting than you being stuck.
Jack If I hadn't got stuck, I was going to explain about getting 'backendish'.
Tempuss What's 'backendish'?
Jack When Sally first came to Totley she heard The Singing Man in Green Oak Park singing through our hedge and then saying it was getting a bit 'backendish', which is what you have to say in Totley when it's nearly Autumn.
Tempuss Oh.
Jack Yes and you can say about 'Bill's mother's' if you want to as well.

Tempuss googles

Tempuss 'Bill's mother's' is where it looks a bit black over, as in 'It looks a bit black over Bill's mother's.' It's what folk say in the Midlands and it means it might rain.
Jack Everyone in Totley knows that it means that.
Tempuss Yes, but do they know who the 'Bill' is who has a mother? Because it says here that he was a playwright and he came from Stratford, and he left his wife his second-best bed when he died?
Jack You reckon you're the cat's whiskers, don't you?
Tempuss You reckon every dog has its day.

Tempuss googles

Tempuss 'Dog days' are at the end of the summer. They're when the Sirius star system is next to Orion – and don't start making jokes about Uranus because that's what Rony always does. Nobody ever laughs so he always goes all 'dog in a manger' and that's because he's 'like the gardener's dog that eats no cabbage and – what's up?

Jack
Tempuss
Jack
Tempuss
Jack

Potted dog!
What about it?
I could just eat some!
So could I!
Rony was at the caravan in Litton with these friends who don't come from round here

and they decided to stay for lunch without being invited, so he bought some potted dog in the village shop. And the friends all said, 'What's potted dog when it's at home? That's potted beef! Who calls it potted dog!!!' And Rony cried but when he got back home he googled it and it is potted dog – but only in Sheffield, and there's a Sheffield poem to prove it –

Little doggy
Crossing street
Heavy lorry
Potted meat

Tempuss I could just eat some potted dog right now.
Jack So could I, but we can't because we've nearly run out of words. We're already at 564.

Tempuss Can't we just squeeze in asking Rony if he'll bring us some potted dog home for tea?

Jack As a reward for us writing his *Totley Independent* piece?

Tempuss Saving his career?
Jack Stop folk thinking he's died?

Tempuss And –
Jack And nothing, soz. That's 611. So it's –

The End.

By Jack and Tempuss (but not Rony)

Recently Spotted

In the interests of maintaining anglo-french relations in these dreadful times.....



Folk Evening at Totley Library

There will be another of our popular evenings of traditional and contemporary folk music at Totley Library on Friday 18th October. The evening will start at 7pm with the serving of pie and peas (included in the ticket price), followed at around 7.30 by the music. The line-up will include:

Pete Garratt, Ken Atkinson and Geoff Heppell, delivering solo and three-part harmony singing, along with stunning accompaniment.



Judy Dunlop, a member of the Albion Band in the early-1990s, has remained one of traditional and contemporary British folk music's top vocalists. Her debut solo 1991 outing, 'Sway With Me', paired her with Ashley Hutchings and included such guests as Martin Carthy and Dave Swarbrick. She will be accompanied Jon Scaife on guitar, with whom she recorded the album 'I Want Something'.



Peter Burnett will be providing his own inimitable take on various folk songs.

The Offshoot Band consisting of Jon Scaife, Charlie Smallwood and Geof Trend playing ceilidh music on lots of strings with their mandolin pieces being a delight to hear.



Between them they've recorded over a dozen albums and performed in Western Europe, America and Asia.

Tickets are £10 (Library volunteers and Friends of CRIC £8) available from Totley Library.

Tea and coffee available, or bring your own drinks if preferred!

Holmesfield Flower Club

Wednesday 20 November-7.30pm: Demonstration of flower arranging by Beverley Artis (NAFAS Demonstrator) entitled "Christmas at Tiffany's".

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

Diana Holland



On The Beat

Hello to all Totley residents!

As you may now be aware I was unfortunately on long term sick leave with a ruptured achilles tendon injury sustained in early May 2019. Thankfully I am now back at work and ready to continue my foot patrols in our area and looking forward to meeting residents once again. I am however grateful to my colleagues in the Neighbourhood Policing Team for covering in my absence.

This time of year has the return to school for children in our area. As always I will be liaising with the Headmaster at Totley Primary School to see how I can become part of the schooling year. It is always a great pleasure for me to visit the pupils in a learning environment and hopefully for them to see a member of SYP in different circumstances. I am a firm believer that getting to know children in their school environment is essential in building up good relationships for the future.

My work with partner agencies continues at a pace. Working with these various agencies and with local housing managers ensures that vulnerable people in our area are taken care of and directed to whatever assistance they require as necessary.

Since my return to duties I have noticed that there has been in slight increase in vehicle crime in our area, although burglaries currently seem to be at a very low level. As always my advice to vehicle owners is not to leave anything of value on view in your vehicle and for home owners to ensure that all their windows/doors are secure at all times. Also if you have a serviceable house alarm then please use it when not at home.

My regular "Drop Ins" have now been reintroduced on my return to duties. I conduct these "Drop Ins" at the Totley Community Library on Baslow Road. The aim is for local residents to have the opportunity to speak to me in a professional manner about any policing issues that they may have. However, should residents not be able to attend these meetings then they can contact me personally at ken.blake@southyorks.pnn.police.uk with any ongoing issues. My "Drop Ins" are advertised on our social media page or through SYP alerts.

Should any resident who does not already do so, wish to receive timely information about local crime/security advice/meetings then they can do so by registering for SYP alerts on our SYP intranet page. Following the SYP alerts section allows residents to register. All messages are sent currently by email.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article. I hope to see you out and about on my patrols.

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People Keeping Well Activity Timetable

Activity	Location	Date/Time	Booking required
Exercise To Music Class	Dore and Totley United Reformed Church	Mondays 2pm-3pm + Coffee	No booking required Transport 17 now available (numbers permitting)
Body Conditioning Class	Dore and Totley United Reformed Church	Thursdays 2.30pm-3.30pm +Coffee	No booking required
Sporting Chatter	Totley Library	Every other Friday 10.00am-12.00pm October 11 th , 25 th ; November 8 th , 22 nd , December 6 th , 20 th	No booking required
Sporting Chatter Cinema (Sport docs and films)	Totley Library	Every other Friday - Start date to be confirmed	No booking required
Table Tennis	Bradway Community Hall	Thursdays 3pm-5pm and Fridays 7pm - 9pm	No booking required
'Write Your Story' Sessions run by published author Jude Brown	Fairthorn Retirement Apartments, Townhead Road, Dore	Start Date Not yet confirmed	Booking required Transport 17 now available (numbers permitting)
Community Wellness Service 'Back to Sport' programme (6 weeks of taster walking sports) £5 per session	To be confirmed	Second course dates not yet confirmed. Please contact us to be added to the wait list	Booking Required
Community Wellness Service Boxing Class £5 per session	To be confirmed	Second course dates not yet confirmed. Please contact us to be added to the waiting list	No booking required
All Abilities gentle Yoga	New dates and location still to be confirmed	Second course dates not yet confirmed. Please contact us to be added to the wait list	No booking required
Dore and Totley Outdoor Task Force Including Totley Library Gardening and Litter Picking in Dore and Totley	Totley – Totley Library Dore – King Ecgbert School Library Gardening –Totley Library	Various dates throughout the year October dates now available	Please contact Joanna Glaves as to how to book onto sessions – it's very easy and quick to do
Rosemary Memory Cafes for anyone suffering with memory loss and their carers and families	Dore: Dore Methodist Church Hall on Savage Lane. Totley: All Saints Totley Church Hall on Totley Hall Lane.	3 rd Tuesday of each month 2 nd and 4 th Tuesday of each month	Everyone is welcome and the sessions are free to attend, but there will be a small charge for refreshments (£1 per person)
Intergenerational singing project	To be confirmed	January 2020 start date still to be confirmed	Booking required Transport 17 now available (numbers permitting)

For all queries and bookings call 0114 250 2850 or email Joanna at joanna.glaves@ageuksheffield.org.uk
All ages, abilities and mobilities welcome!!

Nature Safari

A Library Event for Children and Families organised by Jill Hnat and led by Chris Measures, Friends of Gillfield Wood

It is wonderful to see young children enthusiastically engaging with nature. Encircling a Wild Angelica plant the party of twenty strong was carefully inspecting the red and black soldier beetles that were actively moving and feeding on the white flower heads. With sharp eyes, the children had also found a number of ladybirds crawling up the stems of the plant and with great care were allowing the tiny creatures to walk onto their open hands whilst they counted the spots on their wing casings. We all agreed, "seven-spot ladybirds", just as one took to the wing and whizzed over our heads.

Today was a Nature Safari so we had arranged to wander into a suitable area of tall grasses and wildflowers to capture the atmosphere. Meadow Sweet and Rosebay Willow-herb towered over the children to add to the excitement. No Bears or Tigers here, but plenty of mini-beasts in the form of bees, butterflies, hoverflies and other invertebrates to retain the children's interest; and it was a lovely morning for such an adventure. On such a morning hoverflies were out in abundance so it was an ideal opportunity to point out their amazing manoeuvrability and to explain how they differ from bees and how these delightful creatures are such important pollinators.

This walk was one of a number of library events held during the summer for children and their families. Always perfectly organised by Jill Hnat, Jill had provided those attending with spotter sheets and pencils and all were very eager to record and tick off anything nature-related, particularly if it moved! As we gathered outside the library, Honeybees and Bumblebees were observed busily feeding on the flower heads of an Allium - the children were fascinated to see pollen-gathering in action. Certainly a good start.

Then as we progressed on the short walk to the area of tall grasses we were able to point out and chat about roadside trees and their leaves and we also inspected some wildflowers on the grass verges. Swifts were seen flying overhead and were quickly pointed out to the children, and they also heard and enjoyed watching a Carrion Crow calling loudly from the roof of a house. One boy called out "Pigeon" and a Wood Pigeon was seen to be plodding down the road in front of him. In a quieter voice he then declared "My dad doesn't like pigeons!" as he marched on assertively. When another child called out "Butterfly", our attention was drawn to a small white butterfly in flight. Fortunately it landed on a nearby flower to rest in the sun, initially with wings closed so that the veins on the underside of the wings could be pointed out to the children to show that it was a Green-veined White butterfly. Another species to add to the spotter sheets.

In actual fact several different species of butterfly put in an appearance that morning, enabling the children to admire their beautiful markings and colours, especially those of a Small Tortoiseshell and a Ringlet. But when we caught a Comma butterfly in a sweep net and managed to pop it in a small plastic magnifying jar the children were amazed to see up close the remarkable ragged shape of the wings and the distinctive "comma" mark on the underwings from which the butterfly gets its name. It is always lovely to see a child look so thrilled when they get to hold such a delicate creature and then release it. Such special moments you hope will remain with them for a long long time.

The children had of course taken it in turns to use the sweep net, practising their sweeps through some long grass with utter concentration. Then they watched in anticipation as one young girl held the net below the branches of an Oak tree as each low branch was shaken. Plenty of tiny insects fell into the net for all to realise just how important these old English trees are for our wildlife. Pleasingly a spider and a weevil fell into the white net and, after close inspection by all, were added to the list of creatures seen.

As we headed back to the library we passed through Green

Oak Park and here we found a cluster of caterpillars feeding on Ragwort. These were stripping the Ragwort bare; hungry black and orange banded caterpillars of the Cinnabar Moth.

And by luck, just nearby, an adult Cinnabar Moth, a little the worse for wear, was found lying on the grass. The children could see clearly the contrast in colours between caterpillar and moth, the moth being black with vivid red markings which were very noticeable when it eventually flew off. "Wow!" exclaimed one child as she saw the colours.

While this was happening a Greenfinch was singing from the very top of a tall fir tree so one or two of the children were anxious to get the chance to use a pair of binoculars - for them a heavy pair of binoculars. They were just about able to hold the pair steady for a few seconds, and with a bit of "up a bit, down a bit" encouragement, they were able to focus in on the singing bird, much to their delight.

However the highlight of the walk came when we gathered around one of the ponds in the park. A tiny frog had been found at the edge of the pond as it hopped from cover and onto the floating vegetation. With children's eyes straining and fingers pointing, several more froglets were seen to



Jill Hnat (right) pointing out frogs in one of the ponds in Green Oak Park

appear and then disappear under the water's surface. Very quickly a small pot was found and used to scoop up one of the escaping creatures, much to everyone's excitement. All the children were then keen to get close views as the frog spread out its long legs in the pot of pond water and weed. There were plenty of "oohs" and "aahs" as the group looked on. One girl then slowly lowered the pot and carefully poured the contents back into the pond. As the tiny amphibian swam free it was a perfect end to a lovely morning connecting children and families with nature.

Chris Measures

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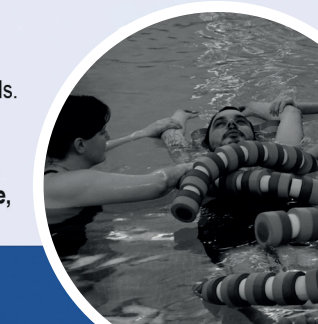
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Transport 17

Hopefully you have all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed everything it has brought along.

Usually August is a quiet time for Transport 17 with the office shut down for two weeks and the clubs we serve on holiday. However 2019 has been an exception. With work on the buses, the sale of the property, John Savournin retiring and planning for a number of events taking place in September we have been kept really busy. More of this to follow later.

As regards the buses, many of you won't have failed to notice their presence outside the office during the shutdown. This is because Mike Finn has been giving them a spruce up and spring clean following a course he did during the summer. Now all three of them, including MX05, are gleaming and looking like new. It has been hard work but worthwhile - well done Mike.

As well as getting shiny new buses it has also helped raise our profile as several people stopped to chat to Mike. One person was Tajinder Singh from Totley Pharmacy. The MX05, as we have mentioned before, is ready for replacement and costing money which we can ill afford. When Tajinder discovered that the power steering was not working he generously offered to pay for it to be repaired. The Management Committee are hugely grateful to him for this, but our volunteer drivers will be even more so as their job will be so much easier. Thank you Tajinder from us all.

Hopefully our drivers and passenger assistants have been enjoying their break and we are looking forward to welcoming them all back. Neil is making a return, doing one day a week following recovery from his shoulder surgery. We are also delighted to have Malcolm Lockwood back with us again. Joanna Graves from People Keeping Well advertised through the network for volunteer drivers for us, and we were delighted to receive two applications. Mike Finn is busy following up on this and we hope to have two new drivers volunteering for us very shortly.

Mike Finn and I recently attended a partnership meeting for People Keeping Well. It was good to meet up with the other partners and get a feel for the things that are happening. The Management Committee are going to be looking at the ways in which the buses are utilized, and we are keen to support our partners in delivering their activities where we can.

2019 has certainly been a challenging year for Transport 17. We have faced uncertainties, changes and challenges but as we are working through these, we are so pleased to report that a sense of optimism is emerging as we look forward to a new era for Transport 17. As we said in the last article - interesting times.

We now have a new landlord, Andrew Morton, with whom we are in touch regarding our lease. Although he lives abroad he has a close connection with the Greenhill/Totley area. He is keen to keep us as a tenant and admires the work we do as a charitable organisation in the community.

Also we were delighted with the response to our advert for an admin assistant and we are in the process of appointing a new person. John Savournin finishes at the end of September and we plan that the appointee will be working with him for a couple of weeks to ensure a smooth transition.

John has been with Transport 17 for 24 years. After a career as a chartered civil engineer working for Sheffield City Council, he joined us in 1995 as (in his words) a sort of admin assistant/book-keeper. He was elected as Treasurer at the AGM in 1997 and he became a paid, part-time member of staff in September 1999. He and Mike Finn have worked together over this time, sometimes having to take a lead themselves when there wasn't an effective Management Committee. We would like to thank John for what he has done over that time and wish him a long and happy retirement.

September saw three events for us this year. The first was Totley Show. By the time you read this the show will have been and gone, and you will have had the opportunity to

test your local knowledge with the quiz that Jenny and Thea Nuttall put together which once again was sponsored by Hamnett Wealth Management. Having the bus at the Show is a great way of raising awareness of what we do and our volunteers love chatting about our work and their role. We hope it has been a successful year for all. We are proud once again to benefit from the support we receive from this event.

The Pea and Pie Supper with entertainment from Totley's own Jimmy McWilliams was the revival of what used to be a very successful event and this evening was a sell-out. Thanks must go to both Jimmy and Mike Finn who worked hard to make the event a success along with Netta Barnes, Hazel Brand and Diane Ellis. Liz Thompson who organises the Lunch Club was hugely supportive of the event and we would like to thank her for her commitment to it.

Monday 30th September sees our Pairs Duplicate Bridge Drive at Abbeydale Golf Club. As I write we are hopeful that we have sufficient numbers for it to go ahead this year.

Although it seems a long way off we have an important date for your diary. It's the Annual Christmas Fayre at the Cross Scythes on Saturday 16th November from 10am to 12noon. We are planning to have our Bottle Bonanza Stall, Strictly Christmas Stall, a Cake Stall and the ever-popular raffle which will have a festive theme. If you have any contributions for the stalls could you drop them off at the office. As always, we are very grateful for your generous support. Deb Leonard will be there, and no Christmas Fayre is complete without Cross Scythes mince pies to go with your tea or coffee.

Finally, Activ Physio has kindly made a donation to Transport 17 following a daily step challenge that they set themselves.



Clare from Activ Physio presents the cheque to Mike Finn and Diane Ellis. Diane is a volunteer and is on the fund-raising committee.

Their Totley and Bradway Clinics set up a competition to see who could reach the most steps and Clare from the Bradway Clinic was the winner! They kindly translated this into a donation of £127.51 which they recently presented to Transport 17. Thank you!

Sandra Longley
(On behalf of the Management Committee)

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Gardening Tips for October and November

Hot - cold - wet - dry - the weather has been a bit of a trial for gardeners. Plants such as runner beans were brought on by the sunny days earlier, and then set back by the cold snap; and the lack of insects has held back the setting of the bean pods. I went around the plants waving my tickling stick (a cane with a bit of lamb's wool on the end) to encourage pollination. My neighbours must have been wondering what kind of ritual I was performing, prancing around the bean poles in the early evening, but all to no avail, as the germination was very poor even though I used to be a busy bee! I planted another row: these did very well and are still producing useful pods, without the ritual dance (early September). The dwarf beans have fared better and supplemented the lack of runner beans.

Christine is busy potting on winter flowering pansies and other cuttings ready for the library plant sale in the spring - we have to keep the library going and they did very well at the last plant sale, so please help if you can by donating any surplus plants (taking care of them through the winter).

Time now to get ready for the winter, noting which plants should be taken in, and getting covers ready for the tender plants left outdoors. Clearing out greenhouses and cold frames, servicing heaters, lawnmowers and generally tidying up all round, making sure pathways are safe. There are more accidents in the gardens than anywhere else in the property (so we are told.)

The hedgehog residences are in place. I hope you are all doing your best to accommodate these little gardeners' helpers, giving them a nice comfy box to hibernate in, so that they can survive the winter, and wake up in the spring to do a good job of eating all those slugs and snails! No need to use slug pellets if you have one or two of our spiky friends. I have just finished building my hedgehog accommodation - a nice detached residence complete with a tunnel entrance (to deter fox predation). If you are quick (they will be hibernating soon) you can follow the construction instructions on Google "Hedgehog house" - all the details are there, it's not a difficult job. Old bits of wood or apple boxes can make a quite serviceable overwintering habitat...

The afternoon of the Totley Show started with a roll of drums from the Seven Hills Quintet, who entertained us though the afternoon along with the Tuneless Choir. They heralded our own Rony Robinson who did his usual short but entertaining opening chat, declaring the show open.

The entrant displays looked good in each category, with some rather unique vegetable animals causing a lot of amusement and comments on the clever ideas that were produced. The children who won the various categories were given a medal, and the best in all the children sections received a cup. Well done to them all!

The dining room was buzzing with everyone catching up with all the local gossip; the catering ladies were kept very busy serving cakes and teas, so much so that they ran out of cups, though fortunately by then the show was nearly finished. The auction went well with Rony doing his usual patter, giving folks their bargains from the donations given by the show entrants. 'A good time was had by all' sums up the Totley Show nicely....

October

Flowers: Plant spring flowering hardy annuals and biannuals as soon as possible. Plant up window boxes, tubs and hanging baskets for winter interest. Lift tender bulbs, corms, and tubers such as dahlias and gladioli, store them in a frost-free place. Check bowls of bulbs planted for winter flowering indoors; do not let them dry out. All tender plants should be brought indoors or placed in cold frames. Tidy up borders, remove leaves and debris which could harbour slugs, snails etc over the winter.

Continue planting border carnations and pinks in beds if soil and growing conditions allow, or pot up cuttings and place in cold frame ready for planting in March. Finish planting spring bulbs.

You can still take cuttings of fuchsias and geraniums etc if you have a warm greenhouse or propagator. Most cuttings root quite readily at 65F. Top dress rock and alpine plants with fine grit. Most herbaceous perennials can be lifted and split up at this time.

Vegetables: Earth up celery and leeks. Firm in sprouts and stake or earth up. Plant out spring cabbage plants, lift the last of the main crop potatoes, carrots and turnips. Lift young parsnips for immediate use; leave others in the ground to pull as required. Keep a close eye on vegetables in store, remove any suspect ones.



Plant in the frame a few roots of parsley taken up with plenty of soil for winter use. Prepare any spare vegetable plots by

a good dig over and apply farmyard manure or well-rotted compost. Leave rough dug so the frost can get at the soil, which is really beneficial.

Trees, Fruit and Shrubs: Young fruit trees and shrubs can be planted at this time. Take hardwood shrub cuttings, these may take quite a time to root, but are well worth the wait. Hedging plants such as barberry, heathers, lavender, oleaster and rosemary can be planted.

Put fresh grease bands around apple and cherry trees. Cover autumn fruiting strawberry with cloches and watch out for slugs and snails.



Gather apples and pears as they become ready for picking (they should come off the branch into your hand when gently lifted with a slight pressure on the stalk towards the branch). Handle all fruit with care and only store really sound fruit. Tie into place all raspberry canes and cut them back to encourage fruiting. Prepare ground for planting new raspberry canes, gooseberry and blackcurrant bushes. Prune established blackcurrants.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: Gradually reduce watering on most plants except those which are coming into flower. Give your fuchsias, geraniums, hydrangeas etc a rest, keep them just moist. If you want a nice show next spring, sow seeds of annuals like clarkia, poor man's orchid and salpiglossis in warmth.

Chrysanthemums should be brought indoors before the petals begin to open or if frost threatens. If you have not taken tender plants indoors, do so now or they will be lost to frost or cold, wet conditions.

Remove all dead or decaying leaves from plants, otherwise they will go mouldy and this can spread rapidly across the greenhouse. When the foliage of gloxinias and begonias has withered completely the tubers can be removed from pots, dusted with flowers of sulphur to prevent mould and stored in a frost-free place.

Do not overheat the greenhouse, but provide slight warmth when necessary to keep the air dry and on the move and so prevent a damp stagnant atmosphere. Make sure all your heaters are working well, renewing wicks where necessary and give them a general clean-up - this will add to their safety and efficiency.

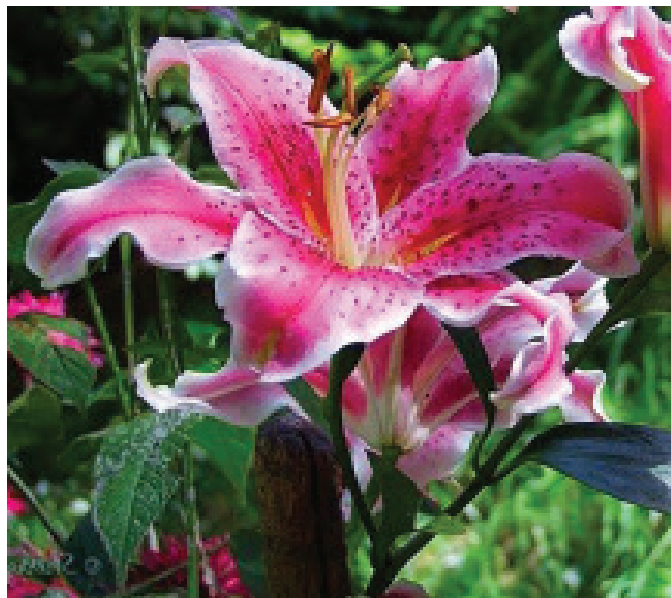
Lawns: Keep them clean. Rake or scarify to pick up the thatch at ground level (and it will also remove a lot of moss if you have it). Spike and top dress with old potting compost (grow bags are ideal) or use an autumn/winter fertiliser. You should have a lovely sward by next spring.

November

Flowers: Clean up and tidy perennial borders. Clear away any leaves. If you are composting these, keep them separate from the main compost heap, as they take a little longer to rot down, and they are handier as leaf mould for potting purposes.

Check your dahlia tubers in store, cut out any disease. If withered, soak and dry them, then dust with flowers of sulphur.

Plant out hardy lilies in mild weather and cover with mulch. Plant herbaceous and moisture-loving perennials. Split up perennials like michaelmas daisy and golden rod, and replant



Hardy Lily

the young vigorous outer portions. Prepare the tender plants for winter by bringing them indoors or wrapping them up in straw or polybubble. Complete the planting of tulips and hyacinths - the sooner the better. Check bulbs which were potted up earlier and water if necessary. Any which are more forward can be brought into a moderately heated greenhouse or a cool bedroom windowsill until the buds are formed.

Take down hanging baskets, and remove and pot up any plants that are worth saving. Those in tubs (fuchsias and geraniums) are very often worth saving along with ivies and some trailing plants.

Vegetables: Dig over any vacant plots, leaving the clods large to enable the frost and wind to break them down. Stake up Brussels sprouts and remove any yellowing leaves. Cover any green crops with netting or fleece to protect against birds, and watch out for slugs and snails and deal with them. Keep the weeds under control as they seem to grow better

than the plants in wintertime!

Lift and store Jerusalem artichokes in the same way as potatoes, also a few roots of parsnip as they will be difficult to get at if the ground is frozen.



Jerusalem artichokes

Trees, Fruit and Shrubs: Move container-grown evergreens to a sheltered spot out of the wind. I keep my bay trees in the cold greenhouse until the frost has finished. Protect any tender shrubs from frost by wrapping them with fleece or straw. Any deciduous hedges that have been neglected can be cut back at this time.

Fruit trees trained against a wall or fence should be pruned now. After pruning see that all the branches and shoots are securely tied. Inspect the posts and wires supporting raspberries, making sure they are secure and not in need of replacement. Deal with old or neglected fruit trees now. Don't just go round snipping bits off, but rather remove the complete branch here and there to open up the centre of the tree to let in light and air. Large wounds made this way should be trimmed carefully with a sharp knife and painted with a priming paint to prevent disease getting into the tree. Look out for affected parts and paint these also. It is a good time to plant blackberries and loganberries. Look over your fruit in store, remove any which show signs of rotting etc. Plant fruit trees - apple, pear, plum and cherry. Give tree, bush and cane fruit a tar-oil winter wash to help control pests and diseases.

Greenhouse and Indoor Plants: During November, lack of light and a damp coldness in the atmosphere are two of the principle obstacles that we usually have to overcome in the greenhouse. Make sure the glass is really clean inside and out and also the insulation if any. Ventilate cautiously. Open top ventilators a little for a few hours during the day when the weather is mild and reasonably clear. Keep them shut if it is cold and foggy. Remove all decayed leaves or bracts. Avoid splashing water about if you have a mixture of plants stored in your greenhouse. A day temperature of 13C (55F) will be OK but don't let it fall below 7C (45F). As chrysanthemums in the greenhouse finish, cut them back to within 5 or 8cm (2 - 3ins) off ground level - this will make more room and also encourage the roots to throw up suckers which will make ideal cuttings later on.

Cyclamen and winter flowering primulas are ready to come into flower and will benefit from a feed once a fortnight. Remember that calceolarias must be quite dry before they are watered - this rule applies to most pot plants except those which are in full flower and are growing rapidly in heated houses. Seedlings and cuttings should be kept on a shelf as near to the glass as possible.

Sow cyclamen seeds now. They take about 15 months to make good plants. Pot on seedlings and cuttings planted earlier. Plant indoor gladioli, lilies and hyacinths to flower in spring. Prune flowering maple, musk, fuchsia, oleander and plumbago.

Lawns: Keep lawns clear of leaves and debris by raking regularly. Keep off if frost is around. In mild spells dig new lawn sites ready for sowing or turfing in spring.

Cheerio for now,

Tom


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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.



Light Party Thursday 31st October, 5-7pm: an alternative to the dark of Hallowe'en! Come and enjoy our glow-in-the-dark fun. Food, games, craft, story-telling and singing.

Sunday November 4th at 4 pm: Thanksgiving Service to remember loved ones who have died. This quiet reflective service will include an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one and to give thanks for their life.

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.



12th October: Coffee Morning in aid of the Cathedral Archer Project, supporting the homeless in Sheffield. 10am - 12 noon.

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.

Focus Church: October 13th and November 10th 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 to community groups such as Probus, 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.

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



Bird Walk

Friends of Gillfield Wood

27 July 2019: You can never be quite sure just how good a bird walk in summer will be because the main part of the breeding season for birds has come to an end, their singing on territory has diminished and so many birds have dispersed.

Nevertheless we usually find the field at the back of the Rowan Tree Dell houses quite rewarding, and so it proved to be on this clear warm morning. Goldfinches were heard calling overhead and then seen in flight on a number of occasions while House Sparrows, Blue Tits and Chaffinches moved quietly about the nearby hedges and bushes.

We hoped to see some Tree Sparrows in this area, where they have bred successfully for the first time this year, but they proved elusive. We were however rewarded with good views of two Nuthatches moving between the trees with their loud, excited calls continuously being heard.

Standing in this field, on this area of higher ground, provides you with expansive views above houses and trees so it always gives us a chance to see something special, and on this particular occasion it did. There was a sudden cry of "Sparrowhawk" from one member of our group! This immediately drew our attention to a bird gliding across the sky, not too high up, with long tail and blunt-tipped wings outspread. Hot in pursuit was a Carrion Crow which continued



Sparrowhawk vs. crow (Photo: Andy Brewster)

to harass the Sparrowhawk so that a minor dog-fight took place, with both birds twisting and tumbling as they moved out of sight. This would not be the only encounter we would have with birds of prey on this walk but it was certainly a very enjoyable start.

Our attention was then drawn to a sharp "tchick" alarm call as a Great-Spotted Woodpecker came over our heads in low undulating flight to provide excellent views. As Starling, Robin and Dunnock were added to our list of birds encountered, one member of the group noticed a female Blackcap skulking in one of the many Hawthorn bushes in that area, but despite our best efforts we unfortunately could not find this small warbler again for all to see. Such is birding!

As we dropped down from the field into the east end of Gillfield Wood to continue our walk, time was taken out to look at one of the nest boxes that has been erected there. It was pointed out that mud had been added near to the entrance hole of the box and on the underside of the lid. This was the handiwork of a Nuthatch that has used the box for nesting in this year; they quite often reduce, to their satisfaction, the size of a hole in a box or tree by plastering mud around the entrance. After this short stop, we moved through the wood to the sound of Woodpigeons and Wrens calling until the distant calls of young Sparrowhawks were heard. This helped decide our next move.

We climbed one of the stiles to leave the wood and have better views of the trees and fields on the north side in case we could see any Sparrowhawk activity. As we watched a

party of House Martins feeding above the trees, the young Sparrowhawks were heard again, frantically calling. As we turned to look, we saw three young birds flying amongst the tops of the trees, landing and moving - in sight, out of sight. As this was happening our attention was drawn to an adult Sparrowhawk flying purposefully away from the scene, presumably having delivered a tasty item of prey for one of the young ones. It was certainly a few minutes of great excitement for the group and we even had another Great-Spotted Woodpecker put in an appearance.

Our next steps took us back through the wood and up onto the south side so that we found ourselves standing in a field just below Fanshawe Gate Hall, with lovely views of the wood and the surrounding countryside. Here, with Great Tit, Coal Tit and Long-tailed Tit calling and moving through a large Oak tree near us, we heard the distinctive mewing of a Common Buzzard. It did not take us long to locate the bird, only to find that it was in actual fact three well-grown young



Buzzard in flight (Photo: Andy Brewster)

young Buzzards just a field away from us. Unlike the young Sparrowhawks that seemed to prefer cover within the wood, these Buzzards were flying around in the open and landing on bare branches for all of our group to have amazing views, made even clearer through the telescope we had to hand.

And if this was not enough the faint "huitt" call of Chiffchaffs was heard and we watched two birds feeding in the long grasses by a wire fence. The light was perfect, and despite how close we were to them, they continued to feed unperturbed for us all to get very good views.

By now it seemed a long time since the start of our walk when we had managed to see a colourful squawking Jay and had counted fourteen Swifts flying high in the sky above our heads; so we all agreed it was now time to take a steady walk back, "without getting distracted!" someone remarked with a smile. We all knew this would be difficult to achieve and so it proved. We had no sooner started working our way down Fanshawe Gate Lane than we had to stop to admire young Swallows balancing together on a telegraph wire. Who could



Birds on a Wire: Swallows (Photo: Andy Brewster)

have resisted taking a few minutes out to watch them on the wire and preening - no doubt getting ready to start their long journey south in the following days.

It was here we also had a Woodpecker fly along the lane, by the side of us. It landed out of sight in a large Ash tree. Despite a fleeting glimpse, its silhouette certainly had the appearance of a Green Woodpecker. Could it have been? Oh, if only we had got a better look at it, or it had called. Well, that's birding for you. We will have to wait for another day to add such a lovely species to our list of birds seen on our quarterly walks.



Watching young Buzzards (Photo: Chris Measures)

As dark clouds moved in and rain started to fall, our birding ended and our strides became a little quicker. With hoods up, all were chatting away and reflecting on another great Bird Walk and how lucky we had been with the weather.

Chris Measures

Please remember, 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. Give it a try - you will always be made most welcome. The events are advertised on the FoGW website and within the diary in this publication. Our next Bird Walk is on Saturday November 2nd.

Holmesfield Church Walking Group

Millthorpe Moorhall Walk

On Wednesday 2nd October at 10am Robin Greetham will lead a walk starting from the Royal Oak at Millthorpe. We will go to Unthank, Moorhall, Johnnygate and then back to Millthorpe. There is a short cut. The cost of the walk is £3 and the proceeds will go to Holmesfield Church maintenance fund. If you wish to come just turn up on the day. The walk is approximately five miles long.

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Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society

Here we are, September already and the start of a new rehearsal season. I hope you have had a good summer despite the weather being too hot or too wet. We had a successful barbeque in August and luckily the weather held fair for us. Unfortunately, the concert I mentioned last time at the Merlin Theatre has had to be postponed to a later date (not yet fixed) but I'll keep you posted as and when.

Rehearsals for our next show began on Wednesday 11th September. We could use some more male chorus members so if you fancy making new friends and enjoy making music why not come along to Millhouses Methodist Church at 7.30pm and give it a go. One of our newer members started later in his life not having done anything like it before and now is a stalwart of the Society and regrets not having joined sooner so don't be afraid of coming along and seeing for yourself.

The show which we will be doing next April at the Merlin Theatre will be Gilbert & Sullivan's *Patience* which takes the mickey out of the aesthetic movement of the late 19th century - almost the forerunner of the 1960's hippy bunch, where love and beauty was all. There are some wonderful comic elements where the senior ranks of the Dragoon Guards try to win the ladies' affections by trying to emulate the aesthetes. As usual, there is some lovely music and fun songs too. Even Hinge and Brackett chose one of their more famous offerings from this show.

Patience will run from Wednesday April 1st to Saturday April 4th 2020. The weekday shows will start at 7.30pm and the Saturday matinee will begin at 2.30pm. Tickets will be available from about Christmas time but I'll let you know details later. Before then however, we have our two Christmas Concerts, one in Millhouses Methodist Church on Saturday 14th December at 7.30pm, and our usual one in Dore Methodist Church on Saturday 21st December at 2.30pm. We hope to see you at one or the other. (If you like the first one you could hear it again at the second!) Tickets will be available from me for the Dore concert but at the time of writing I do not have details of the tickets for the Millhouses concert. If you phone me on 0114 2362299 I will probably know by late September. Have a good autumn and see you in December.

Derek Habberjam

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Friends of Dore and Totley Station

The canopy – it's in place, been opened and being appreciated

On Friday 19th July we were visited by Dan Jarvis, MBE, MP, the Sheffield City Mayor to officially 'open' the canopy and unveil a plaque.

His short speech began "In the 1930s my grandmother used to stand on this station to catch the train to school. In the 1950s my father's grandfather brought him here to the station to watch locomotives go by. This station feels as though it's in my family DNA, so I'm delighted to be here today." We liked that and noted it for future reference.



We managed to get TransPennine Express to put money into a station managed by a different company. Apparently that's a first. SYPTTE chipped in, as did the High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership (our Derbyshire roots are an advantage there) and ACoRP, the umbrella organisation for all rail community groups. In addition to Dan we welcomed guests from all the funding bodies and other rail interested groups.

A number of 2 to 4 year old children from Abbeydale Cottage Nursery were on hand to show how train spotting remains popular here, one young man helpfully telling us the last train was going to Nottingham. They are our future.

Contacts were made with a number of influential people who learned of the issues we have here at Dore & Totley. They include parking, unreliable, infrequent and over-crowded services and the long delayed plans to redouble the tracks and rebuild a second platform.

Hope Valley Line 125, 1894 – 2019

By the time you read this our repeat Over and Under walk to Grindleford with the train back should have happened. This time it will be in conjunction with the Time Travellers and includes a visit to Padley Chapel.

Coinciding with the anniversary, local rail historian Ted Hancock has finally published his 300-page hardback book, "The Hope Valley Line, Dore to Chinley, Volume 1". Copies can be seen and purchased in Totley Library. Good Christmas presents for rail and local history enthusiasts!

More trains that stop - and more and longer carriages?

From 16th December those wanting to get an early flight from Manchester Airport will be able to catch a 5.15 TransPennine Express train that only stops at Piccadilly and the Airport. 'That's very early' I hear most say. We thought that when they began stopping the 6.15 a year or so ago. That now picks up 35-40 most mornings. We know of at least one ground worker who has a season ticket and air crew use the trains as well as passengers.

It seems like years (it was years) since we were told we'd soon be getting six carriages on more TransPennine Express trains. By December that might actually happen, but breath should not be held. Their 8.14 desperately needs more space. The 7.14 is already supposed to have six carriages and too often hasn't. We pass on complaints but are told new trains are on the way

for other routes to release more carriages for us. They're late.

Northern have tried to get more stops to fill the current service gaps. Unfortunately, the most critical can't be filled just yet, and probably not before 2023. However, from 16th December the 15.45 departure from Sheffield Platform 2C will stop at Dore and Totley at 15.52 instead of skipping straight past.

We're looking at every possible angle to get more trains to stop and think there may be one more fairly easy possibility. Maybe by next December, but it takes a lot of persuasion. At least the Pacers should be gone by the year end. After 30 years many will be sad to see them go, but more about them in the next edition.

Environment around the station

There are developments pending here. We have been speaking to both Abbeydale Rotary and another interested party and hope to be able to tell more in the next edition. Tidying the station surroundings while retaining as much as possible of the wild environment is a delicate balancing act.

Bus interchange

We have often spoken of improved bus interchange opportunities. Reduced frequency on the 97/98 service makes that less attractive than ever. However, on many mornings we see station users from the Manchester area leaving the train to catch the 218 bus to Chatsworth.

Defibrillator?

We may have found a way to get one at the station. Another 2020 target.

Past, present and future

The bunting for 125 years of the Hope Valley line comes down at the end of September. We expect to have bunting up again in 2022 to mark 150 years since our station was first opened on the Sheffield to Chesterfield line. We'd hoped that would coincide with the new second platform being complete. It seems that won't be until 2023. We aren't letting up on lobbying to get it earlier. In the present political climate anything may happen!

HS2 was supposed to get here by 2033. 2040 may now be nearer the mark, if ever, but who knows? We have to look forward and as we resolve each difficulty we move on to the next.

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

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

Chris Morgan, Chairman

Dore and Totley United Reformed Church

Friends in Harmony

On Saturday November 16th we will be entertained by Friends in Harmony, a local choir singing a mixture of well known music including songs from the shows. The concert will be from 3 to 5 pm and tickets at £6, including refreshments, can be booked from Marie on 07592 353906 or Elaine on 07929 720977. Proceeds from the concert will be split between Sarcoma UK and a charity supported by Friends in Harmony. Come along for a very relaxing afternoon's entertainment.

Christmas Craft Fair and Coffee Morning

The final event of the year will be a Christmas coffee morning with craft stalls on Saturday November 30th from 10am to 12 noon. If you would like to book a stall please contact Margaret Barron on 0114 231 1831, or email r-barron@sky.com. Stalls will include photography from Lensflair, So Me jewellery, handicrafts and bric a brac.

We continue to hold regular coffee mornings on Wednesdays from 10 until 12 and all are welcome to drop in for a drink and chat.

We hope to be running a Carers' Cafe on some Wednesday mornings. Watch this space or see the Carers' Centre website.

Elaine Ferguson

Totley Scouts

September heralds the start of a new term at 215th Totley Scout Group and also a chance for us to welcome our young people back to their scouting activities. We are also delighted to welcome lots of new members to all of our sections.



Although the sections and their leaders have a well-deserved break over the summer holidays the Scouts have their summer camps. Both our Scout Troops got away this year with the Monday Scouts going to the coast for their week away and the Friday Scouts enjoying a week in South Gloucestershire. Both Troops were blessed with sunshine and fine weather and managed to get out and try their hand at a great range of activities including days out at the seaside, tomahawk throwing, high ropes, crate stacking, obstacle course and much more.



All the sections have seen an increase in numbers this term which is fantastic and most now run a waiting list. The leaders have been working hard on planning some fantastic programmes and there will be some great things to tell you about over the next few months.

We were delighted, once again, to be invited to take part in the Totley Show this year and were blessed with a lovely sunny day. We had a very successful tombola and chocolate tombola stall as well as offering tattoos and nail painting for the children. Thank you to all our wonderful parents for donating goodies for us and to everyone who came and supported us by having a go at our stalls. The chocolate tombola was certainly a hit and the table cleared very swiftly.

Sue Bridgens, Group Scout Leader
hallamadccubs@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERING VACANCY

We are delighted that our Tuesday Beaver Colony has swollen in numbers this term nearly doubling in size and we very much welcome our new eager Beavers and their parents to the group. However, this does mean we need more help and in particular we would love someone to come along to take on the role of Assistant Beaver Scout Leader or Beaver Scout Sectional Assistant. Both roles are very rewarding and all you need is to enjoy working with children age between 6-8 and giving them the opportunity to take part in some fantastic scouting activities. No experience is necessary and you don't even need to have been in Scouting yourself. If you think this is something that you would like to get involved with or would like to find out more, please do get in touch. You can email our Group Scout Leader Sue on hallamadccubs@gmail.com and we would be pleased to give you more information.

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What's on at the Library



Coming Soon - Our New Website

Over recent weeks we have been working to develop a new website for Totley Library which we hope will be easier to use and more attractive. Please let us have any feedback on the new website once it becomes available so that we can make it as useful as possible for all our users.

Tracing Your Ancestry - FindMyPast

Following the replacement of all the public computers at Totley Library we will be purchasing a licence for FindMyPast, an ancestry tracing software, to support users who are interested in researching their family history. We hope to hold a session in the library soon to offer guidance to those interested in researching their ancestors.

New Books and Chairs!

We continue to buy new books for the library including those for our Orange sticker scheme. Recently a £500 donation from Age UK has enabled us to buy more large print books and audio books which are now available in the library. We are also purchasing new chairs for the new computers.

Summer Reading Challenge

Our 'Space Chase' themed Summer Reading Challenge inspired 138 local children to read lots of books over the summer holidays! At the time of writing 80 children have successfully completed the challenge to read six library books over the summer - congratulations to all our young readers for this fantastic achievement!

Totley Library Lottery Winners

Congratulations to recent Library Lottery winners! In July the first-prize winner was Terry Schofield and the second-prize winner was Brenda Fryer. The August first-prize winner was Colin White, and the second-prize winner was Nicola Thompson.

People Keeping Well

A new leaflet on Health and Welfare produced jointly by Totley Library and our partners in the People Keeping Well initiative is available in the library. This lists a variety of activities that are now available locally and also details of new books we have recently purchased on health issues.

Events at the Library

Five Year Celebrations - Saturday 5th October

Totley Library has been run by volunteers for five years and we will be celebrating this success with a party in the library in the morning of Saturday 5th October - expect lots of fun and refreshments! There will be many activities for all ages including interactive poetry, art taster sessions, sports quiz, local history display, children's crafts, glitter tattoos, a treasure hunt and French games. Entertainment will be provided by Rock Choir and Seven Hills Quintet and there will be a surprise visit by a local celebrity. Free entry, refreshments available, all welcome.

Folk Concert with Pie and Pea supper - Friday 18th October

We invite you to attend a wonderful Folk Concert in the library on the evening of Friday 18th October. This will include traditional and contemporary folk music with:

- Pete Garratt, Ken Atkinson and Geoff Heppell - solo and 3-part harmony singing
- Judy Dunlop and Jon Scaife on guitar
- Peter Burnett, with his own inimitable style of folk singing
- The Offshoot Band - playing ceilidh music on string instruments including mandolins!

Tickets are available from the library, the price of £10 includes a Pie and Pea supper, (£8 for library volunteers and Friends of CRIC). Tea and coffee will be available or bring your own drinks.

Book Sales

Our Book Sales continue into the Autumn. Saturday 2nd November there will be a History Book sale, with refreshments and children's crafts; and on Saturday 24th November there will be a Christmas Fayre with craft stalls, live music, mince pies Christmas books and a Special Guest!

Story Time for Toddlers and Pre-school children

This popular session is held weekly from 10.30am to 11.30am on Wednesday mornings. 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.

Totley Library Community Cinema

INTOFILM Film Festival

In addition to our normal programme, Totley Library will be working with local schools to take part in a special children's Film Festival with a number of day-time film showings taking place on 7th, 14th and 21st of November. Further details are available from the INTOFILM festival web page at <https://www.intofilm.org/search/global?globalsearch=Totley+library>.

Autumn Films

Children's Films:

- Sunday 20th October, 2pm: How To Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World
- Sunday 24th November, 2pm: The Secret Life of Pets 2
- Sunday 19th January, 2pm: The Grinch

Films for adults:

- Friday 11th October, 7.30pm: Johnny English Strikes Again
- Thursday 24th October, 3pm: Stan and Ollie
- Friday 22nd November, 7.30pm: Stan and Ollie
- Thursday 28th November, 3pm: Green Book

Tickets available from Totley Library

Isabel Hemmings

Regular events and meetings at Totley Library

Monday:

- French for children** - 10am toddlers and babies; 3.40 reception and Yr 1; 4.10 years 2-4; 4.40 years 5 to 6.
- Readers Book Group**, every third Monday, 1.30-2.45pm
- Friends of Gillfield Wood**, occasional Mondays, 7.30pm onwards. Talks on local nature and conservation. See posters, the FoGW Diary on p.6, or www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com
- Councillor Surgery**, 2nd Monday of the month, 6.00-7.00pm

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**, 2.00 - 4.00pm
- Poetry Group**, last Tuesday in month, 7.00 - 9.00pm. *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 stepoutsheffield@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** 7.00 - 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:

- Craft Group (People Keeping Well)** Every fortnight, 10.30-12.30.
- Sporting Chatter (People Keeping Well)** Every fortnight, 10-12noon. Enquiries: call 0114 250 2850.

Totley Show 2019 - some highlights!

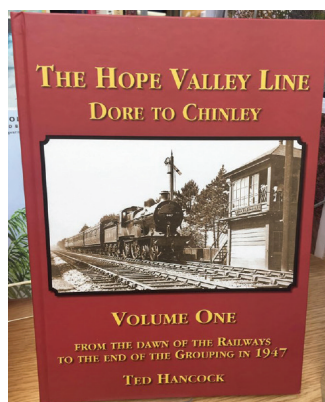




Full report on this year's Show and list of prizewinners in the next issue!

New Book by Rail Historian

Local rail historian Ted Hancock is pleased and relieved to announce that he has finally completed the first part of his three volume work, entitled *The Hope Valley Line: Dore to Chinley Volume One*. The book has 304 pages, with 376 illustrations including 72 in colour, and is an A4 size hardback. The price is £30.



It is the first ever book which covers the Hope Valley line exclusively and includes a large amount of original research which has not been seen before. The book is different from most railway books in that it is designed to please the railway enthusiast and also those interested in the impact of the railway on the local communities. It has biographical information on the main personalities. It covers the canals and railways never built; how the railway reached Dore & Totley and Chinley

stations; the building of the line including the troublesome Totley tunnel; the period from the opening in 1894 to the end of the LMS in 1947; passenger, freight and excursion traffic from the working timetables and motive power.

Volume Two, which is planned for release around June 2020, will cover the tunnels, stations and bridges and branches for the reservoir constructions and the new Earle's Cement branch. Volume Three will cover the British Railways period from 1948 to Privatization in 1993 including the Beeching report and the miracle of the line's survival at the expense of all its rivals, the end of the steam era and the demise of staffed stations and the closure of the goods yards.

The book can be seen and purchased at Totley Library - a donation to the library will be made with each sale - or from tedhancockbook30@gmail.com

Friends of the Rowan School

Over past years FOTRS has provided the children at Rowan School with a wide ranging selection of resources which have made possible valuable experiences they would not otherwise have enjoyed.

Children at Rowan School are autistic with complex communication difficulties in addition to learning delay. People with autism often experience high levels of anxiety which may make taking part in ordinary modern life activities very daunting for them and their families. A visit to a supermarket, the cinema, a restaurant, a train journey, a trip to the dentist or hairdresser, perhaps just coping with the weather, may all present significant difficulties. Learning outside the classroom reduces anxiety and promotes the possibility for every child to reach their potential.

The range of items brought into the life of the school include minibuses and a yurt, bikes and scooters, a three sided shelter in the woodland area, permanent canopies outside two of our classrooms for younger children, music provision to meet the differing needs of all our children, a multisensory room and a poly tunnel to name a few.

In short the contribution made to the quality of Rowan children's experience of education by the generous support of FOTRS is very greatly appreciated by children, families and the Rowan staff team.

Curlews survive on local moors

"People like the curlew," says Chris Lockyer, a National Trust ranger who monitors the birds around the High Peak. "They're many things to many people. On a sunny day they sound triumphant, but in the dense fog they're really quite spooky."

We still have curlews on local moors, but we're lucky. In Ireland they've almost disappeared, while in England and Scotland breeding pairs have halved over twenty years, and the Eurasian Curlew is now on the 'red' list of threatened species.



Curlew in flight (Photo: Paul Bingham)

Chris says changes in land use and climate change are the main culprits. "For example, maximising grass yield for hay or silage doesn't generate the mix of habitat that the curlew favours. And moors drying out in a warming climate reduces the wet ground the adult birds need to feed."

Conservation is complicated. Curlews nest on the ground where they can still see approaching predators, but they avoid woodland which might host foxes and crows, who eat curlew eggs and chicks. And after spending spring inland, curlews are now following British holidaymakers to the coast from summer until late winter, to catch worms in the mudflats where they're joined by thousands of vacationing continental curlews, who like our food.

Chris says recent counts seem to show a fairly stable breeding population, with about 120 birds per season in monitored areas on the High Peak. The Eastern Moors Partnership have seen an increase in breeding pairs, while the Sheffield Bird Study Group say curlews are relatively abundant along the moorland fringe west of Sheffield. (continued page 27)



Friends of the
Rowan School

*Friends of the Rowan School
presents an evening of music with*



*and guests
at 7.00pm on
Friday 18th October 2019*



*at St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church
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*Please contact Christina for more information
email: christinaastark@aol.com*

The National Trust's High Peak Moors Vision plan aims to keep local moorland wet using small dams and reintroduced sphagnum moss, and is helping to bring the public, landowners and farmers together to help wildlife like curlews and other moorland birds.

Curlews can also be helped by mowing hay fields late enough to allow chicks to fledge, and cutting out from the field centre so young curlews can escape tractor wheels and cutting blades.

The birds can live for up to 30 years, but parent curlews are not keeping enough chicks alive for a stable population. On a visit to the Peak District, 'Curlew Moon' author Mary Colwell noted that their main predators, foxes and crows, are proliferating in the UK, and that more young curlews appear to survive where such predators are 'controlled'.

"If curlews were still at healthy population levels it's likely that the abundance of birds would outplay or balance with predation," said National Trust ecologist Chris Wood. "Now the species has reached a tipping point, it's likely that numbers are not currently able to match predation rates."

Chris Lockyer says that educating the public about the plight of one of the UK's favourite birds is crucial.

"I'd like to think the conservation work we're doing is making a difference," he said. "I hope so, because our moors would be a very different place without the sound of the curlew."

David Bocking



A New Year at Totley Primary!

Here at Totley Primary, we have returned from the summer break raring to go! We now have around 340 pupils on roll as the steady expansion of school continues year on year. This is great as it means our school community continues to grow and diversify and we are able to take on new staff who bring new energy and ideas to our team.

Thankfully, the building work required to facilitate the growth in pupil numbers has long since been completed and over the past year we have loved settling into our new classrooms and turning a smart empty shell into a vibrant learning environment. Over the summer, general cleaning and maintenance has been the order of the day – a far cry from this time last year when staff and builders were running around frantically trying to get things finished off and ready for the start of the school year!

In amongst all of these changes, we were delighted to be able to celebrate a great year of results, with our best ever set of outcomes in FS2, Y1 phonics and in Y6 reading, writing and SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

However, it is vital to remember that school is about so much more than academic outcomes and SATS results. In fact, the wider development of children is a school priority this year as we aim to "nurture the personal growth of happy, well-rounded and balanced citizens."

With this in mind, we have applied for and been awarded a place on the Healthy Minds project, run by the NHS and Sheffield Local Authority, for 2019-20. Healthy Minds is a school-based project which aims to support the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people. It puts emotional resilience at the heart of children's health and wellbeing and recognises its impact on their learning, attainment, behaviour and future employability.

We can't wait to get started!

Ben Paxman, Head Teacher

Fostering in Sheffield

As you may know, small children like mud. Ours likes to throw it and sit in it.

"You like going out to the Peak District?" exclaimed the social worker who assessed us for fostering. "That'll be wonderful!" she gushed. At the time I thought she was getting a bit overexcited – all kids get outdoors whenever they can, don't they?

Not necessarily: more than one in ten UK parents hadn't taken their kids to the countryside or a park in a year in a recent government survey, and one in five parents took them less than once a month. A trip to the great outdoors is rarely a priority for parents struggling with their own difficulties as their children are about to be taken into care.

In her first few days with us, we bought our 15 month old foster daughter some shoes and plonked her down in the local park to run around like the other kids. She looked down at the grass, looked back at us and whimpered. A large open field was an entirely new experience.

In her first few weeks exploring the Outdoor City she was worried by tall trees, but delighted by autumn leaves. She hated bright sunlight, but liked shady woodland paths. And she decided gravel is fascinating. Her city's woods and fields seemed completely new to her, but she took them in her stride.



Toddler playing by the woods — picture by Emily and Freya

It turns out that your grandparents' wisdom about how "It'll do thee good to get out" has now been confirmed by scientists the world over. Sunlight in the early afternoon helps a baby sleep better, for example.

Sticks and stones and puddles are free 'open ended' toys which children will play with again and again because they involve imagination, unlike a pink plastic cartoon creature with buttons and a battery. Playing outside reduces stress for everyone by giving children and adults enough space to take risks, fall over, and learn about each other.

Looking around and playing in a wide open landscape helps developing eyes focus better than in a room a few yards wide, and exercises the iris properly.

And playing in mud helps your immune system, or as your grandmother may have said: "A peck o' mud ne'er did thee any harm."

All of this is as true for looked after children as it is for paying members of the Forest Schools Network, it's just that kids from poorer households tend to stay inside more than they did in the past.

The chance you get as a foster carer to introduce a child to the countryside on our doorstep, probably for the first time in their life, really is quite a privilege.

The research shows that these experiences will stick. They'll never again be worried by trees or scared by sheep, and may well grow up to appreciate the wilder parts of Sheffield as much as the kids of Lodge Moor or Fulwood.

And in our toddler's case, she'll probably have a lifelong love of gravel.

David Bocking

115th Sheffield (Dore and Totley URC) Beaver Scouts

The Sheffield pastorate of nine United Reformed Churches challenged us to "Picture the Parables" in whatever way we wished.

Our Beaver Scout group rose to the challenge and created this wonderful quilt illustrating the parable of the lost sheep.



Each Beaver worked on a "field", designing their own sheep with help from church members. It is now on display in the Link coffee bar at the URC. Beaver Scout leaders Jeanne Clark and Barry Wiles led the enthusiastic children, culminating in a dramatic presentation of the parable in front of parents and friends. We hope to enter the quilt in the Great Northern Quilt Show in Harrogate next August.

If you'd like to see the finished product, drop in to the URC any Wednesday morning between 10 and 11.30am. Many thanks Beavers!



Totley History Group Programme 2019

23rd October: Ration Book Fashion by Janet Stain. Janet will be telling us what made fashion tick during and immediately after World War II when resources were scarce and creativity and improvisation the order of the day. Clothes were rationed between June 1941 and March 1949 and the Ministry of Information issued the 'Make Do and Mend' pamphlet, providing useful tips on how to be both frugal and stylish. Totley Library, 7.30pm

27th November: Christmases Past An Open Meeting when everyone is invited to share memories of past Christmases. How have things changed since the time we were children? Do we idealize those earlier Christmases or were they really different from today? Share your memories of Christmas Past. Totley Library, 7.30pm.

17th December: Spitewinter Concert 2019: Winter songs through the ages with the Sheffield Folk Chorale and Guests at Ecclesall Parish Church, Ringinglow Road. More details in next issue.

Totley Library Plant Sale: May 2020

Advance notice for your diaries!

Because the date of the May Day Bank Holiday has been changed next year, Totley Library Plant Sale will be held on the morning of Saturday 2nd May, 2020. This year we raised over £1300 for the library, thanks to the wonderful quality and variety of plants that were donated.

Are you dividing herbaceous plants in your garden this Autumn and/or planning seed sowing? If so, please keep us in mind and if you think you might be able to help us by donating some plants next year, please let us know and we will contact you nearer the time next Spring.

Contact Fiona Smith at fionaksmith@gmail.com

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.



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

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Have we got Newts for you!

As part of our National Lottery Heritage Funded project, Data for Nature, six Great Crested Newt surveys were undertaken over a three month period at Woodhouse Washlands. The Data for Nature volunteer team were supported by staff from Wildscapes CIC, an environmental consultancy and subsidiary of the Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust. According to our results the estimated population size of great crested newts at Woodhouse Washlands is 82 individuals. Thanks to National Lottery players, the funding received for the project also allowed for a Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) survey to be completed at the site to assess how suitable each pond is for great crested newts. A total of 6 ponds at Woodhouse Washlands have scored 'excellent' in the HSI survey. The results from this survey can be used to highlight which ponds are suitable for great crested newts (backed up by our fantastic newt survey results) and identify areas for improvement on the site.

The newt surveys were carried out using bottle trapping, torching and egg searching methods. In the evening, staff and volunteers set bottle traps, egg searched and torched each pond individually. Early the next morning they returned to site to check the bottle traps, recording numbers of great crested newts in each pond.



The HSI survey was completed during one visit to site where volunteers used the standard Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) method to assess each pond. The survey involves assessing different aspects of each pond including: pond area size, presence or absence of fish, vegetation cover etc. The result from each factor is converted to a HSI score to tell us which ponds are the most suitable for great crested newts.

A correlation was found between the number of great crested newts found in each pond and the HSI score. This indicates that typically ponds with higher HSI scores contain more newts. Based on our findings we were able to identify key issues affecting habitat suitability for great crested newts. Now we can focus on continuing to improve the site to successfully manage and conserve our great crested newt population.

Nabil Abbas, Survey Co-ordinator and Reserve Manager said: "The monitoring carried out by Data For Nature at Woodhouse Washlands Nature Reserve has found a thriving population of great crested newts in the complex of ponds there, including in the four new ponds which have been colonised since they were created 18 months ago."

Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust

Meersbrook Hall

Meersbrook Hall was built in 1759 for Benjamin Roebuck, prosperous Sheffield merchant and banker, on a site next to the newly laid Sheffield to Derby Road. Next to the new hall were some farm buildings which were re-used for servants' quarters. He and his family only lived there until 1778, when, due to financial problems he sold the Hall to Samuel Shore.



Three generations of the Shores lived there, and the hall was extended to the west in 1819 and the walled garden was built. The Shores also had a financial crisis in 1843, but managed to hold onto the Hall by selling off about 2000 acres of local farm land. The last of the Shores passed away in 1864. From then until 1885 a local Justice of the Peace, William Pashley Milner, lived there.

In 1886 Meersbrook Park, and the Hall, were purchased by Sheffield Corporation for the benefit of the people of the city. In 1890, an agreement was made between the Guild of St George, the owner of Ruskin's collection of manuscripts, minerals and art works, and the Corporation to relocate the Ruskin Museum to the Hall after outgrowing its premises in Walkley.

John Ruskin, the Victorian artist, collector and art critic, thought Sheffield metal workers were the best in the world. He established his Collection to inspire and educate them. The collection was housed there until 1953. The Hall regularly attracted 45,000 visitors a year and even in the war years the number was 30,000.

In 1941 a barrage balloon company was billeted there – we would dearly like to know their name. By 1953 with visitor numbers falling, the Ruskin Collection was moved out and is currently in the Millennium Gallery.

From 1960 until 2016, the council's parks and recreation staff were based at the Hall. In 2014, following rumours that the Council wanted to sell the building the Friends of Meersbrook Hall were formed to keep the Hall in public ownership. The Friends group formed a partnership with the local Heeley Trust, and in 2016 when Parks and Countryside staff moved out the Trust and Friends group moved in.

The Hall remains in Council ownership, with Heeley Trust being granted a licence to occupy. For the last three years the Hall has become full of life: adult learning classes run throughout the week, hundreds of visitors have attended the annual Heritage Open Days, a 'pop-up' museum opened for a week and school children have participated in local history and art projects.

An 'Architecture Live' project with University of Sheffield Masters students tasked them with engaging the public about the future use of the hall. The students' proposals are for a mixed use building incorporating office spaces, studios, a cafe, a 'Ruskin Lounge' and event space. The Ruskin Lounge would offer a quiet space to read or to try different creative activities, inspired by Ruskin's love of nature.

Underlying all of these proposals is an adherence to Ruskin's values of celebrating craftsmanship and using high quality materials, and most importantly, keeping the Hall in public ownership for future generations to enjoy.

Ken Dash

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. Liz Hayden 07969 826464.</p> <p>HEALTH WALKS, 10.30am, Totley Library. Contact Step Out Sheffield on 07505 639524 or email stepoutshel@stepoutshel@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>

OCTOBER

SUN 6th FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD Small Mammal Survey with Val Clinging. Meet 8.30am at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane. For more information see page 6.

WED 9th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 9.30am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Annual General Meeting followed by Members' Forum.

TUES 15th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Stephen Gay, "Railways in a Cornish Landscape Part 2", Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am.

SAT 19th HASTINGS ROAD ART GROUP presents an Exhibition and Sale of Original Artwork by local artists. 10.30 am - 5pm. Free entry. Refreshments available. United Reformed Church Hall, Totley Brook Road, S17 3QS.

MON 21st FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD "Bumblebees". Talk by Rhodri Green. 7.30pm at Totley Library. For more information see page 6.

WED 23rd TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated talk by Richard Booth "The Ashover Light Railway". Visitors welcome.

WED 23rd TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP Janet Stain, "Ration Book Fashion". What made fashion tick during and immediately after World War II when resources were scarce and creativity and improvisation the order of the day. 7.30pm, Totley Library. See display ad page 8.

SUN 27th 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 6.

NOVEMBER

SAT 2nd FRIENDS OF GILLFIELD WOOD Bird Walk. Our fourth and final walk for this year with Chris Measures. Meet at 9.00am at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane. For more details see page 6.

WED 13th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated talk by Pete Lawson "The English Long-bow". Visitors welcome.

TUES 19th TOTLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD, Pat McLaughlin, "Buckingham Palace", Totley Rise Methodist Church, 10am.

WED 20th - FRI 22nd TOTLEY OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY presents 'Biddies' War' - a comedy/drama set in Kent prior to the D-Day Landings in 1944. St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South, 7.30pm. For more details and ticket information see page 5.

SAT 23rd TOTLEY OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY presents 'Biddies' War' - a comedy/drama set in Kent prior to the D-Day Landings in 1944. St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South, matinee at 2.30pm. For more details and ticket information see page 5.

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WED 27th TOTLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB 10am, Totley Rise Methodist Church. Illustrated talk by Dennis Ashton "Robots in Space". Visitors welcome.

WED 29th TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP Christmases Past: An Opening Meeting when everyone is invited to share memories of past Christmases. 7.30pm, Totley Library.

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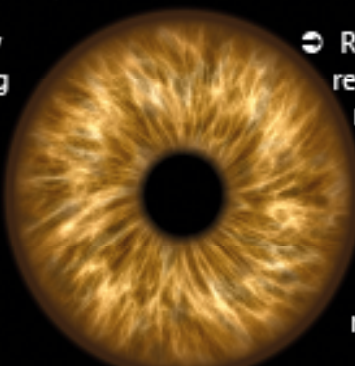
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